

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, September 17, 2007.

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

Mayor Guerrero presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jessica A. Picon and Rosenda Morales for participating in the "Adelante" Leadership Program by the Salesian Boys and Girls Club on August 18, 2007. Maggie Ramirez, representing the Boys and Girls Club of Boyle Heights, briefed City Council regarding the Adelante Leadership Program and stated that from Huntington Park, students from the Huntington Park High School and Nimitz Middle School attended this summer program.

Director of Finance Pruyn briefed City Council on the capabilities of the City's new surveillance cameras and introduced Isabel Magallanes, Administrative Assistant in the Finance Department, who displayed the various locations of the City's surveillance cameras.

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.

Betty Retama expressed her concerns to City Council regarding decorative lighting on Pacific Boulevard. Ms. Retama urged City Council to conserve energy during the heat wave and electricity shortage by turning off all decorative lighting after the Holidays and other events and suggested alternative banners and/or signs that do not require the use of electricity.

Marial Sanders, Planning Commissioner, addressed her concerns to City Council regarding the length of the El Grito event celebration at Salt Lake Park in comparison to the Independence Day celebration at Huntington Park High School; and questioned how much El Grito cost taxpayers and how much revenue the City made. Ms. Sanders also stated that non-profit organizations get charged a fee to sell fireworks in the City and yet provide free services to the community.

Nick Ioannidis invited everyone to the Immigrants Day celebration on October 28, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, commended City Council for their proactive approach to become more energy efficient and replacing the City's street lighting system to conserve energy.

Arlene Savage, representing the Human Services Association (HSA), invited City Council to attend their annual dinner on October 3, 2007 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course in Downey. Ms. Savage stated that they will be honoring Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce.

Marcelo Luna, resident of Huntington Park, informed City Council that the sidewalk in front of his residence is in need of repair and asked City Council for assistance.

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 the adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment establishing standards for Check Cashing, Currency Exchange, Money Advance and Money Transfer uses within the City. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 817-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR CHECK CASHING, CURRENCY EXCHANGE, MONEY ADVANCE AND MONEY TRANSFER USES WITHIN THE CITY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 817-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 817-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

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

time and place set to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the municipal code regulations applicable to the size of signs within the General-Commercial (C-G) Zone, Neighborhood-Commercial (C-N) Zone and within multi-tenant commercial centers. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 818-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, Article 12 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, **TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY IN THE PERMITTED SIGN AREA FOR ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN COMMERCIAL ZONES AND MULTI-TENANT COMMERCIAL CENTERS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 818-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 818-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **adopt the City's Fiscal Year 2006-2007 CAPER and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez called the roll of the Board of Directors of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority. Present: Vice Chairman Mario Gomez, Director Juan R. Noguez, and Chairman Elba Guerrero. Absent: Director Ofelia Hernandez and Director Elba Romo.

Secretary Ramirez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the Board of Directors of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority on any matter of Board business and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

RESOLUTION NO. PFA 2007-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. PFA 2007-1, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Chairman Gomez, Director Noguez, and Chairman Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Directors Hernandez and Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-55. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-55, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Secretary Ramirez declared the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

**Deny claim filed by Lydia Leon, as guardian ad Litem for Joshua Leon, a minor, Juan Sanchez Sr., Berta Sanchez, Jose Efrain Soto**, Date of Incident: May 30, 2007 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 17, 2007.

**Approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Leonardo M. Lopez, owner of Leonardo's/La Boom**, located at 6611 Alameda St. The Police, Community Development and Fire Departments have submitted approvals.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held August 29, 2007.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for appointment and/or reorganization of the Health and Education Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission. Council Member Noguez stated that he would like to remove the Arts and Culture Commission from this request. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to excuse commissioners Jorge Morales and Richard V. Loya from the Health and Education Commission, effective September 17, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez for the City to co-sponsor the Tres Reyes Magos Event on January 6, 2008 in the amount of \$25,000. Vice Mayor Gomez stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Member Hernandez and himself would like to meet with the Business Improvement District (BID) regarding this event and report back to City Council with recommendations.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested City Council review of fee adjustment recommendations and direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to implement the approved recommendations. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the fee adjustment recommendations and direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to implement such recommendations and bring back to City Council at the next Council meeting**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of amendments to the Finance Department Policy and Procedures Manual. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve amendments to the Finance Department Policy and Procedures Manual**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray presented letter of resignation from Yessica Jovel as Historic Preservation Commissioner and requests authorization to initiate

recruitment for a Historic Preservation Commissioner. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero received and filed the letter of resignation from Yessica Jovel as a Historic Preservation Commissioner, effective September 3, 2007; and authorized staff to initiate recruitment for a Historic Preservation Commissioner.**

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-009B, Freedom Park Splash Pad, be awarded to Ortco, Inc., of Orange in the amount of \$116,075.80. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **award the contract to Ortco, Inc., of Orange in the amount of \$116,075.80 for Project No. 08-009B, Freedom Park Splash Pad**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of additional electrical work for the installation of the new air conditioning system in the Police Detective Division by Honeywell Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$9,000. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the additional electrical work for the installation of the new air conditioning system in the Police Detective Division by Honeywell Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$9,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested authorization to increase the Capital Improvement Fund budget by \$25,000 to redesign Civic Center Park and provide additional picnic tables, benches, and landscaping. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize an increase of the Capital Improvement Fund budget by \$25,000 to redesign Civic Center Park and provide additional picnic tables, benches, and landscaping**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-56. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTING **REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL RULES, GUIDELINES AND STRUCTURE FOR THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMISSION** AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-56, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 819-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING SECTION 4-7.1616 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO **CHANGE THE PARKING HOUR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARKING LOTS LOCATED AT THE CITY MUNICIPAL PARK** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 819-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 819-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

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 representatives: City Manager and Assistant City Manager, Employee organizations: Police Officers' Association. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:25 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 7:35 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Elba Romo.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Conference With Labor Negotiators, a status report was provided to City Council.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk