

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented a request for amendments to the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 to conduct "El Grito" on September 15, 2005. Jose Zepeda, President of META 2000, requested City Council approval of the amendments to the agreement. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 to conduct "El Grito" on September 15, 2005; and amend the following: 1) Set up to include Tuesday, September 13, 2005; 2) Add the soccer circle to the west of the park where the fireworks will be placed; 3) Waiver of the deposit in the amount of \$2,500; and 4) Change mailing address for META 2000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Covenant Media of California, L.L.C. vs. City of Huntington Park, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.: CV 05-2885 MMM(CWx). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session at 6:45 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Mayor Hernandez presented a plaque of Adjournment to Maria Romero, mother of

U.S. Marine Corp. Private First Class Ramon Romero, who was killed on duty in Iraq.

Presentation by Rod Hamilton from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) regarding the proposed new school site. Mr. Hamilton informed City Council that LAUSD has met with residents to discuss the process of selecting a new school site. Mr. Hamilton stated that the LAUSD will improve their communication with the City and its residents regarding the meetings.

Mayor Hernandez opened oral communications on the LAUSD proposed new school sites only.

Council Member Romo presented handouts to the public regarding proposed alternatives and alternative site selection pertaining to elementary school #5 by South Gate and Huntington Park stakeholders.

Mario Hernandez, representing the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Outreach, stated that future meeting notices for the proposed new school site will be mailed to residents and City Council ahead of time to allow them to attend the meetings. Mr. Hernandez invited City Council and residents to attend a community meeting to discuss the new school site at Teresa Hughes Elementary School in Cudahy on September 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Wally G. Shidler, resident of Walnut Park, read a letter to City Council regarding his concerns with statements made by Huntington Park City Council Member Romo at a LAUSD proposed new school site meeting. Mr. Shidler asked that propositions and decisions that affect the City of Walnut Park should be decided by the Walnut Park residents.

The following individuals addressed City Council regarding the possibility of a new school in the City and urged City Council to support the residents and protect their homes: Ms. Virgen, Henry Garcia, Alex Algura, Maria Navarro, and a gentlemen.

Collie Eddie, a Walnut Park resident, addressed her concern to City Council regarding the location of a middle school in Walnut Park.

Elisa Rudolph, Civil Service Commissioner, proposed that City Council name the new school after U.S. Marine Corp. Private First Class Ramon Romero, a Huntington Park resident who was killed on duty in Iraq. Mrs. Rudolph informed City Council that she presented a letter to the Los Angeles City Council asking for a bill to mandate businesses to obtain a license in order to sell cigarettes.

Collin Chambers asked City Council if the letter of proposed alternatives presented by Council Member Romo represents the view of the entire City Council because he feels that it is misleading to the public during a public meeting.

Jeanette Marquez stated that she looks forward to working with the City as the Business Improvement District Manager.

The following individuals addressed their concerns to City Council regarding the conduct and comments made by Huntington Park City Council Member Romo at LAUSD's community meeting regarding proposed new school sites: Ana Haney, Esther Guzman, and Maricela Talamantes. Ms. Talamantes stated that the City's translating equipment does not work well.

A gentleman stated that he is dissatisfied with the LAUSD new school site selection process and that Huntington Park City Council Member Romo was helpful to the community.

A gentleman informed City Council that residents are unhappy with the lack of time and courtesy given by the LAUSD regarding their new school site selection meetings and invited everyone to attend a community meeting at Teresa Hughes Elementary School on September 7, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Officer David Sanford, President of the Huntington Park Police Officers Association (HPPOA), presented a donation of firework sale funds in the amount of \$13,000 to the Huntington Park Police Explorers. Police Sergeant Bassett on behalf of the Huntington Park Police Explorers thanked the HPPOA and informed City Council that the funds go towards uniforms and educational trips.

Isabel Rios, representing Waste Management, presented a Waste Management Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Alicia Contreras mother of Huntington Park High School student Jorge G. Contreras. Ms. Contreras thanked Waste Management and City Council on behalf of her son.

The meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 8:48 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Council Member Romo arrived at took her seat at 8:49 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Yvonne Correa suggested that the LAUSD consider adopting the same facade as City Hall when working on the construction, design, and color of any new schools in the City.

Wally G. Shidler updated City Council regarding the success of the City's Centennial Kickoff celebration on Thursday, September 1, 2005.

Senior Officer David Sanford, President of the Huntington Park Police Officers Association (HPPOA), informed City Council of fundraising efforts for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund at the El Grito 2005 celebration.

Mayor Hernandez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action regarding appointments to the Health and Education Commission. Arlene Savage briefed City Council regarding her experience in the health industry and requested appointment to the Health and Education Commission. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **appoint the following to a four (4) year term on the Health and Education Commission with a term expiring September 6, 2009: 1) Richard V. Loya; 2) Arlene Savage; 3) Rosa E. Perez; 4) Joseph S. Englanoff; and 5) Jorge Morales**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Gomez. Jorge Morales gave a brief description of his work experience and accomplishments in the field of education.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to obtain the views and opinions of Huntington Park citizens regarding the amendment to the current Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-43.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 95-66 AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING AND AMENDED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR HUD FUNDED CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS AND OTHER FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-43, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 15, 2005.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 22, 2005.

**Deny claims filed by Ramiro Venegas and Norma Venegas, Date of Incident: February 21, 2005 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.**

**Deny claim filed by Gayane Mirzoyan, Date of Incident: June 15, 2005 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.**

Approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated September 6, 2005.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Reject all bids for Project No. 04-013, Installation of Pedestrian Crossings at Various Locations; and authorize staff to modify and re-bid the project.**

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the Gage Middle School Social Studies Club requesting City Council approval to conduct fundraisers throughout the City for their trip to Washington D.C. in April 2006. City Clerk Ramirez informed City Council that Gage Middle School was not able to attend and they asked that their item be placed on the next agenda. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez so ordered this item continued to the next meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for a status report from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding City Commissions. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez so ordered this item continued to the next meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez requested approval of the CivicPlus License and Service Agreement for the City of Huntington Park website, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the CivicPlus License and Service Agreement for the City of Huntington Park website, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Manager Korduner requested that the information regarding bulky item pick ups by Waste Management and Consolidated Disposal Service be available through our cable television Channel 55, electronic reader board, newspaper, and City newsletter. City Manager Korduner updated City Council regarding the City's efforts to advertise the bulky item pick up services by Waste Management and Consolidated Disposal Service for residential and commercial respectively.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Agreement with Jones & Mayer to provide Employment and Labor Relations Attorney services to the City, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Agreement with Jones & Mayer to provide Employment and Labor Relations Attorney services to the City, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of an addendum to the Alvaka Networks Agreement to provide information technology services, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve an addendum to the Alvaka Networks Agreement to provide information technology services for City Hall, Field Services, and Parks and Recreation, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of a lease agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the Xerox Corporation to replace the Detective Bureau copy machine. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a lease agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the Xerox Corporation to replace the Detective Bureau copy machine**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council

Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez for the position of Business Improvement District Manager. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez for the position of Business Improvement District Manager with the noted amendment to Article 3, Section 3.01 regarding automobile insurance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval to purchase a Centennial Bell to be unveiled at the City's Centennial Anniversary Celebration on September 1, 2006; and approval of the sale of Centennial Bell replicas to the public. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council to propose various options regarding funding for the purchase of a Centennial Bell. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize the use of \$5,000 from the Public Arts fund towards the purchase of the City's Centennial Bell; approve the sale of Centennial Bell replicas to the public and to display the City's Centennial Bell in the City Hall lobby**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Mayor Hernandez invited everyone to attend a dance sponsored by the Huntington Park Lions Club to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina at Leonardo's, 6611 S. Alameda Street, on September 18, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organization: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alfonso Amador v. City of Huntington Park, LASC Case No.: BS 095216. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:27 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 10:03 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators, a status report was given to City Council; 2) Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing, Name of case: Alfonso Amador v. City of Huntington Park, LASC Case No.: BS 095216, direction was given to Legal Counsel to engage in negotiations; and 3) Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing, Name of case: Covenant Media of California, L.L.C. vs. City of Huntington Park, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.: CV 05-2885 MMM(CWx), a status report was given to City Council.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m., in memory of U.S. Marine Corp. Private First Class Ramon Romero, a Huntington Park resident killed on duty in Iraq.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk