

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 3, 2005.

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

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately at 6:35 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:49 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Juan R. Noguez and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 2005.

Deny claim filed by Myron Z. Chlavin, 6208 S. Alameda Corporation, Date of Incident: June 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 October 3, 2005.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve retirement of K-9 Ikon.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting funding assistance for the 55th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade and television production on Saturday, November 19, 2005 in the amount of \$25,000 and in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to approve funding assistance for the 55th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade and television production on Saturday, November 19, 2005 in the amount of \$25,000 from the Local Origin Program Account 223-9010-419.56-41 and in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding a memorial plaque at Freedom Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Department and report back to City**

Council regarding the placement of a memorial plaque at Freedom Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez regarding the sale/promotion of advertisements via the City's transportation system. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **refer this item to the City Manager to research the feasibility of the sale/promotion of advertisements via the City's transportation system and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez regarding the use of office space in City Hall for the City's local legislators. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Guerrero authorized the City Manager to schedule the use of office space, Room 114 in City Hall for the City's local legislators upon request and as needed.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez regarding funding not to exceed \$400 for the National Immigrants Day Festivities on October 28, 2005. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve funding not to exceed \$400 for the National Immigrants Day Festivities on October 28, 2005**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for the implementation of the City's Housing and Commercial Rehabilitation Programs; and authorize staff to fill a Planning Intern position to assist with the administration of the programs. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **authorize staff to solicit RFP's for the implementation of the City's Housing and Commercial Rehabilitation Programs; and authorize staff to fill a Planning Intern position to assist with the administration of the programs**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

Director of Field Services Poole requested that Bid Proposal M-106, for the purchase of vehicles, be awarded to Sopp Truck Center in the amount of \$152,632.50 and approve Purchase Order No. 22796. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **award Bid Proposal M-106 to Sopp Truck Center in the amount of \$152,632.50 and approve Purchase Order No. 22796**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-44. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **MODIFYING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** BY AMENDING SECTION 2.1 OF RESOLUTIONS NO. 2003-42, 2003-43, 2003-44, 2003-45, 2003-46, AND 2003-47 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-44, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

The meeting recessed at 6:58 p.m.

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 Vice Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Juan R. Noguez and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Vice Mayor Guerrero presented a proclamation designating October 3 through 7, 2005 as Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week to City Clerk Ramirez.

City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dominic Domingo and Monica

Jordan for singing the U.S. National Anthem and Mexican National Anthem, respectively, at the El Grito celebration held September 15, 2005.

Vice Mayor Guerrero 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.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council in support of the General Employees Association (GEA) and asked City Council not to cut benefits for current and retired City employees.

Enrique Murillo asked City Council not to reduce benefits for City employees and retirees. Mr. Murillo stated that he voted for Measure A which was supposed to help generate more revenue to go towards employee benefits and retirement and asked where the funds are being allocated.

Claude Bilodeau, Maintenance Electrician Leader for the City of Huntington Park, addressed City Council on behalf of the GEA regarding current negotiations with the City for the GEA benefit contract. Mr. Bilodeau stated that in the past the GEA supported and assisted the City in passing Measure A regarding the Utility Users Tax (UTT) and Measure L. Mr. Bilodeau stated that the City has hard working dedicated employees and asked City Council to assist the GEA in getting a contract that will provide modest salary increases and full health benefit coverage for current employees and retirees.

Corinna Luevano, President of the GEA, informed City Council that the GEA and the City have not come to an agreement in regards to the City employee's health care benefits. Ms. Luevano stressed the importance of working in harmony to provide the best service for this community and being able to provide health care for family members. Ms. Luevano asked City Council to support the GEA in attaining a fair contract.

Cristobal Alberto Titzck informed City Council that he has attempted several times to contest a citation he was issued by the Huntington Park Police Department. Mr. Titzck asked City Council who is in charge of updating the computer data in the Police Department because he is being told that his citation information is not available.

Craig Holmes, Maintenance Electrician for the City of Huntington Park, stated that even though he is a professional electrician, he also performs other tasks for the City that are requested of him. Mr. Holmes asked City Council to help the GEA in getting a fair and equitable contract.

Joseph Baltazar, representing the Sister Cities Association, informed City Council that they had invited Rosarito officials to the City's Christmas Parade on November 19, 2005 and asked City Council support in welcoming the City of Rosarito B.C. by sending a formal invitation for a meet and greet.

Olivia Segura, Business Development Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park, stated that she is happy to be serving the City of Huntington Park and that it is vital for the City to invest in good health care for its employees. Ms. Segura asked City Council to support the GEA with the current employee negotiations.

Maria Escadero addressed City Council on behalf of residents who were present in support of the construction of a new school on Saturn Avenue and Alameda Street and requested a status report on this project.

Director of Community Development Gray briefed the public regarding the process and timeline of constructing a new school.

Yvonne Correa invited everyone to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at Middleton Elementary School to discuss the environmental issues concerning the construction of a new high school at Westside Park.

Henry Garcia, President of Huntington Park Neighbors Committee, informed City Council that his committee is working with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) with support from Council Members Romo and Noguez on selecting new school sites. Mr. Garcia also stated that the committee has identified twenty eight (28) potential sites for building new schools.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the

time and place set to consider public comment regarding extending the time period of existing Urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 741-NS which places a moratorium on the alteration or destruction of architectural significant commercial properties located in the City of Huntington Park. City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing continued to 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2005. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to issue a status report on Urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 738-NS as required by Section 65858 of the Government Code**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to invite public comment on the 2005-2006 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to accept the 2005-2006 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez on behalf of Gary Archer, O.M.D., a Friends of Huntington Park Emergency Proposal. Gary Archer, O.M.D., addressed City Council regarding a Friends of Huntington Park Emergency Proposal. Mr. Archer briefed City Council on fund raising and interest earning ideas for an emergency preparedness plan and asked City Council to consider his proposal. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Guerrero referred this item to the Police Department.**

ORDINANCE 763-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 614-NS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO REPLACE THE INCORRECT MAPS AND LIST OF PROPERTIES INADVERTENTLY ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE NO. 614-NS AS EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" WITH THE CORRECT MAPS AND LIST OF PROPERTIES**, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ATTACHED HERETO AS ATTACHMENT NO. 1 was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 763-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 763-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators, a status report was provided to City Council and no action was taken.

Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk