

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 4, 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 Hernandez. Present: Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented a proclamation designating April 10-16, 2011 as National Library Week in the City of Huntington Park to Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager and Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at the Huntington Park Library. Mr. Delgado thanked Mayor Hernandez, City Council, library staff, Friends of the Library, Yvonne Correa, and the Teen Advisory Board for their support.

Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian introduced Kimberly Badescu, winner of the County of Los Angeles Public Library's 2011 Youth Volunteer of the Year and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council present Certificates of Recognition to the following students of Huntington Park High School who participated in the City of Huntington Park's 4th Annual Student Government Day: 1) Edgar Velazquez; 2) Nancy Herrera, 3) Barby Baez; 4) Kassandra Lopez; 5) Kathryn Villalobos; 7) Karely Amezcua; 8) William Sanchez; 9) Julian Zatarain; 10) Marcille Sanguino (not present); 11) Ulysses Oyarzabal (not present); 12) Luis Pineda; 13) Joyce Torres; 14) Juan Ibanez; 15) Eduardo Juarez; 16) Martha Escobedo; and 17) Betty Davis-Gonzalez. Julian Zatarain thanked Mayor Hernandez, City Council, and City staff for giving them the opportunity to be involved in their local government. Edgar Velazquez thanked the City and Chief of Police/Acting City Manager Cisneros for the experience and opportunity to be a part of the City's Student Government Day.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Yvonne Correa, recipient of the "Women of Action" award presented by the office of Assembly Speaker John A. Perez on April 3, 2011. Ms. Correa thanked City Council for the recognition and informed City Council that every year the Friends of the Library donates \$500-\$700 for books and informed City Council that the 2011 Miss Huntington Park Scholarship Pageant is coming soon and encouraged interested participants to sign up.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented a proclamation designating April 2011 as Workforce Development Month in the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Hernandez 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.

Lydia A. Gutierrez, candidate for the Los Angeles Community College Board Seat 5, briefed City Council on her education and professional background. Ms. Gutierrez also briefed City Council on the academic statistics of the Los Angeles Community College and urged City Council to consider her for the Los Angeles Community College Board Seat 5.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for approving the 18th Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival event held April 1, 2, and 3, 2011. Mr. Brabant also thanked City staff for their assistance with this event and briefed City Council on the success of the event.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for assisting with their 18th Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival event and briefed City Council on the success of the event. Mr. D'Eramo also invited City Council to attend the Annual Arrival of the Easter Bunny event at the Park Theatre on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, addressed City Council in support of Sergio Diaz's request to sell alcohol at his restaurant. Mr. Garcia commended the Police Department, Police Officer Magallanes, and the Fire Department for their quick response to a recent house fire.

Sergio Diaz, owner of Perico's Cuban Gourmet Restaurant, informed City Council that he has applied for an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board permit and asked for Council's

support. Mr. Diaz stated that he has invested a lot of money into his business and has been a resident of the City for approximately 50 years.

Orlando Atienza, writer for various newspapers, addressed City Council in support of Mr. Diaz obtaining approval to operate a liquor license at his restaurant. Mr. Atienza briefed City Council on the history of his acquaintance with Mr. Diaz and stated that Mr. Diaz and his family are good citizens and urged City Council to grant the permit.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 21, 2011.

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 22, 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 April 4, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Accept letter of resignation from Rosa E. Perez as Planning Commissioner, effective March 17, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to various committees and/or organizations. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez appointed City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) California Contract Cities Association-Hernandez director and Molina, Gomez, Guerrero, and Perez alternates; 2) Central Basin Water Association- Hernandez member and Molina alternate; 3) Gateway Cities Council of Governments-Guerrero delegate and Perez alternate; 4) I-710 Committee-Guerrero member and Perez alternate; 5) Independent Cities Association-Perez director and Guerrero alternate; 6) Independent Cities Risk Mgmt. Authority-Hernandez member and Molina alternate; 7) League of California Cities-Hernandez member and Molina alternate; 8) L.A. County Library District-Hernandez director and Gomez alternate; 9) L.A. County Sanitation District 1-Molina member and Hernandez alternate; 10) L.A. County Vector Control District-former Council Member Elba Romo member and Molina alternate; 11) Orange Line Development Authority-Molina delegate and Perez alternate; 12) So. Cal. Association of Governments-Guerrero member and Perez alternate; 13) Business Improvement District-Hernandez liaison and Molina alternate; 14) Chamber of Commerce-Molina liaison and Hernandez alternate; 15) Health & Education Commission- Perez liaison and Hernandez alternate; 16) Historic Preservation Commission-Guerrero liaison and Perez alternate; 17) HUB Cities Consortium-Hernandez liaison and Molina alternate; 18) HP Sister Cities Association-Gomez liaison and Molina alternate; 19) Southeast Cities**

Schools Coalition-Hernandez liaison and Molina alternate; 20) Southeast Community Development Corp.-Hernandez liaison and Molina alternate. There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to confirm the meeting dates for the following organizations and report back to City Council: California Cities Home Ownership Authority; Five Cities Committee on Aging; Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority; and L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the City's 2011 4th of July event and fireworks display. **Following a brief discussion, Mayor Hernandez so ordered this item continued.**

Director of Finance Padilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation and requested approval of the Mid-year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Michael Busch, President of Urban Futures, briefed City Council on the economic crisis most cities are currently facing and commended City Council on being resilient in this economy and for doing a good job in cost recovery. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Mid-year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Engineer Lind requested that Project No. 11-001, Street Improvements at Various Locations, be awarded to Kalban, Inc., in the amount of \$735,822. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **award Project No. 11-001, Street Improvements at Various Locations to Kalban, Inc., in the amount of \$735,822**, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a purchase order to PIPS Technology for the purchase and installation of four (4) Automatic License Plate Recognition cameras at two intersections in the amount of \$78,337.75; and approval of an additional appropriation of Cal COPS funds in the amount of \$27,660.90. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve a purchase order to PIPS Technology for the purchase and installation of four (4) Automatic License Plate Recognition cameras at two intersections in the amount of \$78,337.75; and approve an additional appropriation of Cal COPS funds in the amount of \$27,660.90**, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Bilodeau requested approval of Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement between the County of Los Angeles Sanitation District No. 2 and the City of Huntington Park to host an E-Waste Roundup on May 14, 2011. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement between the County of Los Angeles Sanitation District No. 2 and the City of Huntington Park to host an E-Waste Roundup on May 14, 2011**, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Community Development Department requested approval of the Amendment Two to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$200,000 in HOME funds to the Residential Rehabilitation Program; and authorize the City Manager to approve any additional actions required for transmittal of the amended Annual Action Plan to HUD. Vice Mayor Molina recused himself from this item and left the dais at 7:32 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the Amendment Two to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$200,000 in HOME funds to the Residential Rehabilitation Program; and authorize the City Manager to approve any additional actions required for transmittal of the amended Annual Action Plan to HUD**, carried as follows: Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina and Council Member Gomez.

Vice Mayor Molina returned to his seat at 7:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE PARK, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE (PARC) COMMISSION MEMBERS** was presented. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-11, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 864-NS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 5 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE FIRE CODE** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 864-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 864-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn 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: Paul Tapia vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. CV09-07624 VBF (SSx); and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:45 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:03 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn reported out that in closed session, a status report was given to City Council and no action taken for Conference with Legal Counsel –Existing Litigation, Name of case: Paul Tapia vs. City of Huntington Park, et al, Case No. CV09-07624 VBF (SSx); and Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m., in memory of Miguel Gomez, father of Mario Gomez, Council Member for the City of Huntington Park.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk