

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 1, 2010.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a proclamation to the Latin Business Association (LBA) for their exemplary work in securing international trading. Council Member Molina introduced Ruben Guerra, President of the Latin Business Association and stated that he is doing a tremendous job.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager and Ana Michel of MIA Productions displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the 13th Annual Three Kings Procession and 3rd Annual Children's Fair Event held January 6, 2010. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented certificates to the following participants of this event: 1) MIA Productions; 2) The Women's Club of Huntington Park; 3) Viernes Especiales Group; 4) Comtempo Dance; 5) San Felipe Neri Parish; 6) The Multi Tasker LAYC Chapter; 7) Clubes Unidos El Limon, Jalisco; and 8) Federation of the State of Guanajuato; 9) Woodcraft Rangers of San Antonio Elementary School; 10) Danza Azteca Chimalli Tonatiuh; 11) Danza Azteca Huehuetotl; and 12) Banda Las Presumidas.

A representative from the Avanti Group gave City Council an update on the status of the Community Mission Hospital in Huntington Park and expressed their commitment to keeping the hospital open, developing program for the community and turning the quality of service around.

Mayor Gomez 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.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council of the success of their end of the year event at Salt Lake Park in December 2009 and thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa for allowing him to use the park facility. Mr. Cabrales thanked City Council for appointing him to the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee.

Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, informed City Council that the Huntington Park Library Teen Advisory Board is selling raffle tickets to raise money for children and teen activities and program from January 26 through February 13, 2010; and a Valentine Activity for the Love of Books drawing to receive prizes, toys, books and valentine delights from February 1 through 13, 2010.

Gail Stalin, longterm employee of Community Mission Hospital, informed City Council that her reason for attending tonight's Council meeting is to get a status update on the Community Mission Hospital by the Avanti Group. Ms. Stalin expressed the need to keep the hospital open in Huntington Park; and thanked the Avanti Group and City Council for their support in the hospital matter.

Mayor Gomez 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 adopting an ordinance amending the Huntington Park Zoning Map; an ordinance approving a Development Agreement to construct and operate a public charter school on property located at 58th Street and Pacific Boulevard; and a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration Environmental Assessment associated with the project. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Gomez declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing continued to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, **to continue this hearing to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2010 at a joint special meeting with Community Development Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

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 Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated February 1, 2010.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Production of the 2010 4th of July Celebration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM –Received and filed

City Manager report on the California Contract Cities Association Legislative Orientation Tour Conference held January 11 through 13, 2010, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Noguez left his seat at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Molina to discuss and/or take action regarding formalizing an official agreement for the sisterhood of Puebla, Puebla, Mexico; San Julian, Jalisco, Mexico; and Yahualica, Jalisco, Mexico. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **direct the City Attorney to prepare resolutions formalizing the sisterhood between the City of Huntington Park and the following sister cities: Puebla, Puebla, Mexico; San Julian, Jalisco, Mexico; and Yahualica, Jalisco, Mexico**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding Wi-Fi at City Hall and Robert Keller Park. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez referred this item to the City's Information Technology (IT) Committee to investigate the feasibility of making Wi-Fi available at various City-owned locations and report back to City Council.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Fourth Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production, publishing and distribution of the City's newsletter. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by

Hernandez, to **approve the Fourth Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production, publishing and distribution of the City's newsletter**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None. City Manager Korduner informed City Council that he is looking into increasing the frequency of the City newsletter's distribution as well as the type of paper used and costs. City Manager Korduner stated he will report back to City Council with an amendment to the publishing agreement in the near future.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action on a request to modify the hours of operation of check cashing establishments to permit 24-hour operations. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance modifying the hours of operation of check cashing establishments to permit 24-hour operations**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action on a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to establish policies and regulations for events in the downtown area. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc committee comprised of Council Members Guerrero and Molina, two (2) members of BID Advisory Board, two (2) members of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, two (2) Police staff members, two (2) downtown merchants, and City staff members from the Administration, Planning, and City Clerk departments.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization for three (3) City staff members to attend the mandatory New Grantee Orientation for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington D.C. on February 3 through 5, 2010. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **authorize three (3) City staff members to attend the mandatory New Grantee Orientation for Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington D.C. on February 3 through 5, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested reappointment of Rosa Perez and Avygail Sanchez to the Planning Commission. Motion by Molina, seconded by Noguez, to **reappoint Rosa Perez and Avygail Sanchez to the Planning Commission for a term of four (4) years ending January 16, 2014**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested appointment of two (2) youth commissioners. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint Eduardo Alvarez to the Youth Commission for a one (1) year term ending February 5, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Molina, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Michelle Reid to the Youth Commission for term of one (1) year ending February 5, 2011 and Melissa K. Sajnani as an alternate to serve upon Ms. Reid's resignation on the Youth Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 10-007, Sewer Replacement Project be awarded to Sancon Engineering, Inc. for an amount of \$155,043. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, **that Project No. 10-007, Sewer Replacement Project be awarded to Sancon Engineering, Inc. for an amount of \$155,043**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 09-013, Salt Lake Park Pedestrian Walkway Improvement be awarded to Nobest, Inc. for an amount of \$64,000. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, **that Project No. 09-013, Salt Lake Park Pedestrian Walkway Improvement be awarded to Nobest, Inc. for an amount of \$64,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Public Engineering Services, Inc. for a Federally Funded Project. Motion by Noguez, seconded by

Hernandez, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Public Engineering Services, Inc. for a Federally Funded Project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Molina, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Tow Service for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval to purchase safety equipment for four (4) new police vehicles for a total amount of \$38,874.78 to CDCE, Inc. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the purchase of safety equipment for four (4) new police vehicles for a total amount of \$38,874.78 to CDCE, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:20 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:39 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported that in closed session, no action was taken.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m., in memory of Troy Sinclair, former Maintenance Worker for the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk