

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, January 7, 2008.

Following the Invocation by Pastor Gregorio Krausner and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6: Discussion with Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) actuary concerning the costs to the City of industrial disability retirements and the impact, if any, on the present and future posture of the City in labor negotiations; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION,

Name of case: Antonio Luna vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: MON 0300203; MON 0300204; MON 0301357; and MON 0315311; and 3) pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Thomas J. Rossberger Jr. v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0493615 and VNO 0493814. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:37 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 7:34 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Mayor Guerrero presented a proclamation designating January 2008 as National Blood Donor Month in the City of Huntington Park. Claudia Rodriguez, Latino Consultant for the American Red Cross, thanked City Council for the proclamation and informed City Council that Huntington Park High School will be having a blood drive this month and encouraged City employees to participate in a battle of the badges blood drive against other cities.

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.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that on December 5, 2007, Chief of Police Trevis was honored at the Learning for Life Champions of Exploring Award ceremony where he was presented with the Champions of Exploring Award. Mr. Garcia stated that the Chief of Police received certificates of recognition from the President of the United States, Governor of California, State Senators, and other legislatures.

Health and Education Commissioners Arlene Savage, Enrique Murillo, and Cesar Zaldivar-Motts asked City Council to allow them to hold meetings now that there is a quorum to discuss the feasibility of having a senior health fair, children's health fair, and establish a scholarship fund. City Council directed staff to schedule Health and Education Commission meetings.

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 designation of 6610 Malabar Street (APN: 6322-019-002) as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register. City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Eric Garcia, Senior Planner displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the property at 6610 Malabar Street and the criteria that qualify said property as a historic resource. Mr. Garcia asked City Council to approve the resolution designating property located at 6610 Malabar Street, a historic resource and authorize the Mayor to execute the declaration for recordation. Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications. Barry Milofsky introduced the members of the Historic Preservation Commission and stated that if the following resolution is approved, the commission will explore the feasibility of acquiring a company to design a plaque pro-bono to be placed in front of said property. Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTING A **DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6610 MALABAR STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-1, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the noted correction on Page 48.238, Paragraph 4 in the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 17, 2007 changing Following a discussion, City Council referred this item to City Manager Korduner to There being no objection, City Council approved Casual Dress on Thursdays for City employees for charitable fundraising at the discretion of the City Manager and directed the City Manager to report back to City Council with a sample casual dress policy for City of Huntington Park employees, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero;

Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 17, 2007.

Deny claim filed by Gonzalo Lopez Solorzano, Date of Incident: December 5, 2007 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

Deny claim filed by Alejandra Garcia, Date of Incident: July 5, 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 January 7, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of Proposed 2008 Retail Promotional and Special Events. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **receive and file the calendar of proposed 2008 Retail Promotional and Special Events and approve the requested sidewalk sale dates**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 06-020A, Construction of Community Center at Salt Lake Park, Phase II, be awarded to C. G. Construction, Inc. of Paramount, in the amount of \$785,374, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the contract to C. G. Construction, Inc. of Paramount, in the amount of \$785,374 for Project No. 06-020A, Construction of Community Center at Salt Lake Park, Phase II**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 06-011, Remodel of City Hall Phase II, be awarded to Harry P. Terrill, Inc. of Monrovia, in the amount of \$596,014.68, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **award the contract to Harry P. Terrill, Inc. of Monrovia, in the amount of \$596,014.68 for Project No. 06-011, Remodel of City Hall Phase II**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT ANTONIO LUNA IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF SENIOR OFFICER** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2004-42 was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-2, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Attorney. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:08 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 9:07 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Discussion with Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) actuary, a status report was given to City Council; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Antonio Luna vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: MON 0300203; MON 0300204; MON 0301357; and MON 0315311, a status report was given to City Council; 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Thomas J. Rossberger Jr. v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0493615 and VNO 0493814, a status report was given to City Council; and 4) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Attorney, City Attorney is to present a modified agreement at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m., in memory of Louie Anthony Robles, Son of Urbano Robles, Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Exalted Ruler of the Huntington Park Elks Lodge.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk