

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

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

Richard V. Loya, Chairman of the Health and Education Commission, reported that the Mission and Community Hospitals were sold to Karykeicon, Inc. and that they will remain open to the public.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:32 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

5, 2005.

**Deny claims filed by the following and refer to the City's insurance administrator:**

A. **Ignacio Garza**, Date of Incident: November 26, 2005.

B. **Matilde Peña**, Date of Incident: November 13, 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.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Ratify approval of the Payroll Demands dated December 19, 2005.

Approve the Payroll Demands dated January 3, 2006.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce will present their Annual Citywide Year-End Semi-Clearance Sidewalk Sale from January 13 through 15, 2006.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding allocation of 10 parking spaces for Casa Bonita residents in the public parking structure adjacent to Casa Bonita. A woman addressed City Council to request that 12 parking spaces be designated to Casa Bonita residents. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed the City Attorney to research the feasibility of allocating 10 parking spaces for Casa Bonita residents in the public parking structure adjacent to Casa Bonita and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez to attend The United States Conference of Mayors 74th Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. from January 25 through January 27, 2006. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the request from Mayor Hernandez to attend The United States Conference of Mayors 74th Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. from January 25 through January 27, 2006**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Finance Pruyun requested approval of Purchase Order No. 21547 to Sungard HTE Inc., for annual maintenance support of the HTE Financial System. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to approve **Purchase Order No. 21547 to Sungard HTE Inc., for annual maintenance support of the HTE Financial System**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 04-013, Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Miles Avenue and Zoe Avenue, be awarded to Alliance Streetworks, Inc. in the amount of \$719,660. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **award a contract to Alliance Streetworks, Inc. in the amount of \$719,660 for Project No. 04-013, Pedestrian Crossing Improvements on Miles Avenue and Zoe Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve the following requests from Assistant City Engineer Fu: 1) **Contract for Project No. 05-005, Improvement of Bus Shelters at Various Locations, be awarded to LNI Custom Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$135,120.60**; 2) **Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles to assign the City's Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds of \$92,000 to the County for the "Improvement of Slauson Avenue, Between**

**Alameda Street and Wilmington Avenue”;** and 3) **Amendment No. 8 to Lease and Agreement No. 7241 formerly known as Lease No. 473-P Huntington Park Courthouse/Health Facility 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park by and between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles to eliminate sixty (60) reserved juror parking spaces and convert them to metered parking for public use**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation of the Health and Education Commission for City Council to support delaying the process of naming the State Street New Elementary #1 to allow more stakeholders to be involved in the process; and for City Council to submit a nomination in honor of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the recommendation of the Health and Education Commission for City Council to support delaying the process of naming the State Street New Elementary #1 to allow more stakeholders to be involved in the process; and for City Council to submit a nomination in honor of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation of the Health and Education Commission for City Council to authorize them to coordinate the City’s activities associated with the “5 Cities, 5 a Day New Year’s Resolution” Campaign. Arlene Savage, Health and Education Commissioner, informed City Council that the 5 Cities, 5 a Day New Year’s Resolution Campaign has proposed many activities in local schools to promote health and physical activity and asked City Council to support the activities. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **authorize the Health and Education Commission to coordinate the City’s activities associated with the “5 Cities, 5 a Day New Year’s Resolution” Campaign**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval to initiate the recruitment of Historic Preservation Commissioner. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Council Members Noguez and Gomez to meet with staff regarding the formation of a Historic Preservation Commission.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested to award the contract for Graffiti Removal Services to Urban Graffiti Enterprises, Inc. and approve agreement, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **award the contract for Graffiti Removal Services to Urban Graffiti Enterprises, Inc.; and approve an agreement effective February 1, 2006, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of the addition of a single crossing guard for the State Street New Elementary School; direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for the existing contract with All City Management; and authorize the Mayor to execute them. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the addition of a single crossing guard for the State Street New Elementary School; direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for the existing contract with All City Management; and authorize the Mayor to execute them**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Narramore requested discussion and/or action regarding Police Department Special Investigator candidates. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve all five (5) submissions received in response to the City’s RFQ to form a pool of Special Investigators for the Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora for a period of six (6) months ending June 30, 2006**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of Purchase Order No. 22881 for renewal of Software Maintenance with Visionair Inc. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Purchase Order No. 22881 for renewal of Software Maintenance with Visionair Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING FEES PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 726-NS FOR THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HUNTINGTON PARK was presented. There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez continued this item to the next City Council meeting.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2005-55 TO CORRECT JOB TITLES INDICATED IN SAID RESOLUTION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-2, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Noguez; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

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

Mayor Hernandez, Council Members, and Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Helen Carrillo presented 2005 Mayor's Christmas Award certificates and trophies to the following: Best Decorated Home Area 1-Lucilla Cortez, 2929 E. 61st Street; Area 2-Victor & Gloria Maravilla, 2117 Mortimer Street; Area 3-Gloria & Richard Flores, 6517 Cedar Street; Area 4-Esmeralda Rodriguez & Sergio Suro, 6163 Corona Avenue; Area 5-Ana & Julian Alvarado, 3424 Walnut Street; Most Spectacular Display Citywide-Raul & Guadalupe Galindo, 4214 E. 60th Street; and Congressional Recognition-Socorro Orozco, 5326 Pacific Boulevard.

Jerry Chavez, President of the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc., introduced Coach Robert Zepeda and presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Leonardo Lopez Sr. on behalf of the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc. Mr. Chavez announced that January 22, 2006, the Cheer Division was going to the championship and presented each Council Member with a miniature helmet and the National Tournament Championship trophy won by the Midget Division for display in City Hall.

Ronald Garcia showed a video regarding Salvation Army Southeast Corps. Services and asked City Council to consider funding their organization. Mr. Garcia also asked everyone to get involved and participate in helping others through the Salvation Army.

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.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, distributed flyers and invited City Council to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dia De Los Reyes Magos event on January 6, 2006. Mrs. Marquez informed City Council of the live performances and a special appearance by actor Sergio Goyri. Mrs. Marquez introduced Billy Valdivia, Co-Owner of SouthEastOne Media and Producer of the event; and Rosemary De La Rocha, Publicist for the event.

Andy Molina, Huntington Park Planning Commissioner, informed City Council that St. Matthias' Church is having their annual fundraising event around the same time that META 2000 is having their El Grito celebration event. Mr. Molina requested that City Council reconsider allowing META 2000 to extend their event to three (3) days due to the

conflict of these events.

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action Centennial Celebration Event Options and introduced Eloy Jordan, representing META 2000. Mr. Jordan presented options for the City's Centennial Celebration which includes combining the City's Centennial Celebration Event with META 2000's El Grito celebration in an effort to share some of the event expenses. **There being no objection, City Council so ordered Council Member Gomez and Mayor Hernandez to attend the next Centennial Task Force meeting and report back to City Council.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION** UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **GENERAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-77 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-3, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION** UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-4, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION** UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-76 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-5, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION** UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2005-56 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE "5 CITIES, 5-A-DAY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION" CAMPAIGN** AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-7, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 769-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 3-9.15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING **UTILITY USER TAX REFUNDS** AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 3-9.16 REGARDING **SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF THE UTILITY USERS TAX** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 769-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 769-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, 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; and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 8:13 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 8:45 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal reported out that Legal Counsel provided City Council with a status report on all the closed session items.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Mauricio Perez, cousin of Huntington Park Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero; 2) Maria Eustolia Lagarda, mother-in-law of Genny Ochoa, Community Development Secretary; 3) Anne Parks, wife of Jack Parks, former Mayor and Council Member for the City of Huntington Park; and 4) Carlos Bautista, father of Gabriel Bautista, Acting Planning Manager.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk