

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 7, 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 Mario Gomez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Council Member Gomez, seconded by Council Member Noguez, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, to support a Senate Bill introduced by Senators Barbara Boxer and Joe Biden called “The Violence Against Children Act of 2005”, which combats violent crimes against children including tougher penalties, assistance for local law enforcement, and help for the children who are victims, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to

**authorize staff to send a letter in support of “The Violence Against Children Act of 2005” to Senator Barbara Boxer**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Manager Korduner introduced Bee’s Entertainment Consultant Julie Tan, writer of the City’s newsletter.

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 organizations: General Employees’ Association, Police Officers’ Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees’ Association. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:34 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 6:40 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 10, 2005.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 17, 2005.

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.

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**Approve First Amendment to Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Colen & Lee, Inc.** for claims administration services to include a 4% fee increase in the second and third year of service; and for the City to reimburse a one time fee of \$3,805 for data conversion.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated November 7, 2005.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Police Department status report on the recommendations by the Ad-Hoc Committee for the proposed Parking Permit Ordinance.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez for waiver of the Performance Bond requirements in the Agreement for Graffiti Removal Services between the City of Huntington Park and Mag Sweeping. **Following a discussion, Mayor Hernandez so ordered this item be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda under closed session.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Gail Lyon for Services Relating to the City’s “Dia De Los Reyes Magos” Event to be held on January 6, 2006. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Gail Lyon**

**for Services Relating to the City's Dia De Los Reyes Magos' Event to be held on January 6, 2006**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested authorization for the City to proceed with the Measure L Project and enter into an agreement for Street Lighting Upgrades. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize staff to proceed with the Measure L Project and enter into an agreement for Street Lighting Upgrades and to provide City Council with a copy of all the documents pertaining to this agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation from the Arts and Culture Commission to implement the Alley Art Program. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the recommendation from the Arts and Culture Commission to implement the Alley Art Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-47. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF 61ST STREET BETWEEN CARMELITA AVENUE AND CORONA AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING RECORDATION OF THE EASEMENT DEED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-47, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-48. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT DEED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT CORONA AVENUE BETWEEN 60TH STREET AND 61ST STREET, AND 61ST STREET BETWEEN CORONA AVENUE AND CARMELITA AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING RECORDATION OF THE EASEMENT DEED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-48, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-49. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-49, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Resolution Nos. 2005-50, 2005-51, 2005-52, 2005-53, and 2005-54 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-50. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR ACCOUNTANT.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-51. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-52. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-53. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS**

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-54. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR.

Motion by Gomez, to adopt Resolutions Nos. 2005-50, 2005-51, 2005-52, 2005-53, and 2005-54, **DIED** due to lack of a second. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez continued Resolution Nos. 2005-50, 2005-51, 2005-52, 2005-53, and 2005-54 to the next City Council meeting and directed staff to provide City Council with a copy of the Nash report prior to the meeting.**

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 Mario Gomez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Presentation by Disaster Management Coordinator for Area E Fan Abel on Disaster Preparedness for the City of Huntington Park. Ms. Abel informed City Council of protocol for local governments in emergency situations and the process of creating an emergency plan for the City. Ms. Abel distributed a PowerPoint presentation and a Management checklist handout to City Council.

Chief of Police Narramore requested authorization to proceed with purchases for Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness items and equipment, subject to funds verification and compliance with City's purchasing procedures. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **proceed with purchases for Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness items and equipment for City-wide use, subject to funds verification and compliance with City's purchasing procedures**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Mayor Hernandez presented Plaques of Appreciation to Louis Innis on behalf of El Tapatio Market and to Larry McCoy on behalf of Unilever for donating benches to the City's Department of Parks and Recreation.

City Council presented plaques to Vicente Ortiz, Owner of Don Chente Restaurants (nominated by Council Member Gomez) and Esmelinda Leyva, Owner of Dos Toros Meat Market (nominated by Mayor Hernandez) in honor of National Immigrants Day.

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.

Wally G. Shidler, resident of Walnut Park, distributed a letter to City Council regarding concerns with the error of property taxes imposed on Walnut Park residents for the Huntington Park's street lighting, parks and landscaping due to the City of Huntington Park and Walnut Park sharing the same zip code; and with Walnut Park residents and Senior Citizens experiencing difficulty in obtaining Los Angeles County Metro Discount Transit Passes. Mr. Shidler asked City Council to cooperate with the residents of Walnut Park in requesting the United States Postal Service to restore their original Zip Code of 90257.

Robert Canales, Community Organizer and Outreach Coordinator with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council regarding a survey that was conducted by United Residents of South-east Los Angeles for Environmental Justice (URSELA-EJ) previously known as Participatory Action Research (PAR) that explored health access and the exposures from local pollution to children ages 0 through 5 years old and issues with school readiness in Southeast Los Angeles. Mr. Cabrales distributed a letter to City Council asking City Council to waive fees associated with the use of the West Side Park Community Center to present the findings of the survey to the community on Friday, December 2, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of The Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 55th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 19, 2005 and the lighting ceremony at Gage Avenue and Pacific Boulevard on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Ana Rosa Peña addressed her concerns to City Council regarding only three (3) Council Members being recognized at an event on Friday, September 16, 2005; and stated that City Council violated the Brown Act at another event.

Alex Young, representing Salvation Army, asked City Council to consider funding their organization and asked everyone to get involved and participate in helping others.

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

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez regarding a presentation by Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina on the Huntington Park Library closure during remodeling and request for the following: 1) a letter of support from the City; 2) authorization to park the Book Mobile on Miles Avenue in front of the former Health Center; 3) use of space in a City facility for 6 computers from the Library's Homework Center; and 4) approval of City in-kind services during the remodeling. Luis Ayala, representing Senator Gloria Molina's office, informed City Council of the Huntington Park Library closure from May 10, 2005 to May 2006 and of the upgrades that will be done to the library. Terry McGuire, Chief Deputy with the County of Los Angeles Public Library, distributed a list of nearby libraries that the community can go to while the remodeling takes place and asked City Council to approve their item on the agenda. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to send a letter of support to Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina's office and to work with the Huntington Park Library regarding the following requests: 1) to park the Book Mobile on Miles Avenue in front of the former Health Center; 2) use of space in a City facility for 6 computers from the Library's Homework Center; and 3) City in-kind services during the remodeling.**

ORDINANCE NO. 765-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING ARTICLE 42 TO TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE **PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR PUBLICLY VISIBLE ART THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 765-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 765-NS be approved for second reading and adopted; and for staff to look into establishing penalties and report back to City Council, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 767-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 614-NS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADD PARCELS NO. 6321-007-806 AND 6321-007-805 TO THE LIST OF PROPERTIES ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE NO. 614-NS AS EXHIBIT "B"** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 767-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 767-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk