

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 4, 2008.

Following the Invocation 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.

Chief of Police Trevis announced the promotion of the following Huntington Park Police Department personnel: 1) Senior Officer Michael Gallegos; 2) Senior Officer Miguel Navia; and 3) Senior Officer Richard Disney.

Chief of Police Trevis introduced “Bobby the Police Car” to City Council and stated that Bobby is a robotic police car that was purchased approximately 10 years ago which was named after Robert Keller, the only Huntington Park Police Officer killed in the line of duty. Assistant Chief of Police Lozano informed City Council that Bobby will be utilized to interact with the youth at various programs in the community.

Presentation by David Hill, Water Resources and Planning Manager of Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) regarding their water conservancy programs as well as educational programs available to students in the community. Mr. Hill informed City Council that Arturo Aguilar is the new General Manager for CBMWD and that their office moved to 6252 Telegraph Road, Commerce. Mr. Hill stated that various cities are now taking advantage of their recycled water program and encouraged City Council to consider this program for City parks. Mr. Hill invited City Council to attend their Earth Day Festival in Whittier on April 12, 2008 and to participate in a Water Caucus on February 6, 2008 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in Commerce.

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.

Robert Cabrales, Community Organizer for Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), addressed City Council regarding the status of a proposed resolution previously placed on the Council agenda opposing the Vernon Power Plant. Mr. Cabrales urged City Council to take a position in the matter by adopting the resolution opposing the Vernon Power Plant.

Leticia Martinez, Chair of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, invited City Council to attend their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast at Salt Lake Park on Sunday, February 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Salvador Velazco, Staff Partner of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, informed City Council that this year’s Relay for Life will offer the Cancer Prevention Study (CPS3) test that could detect obesity as well as high blood pressure. Mr. Velazco stated that El Aviso Magazine will be publishing a special magazine in honor of the 2008 Relay for Life event.

Idonia Ramos, American Cancer Society CAN (Cancer Action Network) District 34 Leader, stated that the American Cancer Society is looking for new ambassadors and encouraged all interested individuals to apply.

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 an ordinance amending the Municipal Code regulations applicable to historic preservation. 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. Barry Milofsky, Historic Preservation Commissioner, stated that the proposed ordinance concerning the Mills Act is beneficial to property owners and could help in the preservation of historic properties in the City. Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 822-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING **HISTORIC PRESERVATION** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 822-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 822-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 22, 2008, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

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 February 4, 2008.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the City's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan. Mr. Gray distributed a list of Public Services Applicants for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 CDBG. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Council Member Hernandez and herself to make recommendations regarding CDBG funded public service projects to be included in the City's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested that Council review the analysis report regarding in-lieu parking fees; and direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to establish a new in-lieu parking fee. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to establish a new in-lieu parking fee at \$38,861.38 per deficient parking space for a 2 story parking structure**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of a Command Post Vehicle Joint Use Agreement between Area E Agencies; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Command Post Vehicle Joint Use Agreement between Area E Agencies and authorize the Chief of Police to execute**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circus Vazquez, Inc. to use the Circle Area at Salt Lake Park to conduct a circus from March 21, 2008 to March 31, 2008. Rafael Vazquez, representing Circus Vazquez, addressed City Council to request approval to conduct a circus with elephants. Mr. Vazquez stated that there would be no more than three (3) elephants properly contained to ensure the safety of the community. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circus Vazquez, Inc. to use the Circle Area at Salt Lake Park to conduct a circus from March 21, 2008 to March 31, 2008 with the condition that no more than three (3) elephants be allowed and security be provided for the containment of the animals, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR **THE SALT LAKE RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-4, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR **THE SALT LAKE PARK AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA) COMPLIANCE PROJECT** was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-5, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR **SALT LAKE IRRIGATION RENOVATION PROJECT** was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m., in memory of Christian Rogers, son of Sam Olivito with California Contract Cities.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk