

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, September 7, 2010.

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 Vice Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor John R. Noguez.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, informed City Council of the success of the BID summer concerts. Vice Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a certificate of appreciation to Corinna Luevano, President of the Huntington Park General Employees Association (GEA) for their sponsorship of the 2010 Summer Concerts.

Vice Mayor Gomez and City Council presented certificates of recognition to the following non-profit organizations in the community: 1) Communities for a Better Environment; 2) The Salvation Army Southeast Communities Family Services Program; 3) Huntington Park Lions Club; 4) Huntington Park Kiwanis Club; 5) American Cancer Society Relay for Life; 6) American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); 7) Huntington Park Public Library Homework Center; 8) the American Youth Soccer Association #526 (not present); 9) St. Matthias Elementary School (not present); 10) Sonsonate 2000 (not present); 11) Huntington Park General Employees Association; 12) Southeast Community Development Corporation; 13) Hub Cities Consortium; 14) Huntington Park Department of Public Works Graffiti Removal Program; 15) Huntington Park Department of Parks and Recreation After School Program; and 16) Fair Housing Foundation.

Dr. Roberta Benjamin of Aspire Schools displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed instructional program to be implemented at Huntington Park High School and informed City Council that construction of the school is scheduled to begin August 23, 2010. Dr. Benjamin informed City Council that six (6) out of eight (8) Aspire Schools are located in Huntington Park. Dr. Benjamin briefed City Council on the academic standards and graduation requirements at Aspire Schools.

Vice Mayor Gomez called for any oral communication to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Enrique Murillo, representing the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), presented a certificate on behalf of the AARP to Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa for working hard and her involvement with the charter Schools in the community. Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, informed

City Council of the success of the Library's 2010 Summer Reading Program and the growing number of participants. Ms. Alaniz thanked all who sponsored the 2010 Summer Reading Program.

Ruben Guerra, representing Latino Business Association (LBA), informed City Council of various programs LBA will be launching in the near future, including a Math and SAT Programs at Huntington Park; and a Math Program at Henry T. Gage Middle School. Mr. Guerra also informed City Council that LBA has been working with Vice Mayor Gomez in collaboration with Avanti Hospital (formerly Mission Hospital) in Huntington Park and Pan American Bank to launch "Savings-at-Childbirth" Program, a program that offers a \$10 savings account for every child born at Community Mission Hospital.

Poe Corn, CEO of Avanti Hospital in Huntington Park, thanked City Council for their assistance in keeping the hospitals open in the community. Mr. Corn briefed City Council on the status as well as the different departments the hospital will have including an emergency department. Mr. Corn informed City Council that Avanti Hospital will be conducting a health fair in the near future and stated that the hospital will be remodeled soon and will be have 250 employees and new equipment.

Maria Elena Arreola addressed her concerns to City Council regarding consumption of alcohol at the park during the El Grito celebration. Ms. Arreola stated that there is no need to have alcoholic beverages at a family event and asked City Council to respect the community and reconsider their decision to grant permission to serve alcoholic beverages at the park for this event.

Yvonne Correa addressed her concerns regarding City Council granting permission to consume alcohol at events in the City. Ms. Correa stated that not long ago The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce stated that they would not have alcohol at their events and now they are requesting approval of a free 1.5 oz tasting sample of wine at their Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival. Ms. Correa displayed a bottle of wine and cups inviting anyone interested to have a drink of wine now that the City Council is approving the consumption of alcohol at events in the City.

Emma Gonzalez, longtime resident of the City, addressed her concerns to City Council regarding potential issues that may arise from allowing alcoholic beverages to be served at Salt Lake Park during the 2010 El Grito event.

A gentleman addressed City Council on the consumption of wine opposed to beer at City approved events.

Adeline Young, representing Water Replenishment District of Southern California, informed City Council regarding the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP) and urged City Council to consider authorizing a letter of support.

Andy Carrasco, Public Affairs Manager at Southern California Gas Company, informed City Council that Southern California Gas Company has been working with The Salvation Army to develop a gas and electric energy assistance program called "Temporary Energy Assistance for Families Program (TEAF)" available now until September 21, 2010. Mr. Carrasco briefed City Council on the requirements to apply for TEAF and asked for assistance in advertising this program to the community through the City's Website, reader boards, and other advertisement means.

Jennifer Ruiz, representing The Salvation Army, informed City Council that The Salvation Army, in collaboration with Southern California Edison, PG&E, SDGE, and the Southern California Gas Company is offering a Temporary Energy Assistance for Families Program (TEAF). TEAF is an energy-assistance program for income-qualified families that provides an energy credit up to \$1,500 in value.

Council Member Molina left his seat at 7:13 p.m.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), informed City Council that the SCDC will be offering a computer class at Henry T. Gage Middle School and Parent Center. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts informed City Council that SCDC is currently working with Waste Management on a recycling program. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts also informed City Council that The Salvation Army assisted a homeless family in need of shelter and stressed the importance of having a humanitarian organization such as The Salvation Army in the community.

Henry Garcia thanked City Council and commended Director of Public Works Fu on his prompt response to his request.

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

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 16, 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 September 7, 2010.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Molina returned to his seat at 7:15 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from the Water Replenishment District of Southern California for the City to authorize a letter of support for a Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **authorize a letter of support for a Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval for Berringer Wines to participate in the Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival October 1-3, 2010 by providing a free 1.5 oz tasting sample of their table wine. Don Brabant, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that the wine sample booth will have strict limitations. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve participation of Berringer Wines at The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival October 1 through 3, 2010 by providing a free 1.5 oz wine tasting sample of their table wine on Friday, October 1, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 2, 2010 and Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., subject to obtaining approval from the California Department of Alcohol Beverages Commission (ABC)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for Report Year 2008 between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for Report Year 2008 between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Wireless Communication Easement and

Assignment Agreements between the City of Huntington Park and Unison Site Management for two (2) cellular sites located at 3401 E. Florence Avenue (Salt Lake Park) and 5920 Miles Avenue (water tank); and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Wireless Communication Easement and Assignment Agreements between the City of Huntington Park and Unison Site Management for two (2) cellular sites located at 3401 E. Florence Avenue (Salt Lake Park) and 5920 Miles Avenue (water tank); and authorize the Vice Mayor to execute all necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Caroline Promotions, Inc., for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement Districts Children's Fair and Three Kings Event scheduled for January 6, 2011; and approve an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the Business Improvement District budget for this event. Carolina Jovenich, representing Caroline Productions, Inc., informed City Council that she has worked with the City previously and that she looks forward to working on the BID's 2010 Children's Fair and Three Kings Event. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve an agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Caroline Promotions, Inc., for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement Districts Children's Fair and Three Kings Event scheduled for January 6, 2011; and approve an amount not to exceed \$15,000 from the Business Improvement District budget for this event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation to award SysTech a Contract Services Agreement to provide Davis Bacon Labor Compliance consulting services to the City, including Public Works and Engineering Departments. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **award SysTech a Contract Services Agreement to provide Davis Bacon Labor Compliance consulting services to the City, including Public Works and Engineering Departments**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested approval of a purchase order to Wondries Fleet Group for the purchase of a 2010 Chevrolet Suburban to be utilized by the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve purchase order to Wondries Fleet Group for the purchase of a 2010 Chevrolet Suburban to be utilized by the Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa displayed aerial view photographs of the area where the proposed beer garden will be located during the El Grito event on September 15, 2010; and requested approval of the First Amendment to the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park, META2000, and Amigos de META2000 Benefit Organization Inc. to conduct the "El Grito" event on September 15, 2010. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the First Amendment to the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park, META2000, and Amigos de META2000 Benefit Organization Inc. to conduct the "El Grito" event on September 15, 2010 with Council Member Hernandez voting no on allowing a beer garden at the El Grito event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a purchase order to Meggit Training Systems (MTS), Inc., for the purchase of a training simulator system in the amount of \$57,837.98. This will be funded with grant monies. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve a purchase order to Meggit Training Systems (MTS), Inc., for the purchase of a training simulator system in the amount of \$57,837.98. This will be funded with grant monies**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero,

Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park to receive financial assistance in the amount of \$62,986.32 through the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to approve a **Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park to receive financial assistance in the amount of \$62,986.32 through the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-60. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **DISBANDING THE YOUTH COMMISSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION AND CREATING THE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE (PARC) COMMISSION AND ADOPTING ORGANIZATIONAL RULES, GUIDELINES AND STRUCTURE FOR THE PARC COMMISSION AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN** was presented. City Clerk Ramirez distributed copies of revised Resolution No. 2010-60 changing date and time of the PARC Commission meetings to the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-60 and for the Civil Service Commission to interview PARC Commission applicants prior to making recommendations to City Council, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-61. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR ILLEGAL DISPOSAL SITE CLEANUPS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

ORDINANCE NO. 860-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 5 OVERLAY ZONES OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **ESTABLISHING HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONES, AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC OVERLAY ENCOMPASSING BOTH SIDES OF MALABAR STREET** GENERALLY BOUNDED BY SATURN AVENUE TO THE NORTH AND FLORENCE AVENUE TO THE SOUTH, AND THE ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 860-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 860-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

ORDINANCE NO. 861-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 17 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO **REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION WITH THE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE (PARC) COMMISSION** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 861-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 861-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Guadalupe Hernandez and Jesse Hernandez vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. VC054398; and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to

California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1) . Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:57 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Council Member Hernandez left the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:05 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, and Council Member Andy Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Mayor John R. Noguez.

City Attorney Leal reported that in closed session for Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Guadalupe Hernandez and Jesse Hernandez vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. VC054398, City Council on a 3-0 vote authorized settlement.

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk