

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, January 5, 2009.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 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.

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.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council, Chief of Police Wadley and Director of Field Services Viramontes for their assistance during the Santa's Village event on December 6, 13, and 20, 2008. Mr. D'Eramo distributed copies of the taping of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Christmas Parade to City Council and stated that the parade was televised numerous times on various channels and is being submitted for a television Emmy nomination and a Film Advisory Award.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, stated that the Santa's Village event was a success and that the City was well advertised.

Adrien Yule, representing LaRouche PAC, briefed City Council regarding U.S. President Roosevelt's vision and today's economy and asked City Council to consider the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act for a moratorium on all home foreclosures.

Tauren Jones, representing LaRouche PAC, asked City Council to consider the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act.

Guadalupe Crystal Morales, President of the Huntington Park Women's Club, invited City Council to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Park Three Kings Procession and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Fair on Pacific Boulevard on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 and distributed flyers. Ms. Morales thanked Council Member Hernandez and the Police Department for their assistance with this event; and all the sponsors.

The following members of the Huntington Park Women's Club introduced themselves to City Council and invited everyone to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Park Three Kings Procession and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Fair: 1) Maricela Talamantes; 2) Yvonne Correa; 3) Diane Spalding; 4) Celina Garcia; and 5) Ana Gutierrez.

Mario Rivas, Recycling Coordinator, briefed City Council on his background and involvement in the community and stated that he would like to run for Council in the City of Bell.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, 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, December 15, 2008.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 17, 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 January 5, 2009.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested discussion and/or action regarding a Council Handbook.

**There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to include in the Council Handbook, compensation as it relates to Council's attendance and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to present their Retail Promotional Sidewalk Sales throughout the City for Calendar Year 2009. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Retail Promotional Sidewalk Sales throughout the City for Calendar Year 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding an Ethics Handbook. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Ethics Handbook and that this document be a permanent part of City Council's agenda binder and distributed to all City boards and commissions**, 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 a recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission that the City Council send a letter to Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard requesting her support that the US Postal Service preserve the murals inside the main Huntington Park Post Office located at 6606 Seville Avenue. Wally Shider, Historic Preservation Commissioner, gave a brief history of the murals inside the main Huntington Park Post Office. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, **for the City Council to send a letter to Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard requesting her support that the US Postal Service preserve the murals inside the main Huntington Park Post Office located at 6606 Seville Avenue**, 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 First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and PCR Services Corporation associated with a proposed public charter school. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and PCR Services Corporation associated with a proposed public charter school**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of First Amendment to 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. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the First Amendment to 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 School at 6724 Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested reappointment of Eddie Benitez to the Planning Commission for a four-year term ending January 16, 2013. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **reappoint Eddie Benitez to the Planning Commission for a four-year term ending January 16, 2013**, 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 consideration of reappointment of Sonia Bautista and appointment of Francisco Ibarra to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill

unexpired terms ending September 2, 2011. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **reappoint Sonia Bautista to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 2, 2011, contingent upon the approval of an amendment of the current resolution pertaining to the membership requirements of the Arts and Culture Commission**, 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 Hernandez, to **appoint Francisco Ibarra to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 2, 2011**, 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 appointment of Youth Commissioners. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint the following individuals to the Youth Commission to fill a one-year term ending January 5, 2010: 1) Ana Karen Gomez; 2) Joshua Hernandez; 3) Andy Ibarra; and 4) Isabel Cristina Serafin**, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Field Services Viramontes presented for discussion and/or action a proposed third amendment to the Central Basin Municipal Water District judgment. Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed amendment to the Central Basin Municipal Water District judgment.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2) for Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:03 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 7:17 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.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items regarding Anticipated Litigation: 1) Council voted 4-0 to become a moving party in legal proceedings for the Central Basin proposed third amended judgment; and 2) Council voted to use the services of Integrity Waste for the analysis of the waste hauler contract.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk