

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

Following the Invocation by Father Andric of St. Matthias Church 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, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Alice Lipscomb as the Water Replenishment District's "Water Person of the Year". Ms. Lipscomb thanked City Council for the recognition and stressed the importance of water conservation.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** 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 0493814 and VNO 0493815; and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Ronald Davis, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned. 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 6:47 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

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, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, and members of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, addressed City Council regarding a special event permit request to conduct the annual Carnaval Primavera. Mr. Garcia stated that the Chamber has partnered with the City for various projects over the years. Mr. Garcia also stated that costs to conduct the festival have increased and requested that City Council waive the cost for Field Services and the loss of parking meter revenues.

Sylvia Castro, representing Alta Hospital System, invited City Council to attend the Crown City Medical Plaza Grand Opening on February 21, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 6601 Rugby Ave. Ms. Castro stated that there would be free screenings available at the event.

Enrique Murillo, Health and Education Commissioner, invited City Council to attend a meeting on February 27, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Nick Ioannidis addressed his concerns to City Council regarding trash in the streets as a result of carnivals in the City and recommended that they take place at City parks instead of

the business district.

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 obtain views and opinions of Huntington Park residents regarding the City's Community Development and Housing Needs, including priority Non-Housing for the City's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan. 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 Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, **to receive and file a report on the City's 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the approval of a resolution to establish a new In-lieu Parking Fee. 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. Rudy Griego addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the proposed fee for building new parking structures in the City and stated that the in-lieu parking fee could create a financial hardship for new businesses coming into the City. Mr. Griego asked City Council to reconsider establishing such a fee and to research other options to fund parking structures. Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed. Mayor called for any other oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING A NEW IN-LIEU PARKING FEE FOR EACH DEFICIENT PARKING SPACE was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-7, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 4, 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 19, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM –Received and filed

City Manager report on League of California Cities (LCC) 2008 City Managers Department Meeting, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action to elect an alternate representative for the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. There being no objection, **City Council appointed Vice Mayor Gomez as the alternate representative for the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition.**

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Assembly Member Fabian Nunez regarding the City's nomination for the Annual "Women of Distinction" Awards. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **nominate Alice Lipscomb for the Annual "Women of Distinction" Awards and also nominate Diane Spalding if two nominees per City are allowed**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Professional Services Agreement with Sapphos Environmental, Inc. for consultant services in support of the City's historic preservation ordinance. Rebecca Sylva and Lambert Giessinger, representing Sapphos Environmental Inc. introduced themselves to City Council. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Professional Services Agreement with Sapphos Environmental, Inc. for consultant services in support of the City's historic preservation ordinance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Special Event Permit No. S08-06 by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown street festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues from April 4 through 6, 2008. Assistant City Manager Shear distributed copies of the estimated City costs for the Downtown Street Festival. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the following: 1) Special Event Permit No. S08-06 by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown street festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues from April 4 through 6, 2008; 2) waiver of Field Services and Building Departments fees associated with the event; 3) payment in full of the actual Police Department personnel costs; 4) payment of half the cost of the estimated loss of parking meter revenue; and 5) allow the Chamber to continue to notify surrounding merchants and residents of events**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that City Council waive the formal bidding process and approve Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Events by Noonan for Services Relating to the City's Fourth of July Event in 2008. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **waive the formal bidding process and approve Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Events by Noonan for Services Relating to the City's Fourth of July Event in 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action alternative options to provide concession stand services at the Civic Center Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **direct staff to report back to City Council at the next meeting with minor exterior modifications to the Civic Center Park concession stand, compatible with existing Civic Center structures**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK OPPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED VERNON POWER PLANT was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to

adopt Resolution No. 2008-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 91-75 AND ADOPTING NEW **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS** FOR THE POSITION OF **DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES** was presented. Motion by Guerero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-9, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-8 AND ADOPTING NEW **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS** FOR THE POSITION OF **POLICE SERGEANT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-7 AND ADOPTING NEW **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS** FOR THE POSITION OF **SENIOR OFFICER** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-11, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **THOMAS ROSSBERGER** IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF POLICE OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-12, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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 Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 822-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 822-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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 and **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**, Title: City Manager. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:35 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:12 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Existing Litigation, Name of case: Thomas J. Rossberger Jr. v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0493814 and VNO 0493815, City Council on a 4-0 vote approved Industrial Disability Retirement; 2) Existing Litigation, Name of case: Ronald Davis, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned, City Council on a 4-0 vote approved settlement; 3) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: City Attorney, City Council approved an amendment to the existing contract; and 4) Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: City Manager, an evaluation was conducted, no action was taken.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk