

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 18, 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 Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez and City Council read a biography and presented plaques in recognition of National Immigrants Day to the following individuals who immigrated to the United States of America: 1) Salvador Avila (nominated by Council Member Hernandez); 2) Patrick Fu (nominated by Vice Mayor Gomez); 3) Harry Haeil Yim (nominated by Council Member Guerrero); 4) Jose Zepeda (nominated by Council Member Molina) and 5) Martin Madrigal (nominated by Mayor Noguez).

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a proclamation designating October 28, 2010 as National Immigrants Day in the City of Huntington Park to Nick Ioannidis. Mr. Ioannidis informed City Council that he has received numerous proclamations from different cities supporting National Immigrants Day and invited interested individuals to visit his business to celebrate this day.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Tapia vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. CV09-07624 VBF (SSx). Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:25 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez left the closed session at 6:40 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Phillip Law, representing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), briefed City Council on the study of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way/West Santa Ana Branch Corridor Alternatives Analysis. Mr. Law informed City Council that SCAG has been in coordination with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Orange County Transportation Authority to conduct this study that will explore potential transportation solutions for commuters between the County of Los Angeles and Orange County. Mr. Law distributed information on the proposed Analysis and a list of upcoming community meetings and encouraged interested individuals to attend.

A representative from the Los Angeles Unified School District informed City Council that he is replacing Mr. Rod Hamilton on the South Region Elementary School #5 project located at 3232 Saturn Avenue, which is scheduled to be completed in the year 2012; and introduced Jovan, Architect of the South Region Elementary School #5.

A representative from GKK Architect of the South Region Elementary School #5 informed City Council that during the course of the design layout, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will hold a series of community meetings to address the needs of the community and to obtain community input.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Parks and Recreation Summer 2010 Review, which illustrated the various programs and activities available to the community.

Mayor Noguez presented certificates of appreciation to the following businesses that responded immediately and assisted the families that were affected by the fire on Saturday, September 18, 2010: 1) Fiesta Taxi; 2) All Yellow Taxi; and 3) The Salvation Army.

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

Linda Guevara presented a public records request to the City Clerk. Ms. Guevara addressed Mayor Noguez regarding his candidacy for Los Angeles County Assessor and questioned why Huntington Park residents' property taxes are higher than other cities. Ms. Guevara also addressed City Council regarding her concerns with a \$23 Million bond the City purchased and Measure E. Ms. Guevara urged City Council to consider placing these items back on the agenda.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for approving their annual 2010 Christmas Lane Parade and asked City Council to schedule a Special City Council meeting next week to discuss the costs associated with this event.

E. T. Snell, as a political activist and an investigative reporter, addressed Mayor Noguez regarding a previous marriage, his legal name, and a contract with Oldtimers Foundation. Mr. Snell questioned City Attorney Leal regarding his annual legal fees.

Mayor Noguez 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 adoption of a resolution upholding the Planning Commission's decision to approve a Development Permit and Variance at 2321 Florence Avenue (PC Case No. 1917-DP/VAR). Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed site plan. Mayor Noguez declared the appeal hearing open and called for oral communications from the appellant. Eli Mashiach, representing Architekton Inc. and N & H Partners, LLC, for property located at 2321 Florence Avenue, addressed City Council to request that City Council grant an appeal for a development permit to construct a new commercial shopping center and a variance to deviate from the required off-street loading standards at 2321 Florence Avenue. Mayor Noguez called for any other oral communications from the appellant, and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the **appeal hearing** closed.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **for staff to prepare a resolution approving the variance to deviate from the required off-street loading standards at 2321 Florence Avenue, Huntington Park, California and report back at the next City Council meeting**, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 4, 2010.

Deny claim filed by Maria A. Santos, Date of Incident: September 1, 2010 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 Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated October 18, 2010.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Gomez to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to be involved in the nomination process for naming Los Angeles Unified School District South Region High School No. 7. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Hernandez and Vice Mayor Gomez to be involved in the nomination process for naming Los Angeles Unified School District South Region High School No. 7 located on Cottage Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Molina to consider establishing a Business Retention Program/Welcome to the City Recognition Program in partnership with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement District (BID) to recognize new and existing businesses in the City for 5 years or more. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Molina and Vice Mayor Gomez, to consider establishing a Business Retention Program/Welcome to the City Recognition Program in partnership with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement District (BID) to recognize new and existing businesses in the City for 5 years or more.**

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the Twelfth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Twelfth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Contract Services

Agreements with Barr & Clark, Independent Environmental Testing and Allstate Services to provide lead-based paint testing and assessment services to the City for all federally and state funded projects. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Contract Services Agreements with Barr & Clark, Independent Environmental Testing and Allstate Services to provide lead-based paint testing and assessment services to the City for all federally and state funded projects**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the 2nd Annual City of Huntington Park Outstanding Business of the Year Awards Program; selection of an Awards Committee; and authorize a budget not to exceed \$1,200 for program expenses. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the 2nd Annual City of Huntington Park Outstanding Business of the Year Awards Program; appoint an Awards Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Guerrero and Council Member Molina; and authorize a budget not to exceed \$1,200 for program expenses**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan; and authorize staff to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP). Council Member Molina recused himself and left the dais at 8:13 p.m. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Noguez to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan; and authorize staff to solicit Request for Proposals.**

Council Member Molina returned and took his seat at 8:14 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested appointment of PARC (Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture) Commissioners. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez to **appoint the following seven (7) individuals to the PARC Commission and to form an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Hernandez and Guerrero to prepare the necessary documents to ensure that all areas of the City are represented: 1) Betty Davis Gonzalez; 2) Dante D'Eramo; 3) Jessica Gomez; 4) Jackie Gutierrez; 5) Steve Martinez; 6) Bertha Lopez; and 7) Allan Ramirez**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Guerrero left at 8:16 p.m. and returned to her seat at 8:17 p.m.

Director of Public Works Fu requested appropriation of Police Building O.S. & M. Account No. 111-7020-421.46-10 funds in the amount of \$76,600 for Project No. 10-000, "Retrofit the Police Building Stand-By Generator". Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **appropriate funds in the amount of \$76,600 from the Police Building O.S. & M. Account No. 111-7020-421.46-10 for Project No. 10-000, "Retrofit the Police Building Stand-By Generator"**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a purchase order to Motorola C/O Advanced Electronics for a new narrow band compliant radio base station in the amount of \$18,675.05. This will be funded by ARRA JAG Grant and Cal Cops Funds. Motion by Guerrero, seconded Molina, to **approve a purchase order to Motorola C/O Advanced Electronics for a new narrow band compliant radio base station in the amount of \$18,675.05. This will be funded by ARRA JAG Grant and Cal Cops Funds**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Resolution Nos.: 2010-65, 2010-66, 2010-67, 2010-68, and 2010-69 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-65 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011**, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-66. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES** TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-67. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS** SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-68. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF A **SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR ELECTIVE OFFICERS IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE** AT ANY MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-69. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE ONE (1) SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011.**

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2010-65, 2010-66, 2010-67, 2010-68, and 2010-69, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-70. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT (ICRMA) GOVERNING BOARD AND ITS SEPARATE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-70, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-71. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ADOPTING CITYWIDE DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-71, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting

resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:25 p.m.

City Manager Korduner left the closed session at 8:34 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:46 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, a status report was given to City Council; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Tapia vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. CV09-07624 VBF (SSx), a status report was given to City Council; and 3) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager, a status report was given to City Council.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

John R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk