

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 7, 2007.

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, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

Assistant to the City Manager Shear presented a 5-year Service Pin to Council Member Juan R. Noguez for his service and dedication to the City of Huntington Park.

Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Milosfsky introduced members of the Historic Presentation Commission and briefed City Council on the basis of their decision for selecting the properties in the City with historically distinguishing features.

Mayor Guerrero presented a Certificate of Recognition in honor of National Historic Preservation Month to the following property owners for maintaining the historically distinguishing features of their properties/structures: 1) Norms Restaurant, 2500 E. Slauson Avenue; 2) Salvador and Claudia Laguna, Jr., owners of a residence located at 2743 E. 57th Street; and 3) Huntington Park High School-Westover Hall, 6020 Miles Avenue.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition, flowers, and a City pin to Maribel Garcia, student at St. Matthias Elementary School for being chosen by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington D.C. Ms. Garcia thanked City Council for the acknowledgement.

William "Billy-Bob" Newcome, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Huntington Park Elks Lodge #1415, briefed City Council on the history of the Huntington Park Elks Lodge organization and their programs. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Huntington Park Elks Lodge #1415. Mr. Newcome introduced Andrea Whisenant, Chaplin and Richard Varney, Past Exalted Ruler (P.E.R.) and Secretary of the Huntington Park Elks Lodge #1415.

John Bartel from Bartel Associates, LLC displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation of Retiree Healthcare.

Vice Mayor Gomez left his seat at 7:02 p.m. and returned at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Guerrero left her seat at 7:08 p.m. and returned at 7:11 p.m.

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 in support of a Women's Club in the City of Huntington Park: 1) Herlinda Garcia; 2) Teresa Cabrera; 3) Martha Cecilia Armiento; 4) Rosa Mesa; 5) Maria Kennedy; 6) Maria Trujillo; 7) Gloria Enciso; and 8) Maria Elena Arreola.

Ms. Pulos, Teacher at Huntington Park High School, informed City Council that recently a group of female students visited Pasadena City College to explore career options and thanked Council Member Hernandez and City Council for providing transportation for the trip. Ms. Pulos stated that a women's club would benefit the young women in the community and asked City Council for support.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Hernandez to initiate a Huntington Park Women's Club and Support Group to meet weekly at Westside Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **authorize the establishment of a Women's Club in the City of Huntington**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None. City Council discussed the creation and objectives of the Women's Club and recommended that the club apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist with future club programs.

Pilar Perez, owner of a daycare on the corner of Santa Ana Street and State Street, addressed her concerns to City Council regarding recent accidents at that intersection and asked City Council to assist in securing the daycare for the safety of the children. City Manager Korduner referred Ms. Perez to Chief of Police Trevis regarding this matter.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council to remind everyone to attend the annual Southeast Cities American Cancer Society Relay for Life on June 2, 2007 at Huntington Park High School.

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 consider public comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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 Hernandez, to **adopt the City's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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: 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 a resolution designating the Warner Theatre, 6710-20 Pacific Boulevard, as a historic resource to be placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. 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. Director of Community Development Gray announced that he was contacted by Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava, MacCuish LLP requesting a 30-day continuance of this matter. There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero continued this item to the June 4, 2007 Council meeting.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider amending the Sign code, Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 12 of the Huntington Park Municipal code. 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. 802-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING **REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SIGNS** IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 802-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 802-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.

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 2007.

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.

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

- A) **Wilber Hernandez, Date of Incident: March 17, 2007**
- B) **Rafael Castro, Date of Incident: March 27, 2007**
- C) **Cristina Contreras, Date of Incident: March 28, 2007**
- D) **Affinity Logistics Corp., Date of Incident: April 29, 2007**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated May 7, 2007.

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Camera Surveillance System, subject to City Attorney approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on Joe A. Gonsalves & Son Client Cities Annual Legislative Session, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

City Manager report on a visit from Senator Barbara Boxer's office to Huntington Park City Hall on June 11, 2007.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Guerrero to authorize Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez to conduct a Health Fair in the City of Huntington Park. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero authorized Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez to conduct a Health Fair in the City of Huntington Park on June 2, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Health and Education Commission for the City to co-sponsor a community forum with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) to discuss the proposed Vernon Power Plant and general environmental justice issues in the region. Robert Cabrales, representing CBE, requested City Council co-sponsor a community forum and distributed copies of a flyer regarding this event. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, **for the City to co-sponsor a community forum with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) to discuss the proposed Vernon Power Plant and general environmental justice issues in the region**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,081.59 from the BID fund for the purchase, installation, and removal of decorative banners throughout the BID and in the Civic Center along Miles Avenue. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,081.59 from the BID fund for the purchase, installation, and removal of decorative banners throughout the BID and in the Civic Center along Miles Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Schedule of Sidewalk Sale Events. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Schedule of Sidewalk Sale Events**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Vice Mayor Mario Gomez arrived and took his seat at 8:27 p.m.

Council Member Romo arrived and took her seat at 8:28 p.m.

Director of Finance Pruyn displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's

preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Director of Field Services Poole requests authorization to submit a Beverage Container Recycling Grant application to the State of California Department of Conservation. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **authorize submittal of a Beverage Container Recycling Grant application to the State of California Department of Conservation**, 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 presents for discussion and/or action a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 to conduct "El Grito" from September 11 through 17, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 to conduct "El Grito" from September 11 through 17, 2007**, 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 requests approval of License Agreement by and between Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park to use the Huntington Park High School football field to conduct the City's Annual Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a License Agreement by and between Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park to use the Huntington Park High School football field to conduct the City's Annual Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2007**, 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 requests approval of First Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement with Richard Fisher Associates to modify the scope of services for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for an additional amount not to exceed \$36,000. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve First Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement with Richard Fisher Associates to modify the scope of services for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for an additional amount not to exceed \$36,000**, 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 requests approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Butler Amusements to conduct a carnival at Westside Park from May 22 through May 31, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Butler Amusements to conduct a carnival at Westside Park from May 22 through May 31, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis requests approval of the First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP for City Prosecutor Services for a term of three (3) years ending April 4, 2010. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP for City Prosecutor Services for a term of three (3) years ending April 4, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis requests approval to amend the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for an additional Police Sergeant position in the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve an amendment to the**

City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for an additional Police Sergeant position in the Huntington Park Police Department, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-27. 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 2007-2008** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-27, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-28. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE "IT'S OUR HEALTHCARE" CAMPAIGN FOR QUALITY AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE FOR EVERY CALIFORNIAN** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-28, 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 the **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 for Conference With Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation, Name of case: Randy Narramore v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: VNO 0525204 was continued to the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Jose Marcelino Zepeda, brother of Genny Ochoa, Secretary in the Community Development Department in the City of Huntington Park; and Maria Guadalupe Avalos de Mendez, mother of Civil Service Commissioner Jaime Mendez.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk