

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 7, 2011.

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

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Andy Carrasco, Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Gas Company for their commitment and dedication to organizations in the community, particularly the Southeast Churches.

Andrea Kittelson, Teacher at Aspire Pacific Schools, distributed copies to City Council and displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding Aspire Pacific Academy's "3 Dollars 3 Hours Project". Ms. Kittelson briefed City Council on the project, which involves pairing a public figure with an Aspire Pacific School freshman student. Ms. Kittelson stated that the public figure is to donate \$3 per week and in return the student gets to participate in an outing and write letters throughout the year to the public figure regarding their personal and academic achievements. Ms. Kittelson directed anyone interested to visit www.websticlecourse.com and introduced Adan, student at Aspire Pacific Academy, who stressed the importance of having students and public figures participating in the 3 Dollars 3 Hours Project.

Rowena Lagrosa, Interim Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Local District 6, distributed copies and displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the purpose, overview, and timeline of the Public School Choice (PSC) process in which Huntington Park High School qualified as a focus school and timeline of the PSC process. Ms. Lagrosa introduced members of Los Angeles Unified District Local District 6 staff and staff from Huntington Park High School and introduced Marisela Cervantes.

Marisela Cervantes, representing Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board District 5 Vice President Yolie Flores' office, distributed copies and informed City Council of a Public School Choice (PSC) meeting scheduled to take place at the Huntington Park High School Auditorium on February 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., in which members of the community are encouraged to give their input on the PSC process. Ms. Cervantes also informed City Council that Henry T. Gage Middle School is being considered for Public School Choice 3.0 selection process in 2012.

Mayor Gomez opened oral communication, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Janine Hamner, representing Waste Management, informed City Council that Waste Management will be launching the sharps program on March 7, 2011, in which residents may call to request a container to be delivered to their homes for the collection and disposal of used needles once a year for a fee of \$5. Ms. Hamner encouraged interested residents to call Waste Management at (310) 763-8500.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at the Huntington Park Library, distributed flyers and informed City Council of the following events scheduled to take place at the Huntington Park Library for the months of February and March 2011: 1) Valentine's Day Bake Sale, Activity For the Love of Books drawing, and a performance by Pianist Enedina Boza on Saturday, February 12th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 2) Teen Art Activities on February 8th and 15th at 4:00 p.m.; 3) Papaya Salad Demonstration and Sampling on February 26th at 1:00 p.m.; 4) Diabetes Control program on February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.; and 5) Victory Gardening for Beginners on March 5th at 2:00 p.m.

A gentleman addressed City Council on behalf of his aunt, a property owner in the City, regarding a discrepancy with the City and the Los Angeles County Assessor's records in regards to the amount of units and electrical meters located at this property. Mayor Gomez directed Acting City Manager Cisneros and City Engineer Lind to look into this matter.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend their annual installation dinner/award banquet at Steven's Steak House on February 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. D'Eramo informed City Council that Mayor Gomez will be honored at this event as well as Janine Hamner of Waste Management as business person of the year.

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 regarding the establishment of a fee that will seek to recover from persons convicted of a crime the administrative costs associated with their arrest and booking at the Huntington Park Police jail. 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** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-1, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to approve the Consent Calendar with Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2011, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, 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 18, 2011.

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 7, 2011.

Accept the City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2010.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce presenting the 2011 Retail Promotional and Proposed Special Events Calendar and requesting approval of 2011 Sidewalk Sale dates. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 2011 Sidewalk Sale dates**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting City Manager Cisneros presented for discussion and/or action membership to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, informed City Council of the benefits of being a member of the SCAG. Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **continue the City's membership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Community Development Department requested approval of First Amendment to

Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Karen Warner and Associates, Inc. to increase the scope of services. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Karen Warner and Associates, Inc. to increase the scope of services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of waiver of late business license fees in the amount of \$300 to George Mairena for properties located at 6722-24 ¾ Stafford Avenue. Following a discussion, motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to approve waiver of late business license fees in the amount of \$300 to George Mairena for properties located at 6722-24 ¾ Stafford Avenue, LOST as follows: Ayes: Council Member Molina and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Vice Mayor Hernandez and Council Member Guerrero; Absent: None. **Following a discussion, Mayor Gomez so ordered staff to look into the City's process for notifying businesses/property owners in the City regarding the renewal of their business license and report back to City Council.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement for Circus Vazquez to use the Circle Area at Salt Lake Park for the purpose of conducting a circus event from Friday, March 18, 2011 through Monday, March 28, 2011. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement for Circus Vazquez to use the Circle Area at Salt Lake Park for the purpose of conducting a circus event from March 18 through March 28, 2011**, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested authorization for staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the 2011 4th of July Fireworks Display. **Following a discussion, Mayor Gomez authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for the 2011 4th of July Fireworks Display and report back to City Council with cost saving options including possible sponsorship for the City's 2011 4th of July Fireworks Display.**

Acting Public Works Superintendent Bilodeau requests approval of a purchase order to E.J. Ward in the amount of \$17,195 for the Fuel Management System Upgrade. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve a purchase order to E.J. Ward in the amount of \$17,195 for the Fuel Management System Upgrade**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a purchase order to Meggit Training Systems Inc., in the amount of \$72,150.19 for equipment, software and maintenance support. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, **approve purchase order to Meggit Training Systems Inc., in the amount of \$72,150.19 for equipment, software and maintenance support**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND **ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-2, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alex Escobar vs. City of Huntington Park and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, 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 7:17 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez went in closed

session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:46 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that a status report was given to City Council on the following closed session items: 1) Conference With Legal Counsel–Existing Litigation, Name of case: Alex Escobar vs. City of Huntington Park and 2) Conference With Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1).

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk