

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 18, 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: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez read a biography and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Leonardo Lopez and his family in recognition of his hard work, enthusiasm, commitment, and loyalty to the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Lopez thanked City Council for the recognition and the Planning division for their assistance in the process of opening their new restaurant in the City.

Mayor Hernandez presented a Proclamation designating August 2, 2011 as the 14th Annual National Night Out in the City of Huntington Park to Interim Assistant Chief of Police Meyer. Interim Assistant Chief of Police Meyer invited everyone to attend the National Night Out event to be held at Robert H. Keller Park on August 2, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:13 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council

Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez;
Absent: None.

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.

Sharon Lalak, a resident of the City, expressed her concerns to City Council regarding firework emissions on 4th of July and how detrimental it is to the health of those individuals who suffer from respiratory problems such as herself. Ms. Lalak also addressed her neighbors' concerns regarding the possibility of their properties catching on fire due to excessive fireworks.

David Colby, representing PLS Check Cashers, thanked City Council for adopting an ordinance that modified the hours of operation of check cashing establishments; however, he expressed concerns regarding the requirement of having an armed security guard present during business hours and stated that it is creating a financial hardship on his business.

Victor Caballero Jr., representing the youth program at Assemblies of God Bethany Church in Maywood, briefed City Council about their youth program and informed City Council that they will be conducting a youth outreach event at Salt Lake Park and asked City Council to support the event by allowing them to play music.

Moises Tijerino, member of the youth program at the Assemblies of God Bethany Church in Maywood, informed City Council that he was in urgent need of guidance in his life and that the youth program at the Assemblies of God Bethany Church offered the support and assistance necessary for him to stop using drugs and further his education by completing college and getting a job. Mr. Tijerino also stated that he now gives back to the youth program at the Assemblies of God Bethany Church in Maywood and asked City Council for assistance in allowing music at their youth outreach event at Salt Lake Park to promote healthy entertainment to the youth.

Edgar Martinez, representing Assemblies of God Bethany Church in Maywood, informed City Council that he was headed down a wrong path while growing up and that thanks to Assemblies of God Bethany Church; he was able to turn his life around and make positive changes. Mr. Martinez asked City Council to authorize the Assemblies of God Bethany Church in Maywood to have music at their event.

Mayor Hernandez 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 adopting declarations of designation of historic resource for 6125, 6139, and 6205 Rugby Avenue (APNs.: 6320-019-018; 6320-019-021; and 6320-019-024 respectively) as historic resources for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed historic resource properties located at 6125, 6139, and 6205 Rugby Avenue. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-37. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON ADOPTING A DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6125 RUGBY AVENUE (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 6320-019-018), HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION FOR RECORDATION was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-37, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-38. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON ADOPTING A DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6139 RUGBY AVENUE (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 6320-019-021), HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION FOR RECORDATION was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-38, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez,

Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-39. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON ADOPTING A DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6205 RUGBY AVENUE (ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 6320-019-024), HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION FOR RECORDATION was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-39, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Molina abstaining on the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, June 29, 2011, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 5, 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 July 18, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Parks and Recreation Department report on increases to certain Park and Recreation fees.

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held June 27, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Molina for discussion and/or action regarding illegal fireworks in the City of Huntington Park. **Following a discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to research feasible methods of enforcing the City's ordinance pertaining to the sale of fireworks, including penalty fees and report back to City Council with recommendations. City Council also directed staff to disseminate information to the community to create awareness and further reduce the sale of illegal fireworks in the City.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding non-permitted taxicabs in the City of Huntington Park and distributed copies of a letter and photographs submitted by All Yellow Taxi depicting various non-permitted taxicab companies in the City. Noe Sarabia, representing All Yellow Taxi, addressed his concerns regarding non-permitted taxicabs operating in the City and urged City Council to look into implementing a taxicab enforcement program in the City that will assist in

eliminating bandit taxicab drivers and recommended that City Council raise the penalty fees to fund the program. Mr. Sarabia offered to be a resource to the City and assist the Police Department in identifying bandit taxicabs. **Following a brief discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to review other cities' ordinances regarding taxicab regulations and report back to City Council with recommendations; and to educate the community regarding this issue to help eliminate non-permitted taxicabs operating in the City.**

Acting City Manager Cisneros presented for discussion and/or action a request from the League of California Cities for designation of a voting delegate and alternates at the 2011 Annual Conference to be held September 21 through 23, 2011 in San Francisco, CA. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **appoint Vice Mayor Molina as delegate and Council Member Perez as alternate to the 2011 League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held September 21 through 23, 2011 in San Francisco, CA., with the provision that in the event that Vice Mayor Molina is unable to attend, the City will make funds available for Council Member Perez to attend the conference**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla presented for discussion and/or action the City's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Following a brief discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize each Council Member to attend one (1) conference per year with a cap not to exceed \$1,500 per Council Member for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize staff to discontinue the Pacific Shuttle transportation program under Prop A funding and authorize staff to look into the feasibility of charging more adequate fees for the City's transportation services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the City's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Community Development Department requested discussion and/or action regarding the City's check cashing establishment security standards. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to amend the check cashing establishment security standards within the Huntington Park Municipal Code eliminating the requirement for a security guard to be present during the hours of operation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Perez; Absent: None.

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action the Business Improvement District Expansion Project. Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, briefed City Council on the purpose for conducting a BID Expansion Project Study and introduced Greg Davidson from NBS. Mr. Davidson displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the BID Expansion Project. **Following a discussion, Mayor Hernandez so ordered this item be received and filed.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Second Amendment to License Agreement by Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park for use of Middleton Elementary School as a Temporary Park Site. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the Second Amendment to License Agreement by Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park for use of Middleton Elementary School as a Temporary Park Site**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Lind requested that Project No. 10-005B-1, Rehabilitation of 4 Million Gallon Reservoir located at Miles and Slauson Avenues, be awarded to Utility Service Co.,

Inc., of Perry, Georgia, in the amount of \$375,180. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, **that Project No. 10-005B-1, Rehabilitation of 4 Million Gallon Reservoir located at Miles and Slauson Avenues, be awarded to Utility Service Co., Inc., of Perry, Georgia, in the amount of \$375,180**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Lind requested that Project No. 10-005B-2, Rehabilitation of Pump House No. 2 at Miles and Slauson Avenues, be rejected. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to reject all bid proposals for Project No. 10-005B-2, Rehabilitation of Pump House No. 2 at Miles and Slauson Avenues**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Resolution Nos.: 2011-40, 2011-41, 2011-42, and 2011-43 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-40. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, **AMENDING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION** AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-41. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, **AMENDING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-42. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, **AMENDING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMISSION** AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED HEREIN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-43. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AMENDING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION AND CULTURE (PARC) COMMISSION.**

Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2011-40, 2011-41, 2011-42, and 2011-43, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, a status report was given by special counsel.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., in memory of Dan Goodman, business owner of Eagle Florist, father of Mike Goodman, and husband of Vicki Goodman.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk