

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 5, 2008.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:37 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.

Chief of Police Trevis announced the promotion of the following Huntington Park Police Employees: 1) Sergeant Christopher Lisner; 2) Senior Officer Gerardo Prado; and 3) Senior Officer Roberto Barillas; and introduced newly hired Police Officer Patrick Nijland; Police Reserve Officer Saul Duran; Police Cadet Esteban Perez; and Jailer Jorge Ramos.

Vice Mayor Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:43 p.m.

City Manager Korduner presented a 5-year Service Pin Award to Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez for their service and dedication to the City of Huntington Park.

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.

Enrique Murillo invited City Council to attend an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meeting on May 7, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the Oldtimers Foundation and Mr. Murillo informed City Council that the AARP extended an invitation to John Perez, potential

candidate for California State Assembly, to be a part of their organization. Mr. Murillo informed City Council that the AARP will commence meeting at the new Community Center at Salt Lake Park soon and asked City Council to look into having lunch delivered for senior citizens for said meetings.

Andy Molina briefed Council on the success of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association Cinco De Mayo event held at Salt Lake Park on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Mr. Molina thanked City Council for allowing them to have the event and everyone who participated.

Gabriel Noriega, representing the owner of a restaurant at 2707 Pacific Boulevard, addressed City Council regarding an in-lieu parking fee matter. Mayor Guerrero announced that the item regarding a payment plan for in-lieu parking fees associated with the development of a proposed restaurant at 7127 Pacific Boulevard was pulled from the agenda and referred Mr. Noriega to Director of Community Development Gray.

Dr. Ronald H. Walcott, PH.D., Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) District No. 6 Arts Community Adviser and invited City Council to attend an event at Gage Middle School on May 8, 2008 and distributed copies of a flyer for this event. Mr. Walcott stated that he looks forward to working with the City on the upcoming events and projects.

A gentleman addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the lack of parking on 60th Place and graffiti in the City and asked City Council to consider passing a law to remedy the parking issue and increase police patrol to reduce graffiti.

Antonio Padilla addressed City Council regarding his concern with the effectiveness of the speed bumps on his block.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2008-19 this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the abatement of weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park in accordance with California Government Code Section 39560 Et Seq. The City Clerk reported that one (1) written communication 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-23. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS **WEEDS** GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-23, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance adopting the Downtown Specific Plan. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Erik Justesen, representing RRM Design Group, gave copies of an overview of the proposed Downtown Specific Plan to City Council and made copies available for the public. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing **continued to June 2, 2008**.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance amending the regulations applicable to design review procedures. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 825-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 825-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 825-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.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider public comment on 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 Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the City's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, 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 that the Field Services Department report on how the City of Huntington Park is going Green be removed from the Consent Calendar, 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 Monday, April 21, 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 May 5, 2008.

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to submit a Beverage Container Recycling Grant application to the State of California Department of Conservation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Engineering Department report on vacant parking spaces in the City Hall parking lot.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes presented a report on how the City of Huntington Park is going Green. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **receive and file the report on how the City of Huntington Park is going Green**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero authorized staff to **change the current signage in the parking spaces in the City Hall parking lot to state the days and hours of restricted Permit Parking.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding City Council Guidelines. There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed **staff to look into written City Council policies and procedures and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero for appointment of Director and Alternates to the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Council Member Hernandez as the Director and the remaining City Council Members as Alternates to the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested refund of business license penalty fees in the amount of \$217.43 to Orbit Clothing Company, Inc. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **refund business license penalty fees in the amount of \$217.43 to Orbit Clothing Company, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested refund of business license penalty fees in the amount of \$803.80 to Century 21 Powerhouse Realty. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **refund business license penalty fees in the amount of \$803.80 to Century 21 Powerhouse Realty**, 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 presented for discussion and/or action a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 to conduct El Grito event September 9 through 16, 2008 and the request from META 2000 for waiver of fees in the amount of \$49,686 for this event. City Clerk Ramirez distributed correspondence from META 2000 requesting additional waiver of fees in the amount of \$27,260.40 for police services during the 2007 El Grito event. Council Member Noguez left his seat at 7:32 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m. **Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to ask META 2000 to submit a new proposal for this event, preferably not for three (3) days; and for staff to report back to City Council with a comparison of prior special event costs billed, paid and fees waived.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mayor Guerrero left her seat at 7:44 p.m. and returned at 7:46 p.m. Stacia Mancini and Richard Fisher of Richard Fisher Associates presented the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **receive and file the Parks and Recreation Master Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO **LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 826-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA REPEALING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 13 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING **MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES AND PARADES IN**

PUBLIC PLACES AND REPLACING IT IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH AN AMENDED CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC PLACES was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 826-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 826-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.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session at the special meeting regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators, Agency designated representative: Jack Hoffman, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees, a status report was given to City Council.

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

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk