

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 3, 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, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Mayor Guerrero presented a plaque to Neil Poole, Director of Field Services in recognition of his retirement. Mr. Poole thanked City Council, City staff, and the community for allowing him to serve the City for thirty seven (37) years.

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.

The following individuals addressed City Council opposing the potential closure of the Mission Hospital in Huntington Park: 1) Gilbert Tamayo Jr.; 2) Lizette Perez; and 3) Donora Williams.

Rafael Barajas, Los Angeles County Legal Center, addressed City Council to request Community Development Block Grant funding for their Southeast Healthy Homes Program.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, introduced Jose Rios of Dora Solano Insurance and Juan Alday of Club Deportivo Chivas USA; and requested appointment to the BID Advisory Board.

Jose Rios, representing Dora Solano Insurance, introduced himself to City Council and requested appointment to the BID Advisory Board.

Shaira Malek, Pediatrician at Community Mission Hospital in Huntington Park, addressed City Council on behalf of the medical staff at Mission Hospital to request support in opposition of the potential closure of Mission Hospital and stressed the importance of keeping the hospital open for the community. Ms. Malek informed City Council that the hospital staff received notice from the hospital owner stating that as of March 5, 2008, no more patients could be admitted and that the hospital will be closing on March 18, 2008. Ms. Malek urged City Council to support the medical staff at Mission Hospital and the community by sending a letter of support to the District Attorney to prevent closure of the hospital.

Gail Scamma, Staff LVN for Mission Hospital in Huntington Park, addressed City Council in opposition of the potential closure of Mission Hospital in Huntington Park. Ms. Scamma stated that the community of Huntington Park as well as the surrounding cities will be impacted by the closure of the hospital. Ms. Scamma asked City Council to support them in their endeavor.

Enrique Murillo congratulated Director of Field Services Poole on his retirement and wished him good luck.

Siron Sasooness, owner of property located at 2701 Gage Avenue, informed City

Council that he is constructing a new shopping center at said location and that due to some changes to the original plans the change order requires new plans. Mr. Sasooness stated that fees for new plans are substantial and requested City Council's assistance.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that some of the electrical equipment in City buildings is about to fail and needs to be replaced soon.

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

Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, the potential closure of the Mission Hospital in Huntington Park, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Shaira Malek, Pediatrician at Community Mission Hospital in Huntington Park, requested City Council's assistance in stopping the potential closure of the Mission Hospital.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into **closed session** to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:18 p.m. for the potential closure of the Mission Hospital in Huntington Park. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:38 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 that in the closed session regarding Mission Hospital there were unanimous decisions on the following: 1) Council agreed to cooperate with the District Attorney's office regarding this matter and to send a letter to the District Attorney demanding an investigation and seeking an injunction regarding the potential closure of the hospital; 2) Council fully recognizes and acknowledges the issues regarding zoning and land use related to this matter; and 3) Council will diligently coordinate efforts with other cities to get support to maintain the hospital.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 11, 2008 and minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 19, 2008, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 11, 2008.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 19, 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 March 3, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held February 19, 2008.

Police Department status report on proposed parking permit ordinance.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Engineer Fu presented a report on recommendations and implementation of a Parking Policy. Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file the recommendations and implementation of a Parking Policy**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding the painting of utility boxes within the City with decorative scenes. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **direct staff to investigate the feasibility of the painting of utility boxes within the City with decorative scenes; and report back to City Council with recommendations, possible funding sources, and options for a student competition involving the community**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez, for discussion and/or action to increase penalties/fines for repeat offenders who park vehicles on the front lawn of a residence. **There being no objection, City Council directed City staff to report back to City Council with a punitive solution for repeat offenders who park vehicles on the front lawn of a residence.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the purchase and replacement of six (6) buses from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for the City's COMBI bus service. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the purchase and replacement of six (6) buses from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for the City's COMBI bus service**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations for the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supported public service projects. Following a discussion, motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the following funding for Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) supported public service projects: 1) Los Angeles County Public Library-Huntington Park Library Homework Center \$15,000; 2) Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA-Kid Zone After School Program \$15,000; 3) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Senior Nutrition Program \$25,000; 4) St. Francis Medical Center Foundation-Healthy Community Initiatives \$4,000; 5) Parks and Recreation Department-After School Youth Program \$70,000; 6) Police Department-Community Beautification Program-Graffiti Removal \$69,774; 7) Southeast Churches Service Center (SCSC) \$20,000; 8) The Salvation Army Southeast Communities-Family Services \$15,000; and 9) Los Angeles County Legal Center – Southeast Healthy Homes Program \$5,000 with the condition that there will be research for grants**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,972.63 to AAA Flag and Banner for the purchase, installation, and removal of 340 spring street banners for the Downtown BID Area. **There being no objection, City Council referred this item back to the BID Advisory Board with directions to report back to City Council at the next meeting with new banner design recommendations.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to appoint the following to the BID Advisory Board: 1) Lisa Van Gorp; 2) Juan Alday; and 3) Jose Rios. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **appoint the following to the BID Advisory Board for a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2011: 1) Lisa Van Gorp; 2) Juan Alday; and 3) Jose Rios**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action the Ad-Hoc Committee recommendation that no change to the City regulations regarding

billboards in general or other advertising on City property be made at this time. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Ad-Hoc Committee recommendation that no change to the City regulations regarding billboards in general or other advertising on City property be made at this time**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Huntington Park and Community Development Commission and Golden Pacific Partners for the development of the proposed Centro Pacifico Project. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Huntington Park and Community Development Commission and Golden Pacific Partners for the development of the proposed Centro Pacifico Project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of the Mid-Year budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Following a PowerPoint presentation by Acting Director of Finance Padilla, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Mid-Year budget adjustment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Engineer Fu requested that City Council waive formal bidding procedures and award an amended contract to TDS Engineering for one (1) additional location (Gage Avenue and Middleton Street) to the "Installation of Pedestrian Crosswalk Lights at Various Locations", Project No. 08-15A; and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **waive formal bidding procedures and award an amended contract to TDS Engineering for one (1) additional location (Gage Avenue and Middleton Street) to the "Installation of Pedestrian Crosswalk Lights at Various Locations", Project No. 08-15A; and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested City Council review and adoption of the Parks and Recreation Special Event Park Use Policy. Following a PowerPoint presentation by Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, to **adopt the Parks and Recreation Special Event Park Use Policy**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a status update for concession stand services at the Civic Center Park. **There being no objection, City Council directed staff to come back with an extensive study to be more cohesive with the architectural elements prominent to the Civic Center.**

Chief of Police Trevis requested to award the contract for Graffiti Removal Services to Superior Property Services Inc. and approve an agreement, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the contract for Graffiti Removal Services to Graffiti Protective Coatings in the amount of \$335,836.80 for twelve (12) months with the caveat that funds from the Community Development Commission be utilized to help subsidize said fee and approve an agreement, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded

by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-13, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 823-NS, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE , BY INSERTING CHAPTER 18, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR THE **PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON CITY PROPERTY** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 823-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 823-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:20 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 9:34 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.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in the closed session for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, a status report was provided to City Council.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Jo Moanne Carter, former Administrative Secretary for the City of Huntington Park; 2) Robert Lopez, Sr., owner of Lopez Tow Service; and 3) Sylvia Rico, aunt of Council Member Juan Noguez.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk