

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 16, 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: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented Chief of Police Trevis with a tile plaque in recognition of his exemplary service, leadership and dedication to the community. Covina Chief of Police Raney presented on behalf of Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association, an award to Chief of Police Trevis in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication in law enforcement.

City Manager Korduner read a biography of Assistant Chief of Police Wadley. Chief of Police Trevis administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief of Police Wadley, and presented him with a new badge as Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented Assistant Chief of Police Wadley with a City pin; and Assistant Chief of Police Wadley thanked City Council for the opportunity and Chief of Police Trevis for encouraging him.

Chief of Police Trevis presented Life Saving Medals and Plaques to the following Huntington Park Police Department employees: 1) Senior Officer Steven Thoreson; 2) Police Officer Martin Magallanes; 3) Sergeant Neil Mongan; 4) Senior Officer Mac Marin; 5) Senior Officer Alex Escobar; and 6) Police Officer Esteban Palacios.

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 congratulated Chief of Police Trevis and Assistant Chief of Police Wadley on their new posts and requested use of the Senior Park to have meetings in the near future.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager of Public Affairs, briefed City Council regarding a proposed initiative concerning Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008 and the financial impact this initiative poses to Southern California Edison clients and urged City Council to oppose it.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation, informed City Council of the outcome of a community outreach meeting that took place at the Oldtimers Foundation to identify the technological needs of the Southeast area. Mr. Zaldivar Motts thanked City Council for their \$1,000 investment to secure a grant to purchase computers for the community and requested the City's assistance in identifying the most suitable locations to disburse said computers in the near future.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, thanked and acknowledged Chief of Police Trevis for his assistance in reopening the Downtown Police Substation and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his dedication, partnership and commitment to the community and the BID.

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 regarding the collection of delinquent rubbish charges pursuant to section 6-2.205 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. City Clerk Ramirez distributed copies of an updated list of delinquent rubbish charges to City Council. Alberto and Mary Sylva addressed their concerns to City Council regarding refuse charges for their two (2) properties in the City and the level of service provided by the commercial refuse company. Mr. Sylva informed City Council that the refuse company does not always pick-up the trash as scheduled and yet continues to bill them as if they had. Mrs. Sylva informed City Council that she has addressed this issue to various departments in the City and other agencies to try to resolve this matter and that the problem still persists. Sam Peña, representing Consolidated Disposal, informed City Council that the proposed liens are for delinquent charges from six (6) month to one (1) year ago. Mr. Peña stated that Consolidated Disposal is willing to work with Mr. and Mrs. Sylva to change the refuse collection pick-up day and/or number of pick-ups during the week and announced that if anyone is having problems with the service to contact the customer service department. Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing **continued to the next City Council meeting**.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-33. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION FEES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES (172.52 WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE) was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-33, LOST as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Members Noguez and Romo; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider designation of 6727 Santa Fe Avenue (APN: 6321-024-028) as a Historic Resource for Placement on the Huntington Park 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. Wally Shidler, Historic Preservation Commissioner, addressed City Council in support of designating 6727 Santa Fe Avenue as a Historic Resource and asked City Council to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-34. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTING A **DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6727 SANTA FE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA** AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION FOR RECORDATION was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-34, carried

as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Thursday, May 22, 2008, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 2, 2008.

**Deny claim filed by Rutilio Aviles Quiroz, Date of Incident: May 16, 2008** and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

**Deny claim filed by Infinity Insurance Co., Date of Incident: March 18, 2008** and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 June 16, 2008.

**Approval of Agreement for Billing of Direct Assessments** between the City and the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller on the Secured Tax Roll and distribution collection to the City.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on the California Contract Cities Association 49th Annual Municipal Seminar May 19 through June 1, 2008, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez regarding the feasibility of conducting a professional study to determine the cost of an advertising budget to promote the City. **Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to report back to City Council with an estimate of the cost for a professional study including a scope of services to determine the cost of an advertising budget to promote the City.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez to appoint a City staff committee to investigate additional alternatives for the City to go "Green". **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to research additional alternatives for the City to go "Green" and identify programs, prioritize short and long-term goals and feasibility and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from the "Rediscover Downtown Huntington Park" Ad-Hoc Committee to conduct a Sidewalk Sale

July 11 through 13, 2008. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a request from the “Rediscover Downtown Huntington Park” Ad-Hoc Committee to conduct a Sidewalk Sale July 11 through 13, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Second Amendment to Agreement for Operation of Public Transit Services in the City of Huntington Park between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Foundation. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Agreement for Operation of Public Transit Services in the City of Huntington Park between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Foundation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Proposition “A” Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Specialized Transportation by and between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Foundation. George Cole, representing Oldtimers Foundation, briefed City Council on the origin of the Combi program and the payment arrangement to reimburse the City for the purchase of the Combi vehicles. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Proposition “A” Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Specialized Transportation by and between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Foundation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Agreement for Employment Interim Director of Field Services between the City of Huntington Park and Gene Viramontes. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve Agreement for Employment Interim Director of Field Services between the City of Huntington Park and Gene Viramontes**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Agreement for Employment for Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Paul L. Wadley. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Agreement for Employment for Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Paul L. Wadley, subject to City Attorney modifications**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of an agreement for auditing services among the City, Community Development Commission and Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, subject to City Attorney approval. Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:02 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m. **Following a discussion, City Council authorized staff to re-issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) for auditing services in a newspaper of broader circulation and directed staff to research publishing alternatives such as posting on the internet and/or the City’s Website.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that City Council accept the bid and approve the Contract Services Agreement with NDK Foods, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in the amount of \$56,006.20. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Contract Services Agreement with NDK Foods, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in the amount of \$56,006.20**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Second Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services in the amount of \$108,365.50 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security**

**Services with the inclusion of a security guard at City Hall for the amount of \$138,656.53 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit to Dicarno, LLC/Church of Nazarene for a proposed 10K Run/Walk Against Obesity on August 2, 2008. Otto Hernandez, representing Dicarno, LLC/Church of Nazarene, addressed City Council to request approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit in order to conduct a 10K run on August 2, 2008 and requested waiver of fees associated with said event. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff and the Health and Education Commission to work with the Church of Nazarene to come up with a new date and route for the 10K run/walk and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Community Development Block Grant sub-recipient agreements for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve the following Community Development Block Grant sub-recipient agreements for Fiscal Year 2008-2009: 1) **Los Angeles County Library–Huntington Park Library Homework Center \$15,000**; 2) **St. Francis Medical Care Foundation-Healthy Community Initiatives \$4,000**; 3) **Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Seniors Nutrition Program \$25,000**; 4) **Southeast Churches Service Center–Emergency Food Program \$20,000**; 5) **Salvation Army Southeast Communities–Family Services \$15,000**; 6) **Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA Healthy Zone-After School Program \$15,000**; 7) **L.A. Community Legal Center-Southeast Healthy Homes Program \$5,000**; 8) **Fair Housing Foundation-Fair Housing and Tenant/Landlord Mediation Services \$15,000**; 9) **City of Huntington Park Field Services Department-Community Beautification Program for Graffiti Removal \$69,774**; and 10) **City of Huntington Park–Parks and Recreation Department After-School Youth Program \$70,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an agreement with The Planning Center for the preparation of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the mixed-use development at 6722 Rugby Avenue. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the agreement with The Planning Center for the preparation of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the mixed-use development at 6722 Rugby Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of a purchase order to Tranquile Environments, Inc. (lowest bidder) in the amount of \$7,700 for the purchase of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit; and transfer of funds in the said amount from the Recreation Building O. S. & M. Account to the Mechanical Administration Equipment Account. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a purchase order to Tranquile Environments, Inc., in the amount of \$7,700 for the purchase of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit; and transfer of funds in the said amount from the Recreation Building O. S. & M. Account to the Mechanical Administration Equipment Account**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System among City of Huntington Park, Eco Resources, Inc., and SWWC Services, Inc. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve **Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System among City of Huntington Park, Eco Resources, Inc., and SWWC Services, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-35.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ESTABLISHING AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND**

**COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX FOR CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK STREET LIGHTING, PARKS AND LANDSCAPING SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-36, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-36. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-36, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m., in memory of Felix Belmontez, brother of Corinna Luevano, Secretary for the Community Development Department.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk