

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 18, 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, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Chief of Police Wadley presented the Medal of Distinction to Huntington Park Police Sergeant James Kinsey. Sergeant Kinsey thanked City Council, City staff, fellow Police Officers and the citizens of Huntington Park for the opportunity to serve the community and for the assistance and support from City employees. Sergeant Kinsey introduced his mother, wife and son and thanked them for their support.

Chief of Police Wadley presented plaques to the following City employees in Recognition of their assistance during the 2008 National Night Out: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation and Gene Viramontes, Director of Field Services.

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.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council and requested their support for Immigrants Day on October 28, 2008.

Aurora Gloria Enciso requested City Council consider placing speed humps on Plaska Avenue between Gage Avenue and State Street due to the increase in speed of the traffic.

Jose Barrios, representative from Rancho Southeast Association of Realtors, congratulated the City for recognizing Saint Matthias Church as a Historical designation; and invited the City Council to their annual luncheon on September 26, 2008 at the Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey and distributed flyers to the City Council.

Mr. Poole addressed City Council regarding the loud noise coming from the Kahlua Night Club located behind his house. Mr. Poole stated that in the past he has received assistance from the Police Department and Code Enforcement, but there has been no improvement with the excessive noise so he is requesting assistance from the City Council. Mayor Guerrero referred Mr. Poole to Chief of Police Wadley for assistance.

Esther Guzman, requested City Council uphold the City ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in City parks. Ms. Guzman stated at the last carnival there were incidents of sexual harassment on some carnival attendees.

Maria Elena Arreola, addressed City Council stating that she had heard the event coordinators presenting El Grito at Salt Lake Park September 15-17, 2008 will be requesting to sell alcoholic beverages at their event. Ms. Arreola urged City Council to not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the park during the celebration.

Marisela Telamantes, urged City Council to not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at the upcoming El Grito event at the park.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council and stated for clarification that the Chamber of Commerce has never requested permission to sell alcoholic beverages at any of their events.

Yvonne Correa requested that City Council uphold the City ordinances and to not allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages and to prohibit smoking at the City park.

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented correspondence from Jackie Gutierrez requesting reappointment for a four (4) year term on the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **reappoint Jackie Gutierrez to the Arts and Culture Commission for a four (4) year term ending September 2, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented correspondence from Betty Davis-Gonzalez requesting reappointment for a four (4) year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **reappoint Betty Davis-Gonzalez to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a four (4) year term ending July 5, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Third Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services to add additional security guard service on Fridays; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$31,669. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Third Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services to add additional security guard service on Fridays; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$31,669**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented a request from the American Cancer Society for waiver of fees associated with the "Fight Back Express" event at Salt Lake Park on September 6, 2008. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **waive fees associated with the "Fight Back Express" event at Salt Lake Park on September 6, 2008 for a total amount of \$1,601.00**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this is the time and place set to consider public comment regarding a grant application for the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and purpose of use of eligible funds. 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 **approve a grant application for the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and purpose of use of eligible funds**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 4, 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 August 18, 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Event Planning Services for the 2008 Halloween Haunted House and Carnival.

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Salt Lake Park Baseball Field Bleachers

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero to discuss and/or take action regarding the term of all contracts with the City. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **adopt a policy that the term of all City contracts be for a maximum of three (3) years, unless justification to lengthen the term is presented to the City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Finance Padilla requested acceptance of a proposal from Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. for auditing services and approve an agreement, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **accept the proposal from Vasquez & Company LLP for auditing services and approve a three (3) year agreement, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of an agreement to retain Colantuono & Levin, PC to represent the City of Huntington Park in litigation to recover the excess charges of Property Tax Administration Fees by Los Angeles County. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve an agreement to retain Colantuono & Levin, PC to represent the City of Huntington Park in litigation to recover the excess charges of Property Tax Administration Fees by Los Angeles County**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an Activities in Public Places Permit to The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce to conduct their annual Sabor de Mexico Lindo Street Downtown Festival October 3 through 5, 2008. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Activities in Public Places Permit (S08-28) to The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce to conduct their annual Sabor de Mexico Lindo Street Downtown Festival October 3 through 5, 2008**, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies, and subject to the applicant providing full payment to the City of its full costs prior to the permit issuance, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of City of Huntington Park Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development for Costs Related to an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Development of a Public Charter High School at 6724 Alameda Street, Huntington Park, California. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development for Costs Related to an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Development of a Public Charter High School at 6724 Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Noguez; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement with PCR Services Corporation for the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed charter high school at 6724 Alameda Street. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Contract Services Agreement with PCR Services Corporation for the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed charter high school at 6724 Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Noguez; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Restrictive Covenant and Density Bonus Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation for the property located at 6342-6344 Bissell Street. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Restrictive Covenant and Density Bonus Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation for the property located at 6342-6344 Bissell Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of the Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced Building Maintenance to expand services provided at City Hall to include service on Fridays. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced Building Maintenance to expand services provided at City Hall to include service on Fridays**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and James M. Kinsey to provide services in the field of Emergency Management and Disaster Planning Services for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and James M. Kinsey to provide services in the field of Emergency Management and Disaster Planning Services for the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-54. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING A FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 66054** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-54, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-55. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **EXTENDING THE STATUS OF THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION** was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-55, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 829-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 2 CHAPTER 1 ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1.201 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 829-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 829-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, a request from Council Member Hernandez to discuss the possibility of allowing META 2000 to

sell alcohol at the park during the **El Grito event**, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo. Council Member Hernandez stated that this is a family event and that she was opposed to the distribution of alcohol at the El Grito event to ensure the safety of our community. Following a discussion, there was no action taken.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUTION, Title: City Manager.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:17 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:19 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk