

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 3, 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 Vice Mayor Molina. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez and Vice Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa introduced Maya Oubre from Alliance for a Healthier Generation who will be running a pilot program through the Parks and Recreation Department, in efforts to eliminate childhood obesity and create awareness in the community.

Vice Mayor Molina 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.

Nick Ioannidis informed City Council that October 28, 2011 is National Immigrants Day. Mr. Ioannidis addressed his concerns to City Council regarding an ongoing problem with illegal activities taking place in the parking lot of his business, which he shares with the Guerra Cunningham Mortuary. Mr. Ioannidis asked City Council to assist him in determining his property's parking boundary lines in order to divide his parking area from the mortuary and to prevent further disturbances to his business.

Betty Retama, longtime resident, addressed City Council in support of Francisco Lopez, who has been trying to open a restaurant in the City and has experienced difficulty going through the process, particularly with advertising and promoting his business. Ms. Retama informed City Council that Mr. Lopez is a hard-working, honest citizen trying to start his business in the City and asked City Council to help facilitate the process for Mr. Lopez.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend the Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival on October 7 through 9, 2011 and stated that they expect a great number of attendees. Mr. D'Eramo distributed flyers and informed City Council of the activities scheduled to take place at the Sabor de Mexico Downtown Festival, including face painting, story telling, raffles, a piñata making contest, crafts, balloons, coloring, and much more in honor of Kids Day on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Francisco Lopez, business owner, addressed his concerns to City Council regarding issues he has encountered while trying to open his restaurant in the City, especially with the City forcing him to remove advertisements banners from his business due to not having proper permits and stated that he does not have a problem complying with the City's requirements but the City should be fair and enforce the same requirements with all the businesses in the City.

Vice Mayor Molina called for any other oral communications, and hearing none,

declared oral communications closed.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 19, 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 October 3, 2011.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for crossing guard services for the City of Huntington Park.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the redesign of the City's website. Marylou Ascencion, Executive Secretary to the City Manager, presented an overview of the redesign of the City's website, including Spanish Translation. **Following a discussion, City Council directed Interim City Manager Romero to research the feasibility and cost of the proposed Spanish translation of the City's Website and report back to City Council with options and the status of the website redesign at the November 7, 2011 City Council meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding local business grievances. Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, informed City Council that the BID Board meetings serve as an open forum for members of the BID as well as non-members to address their concerns and encouraged any business interested to attend. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Molina formed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez with Vice Mayor Molina as alternate to work with the Business Improvement District, Police Department, Code Enforcement Division and Planning Division to address local businesses concerns including safety and the feasibility of a "Business Watch" and report back to City Council on November 7, 2011.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting to pay for any City employee overtime costs (not straight time) expended toward one of the Chamber's downtown festivals. Following a brief discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, **that City departmental service charges include personnel overtime and only straight time for individuals scheduled specifically for the Downtown Festival October 7 through 9, 2011,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: Council Member Guerrero; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding correspondence from HP Automotive & Tow, Inc., requesting an increase of the storage and tow rates. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to approve the proposed tow and storage **rate increases by HP Automotive & Tow, Inc., and authorize staff to prepare the necessary documents,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

Former Acting City Manager Cisneros presented for discussion and/or action the Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Urban Futures, Inc. to provide services as the Financial Advisor for the City of Huntington Park. **City Clerk Ramirez announced that this item was continued until further notice.**

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action a summary report on special events policy and permit process for Special Event and Activity in Public Places Permit requests. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, distributed a summary of grand opening celebration permits issued by the City from 2006 through 2011. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Molina formed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Molina and Council Member Gomez to work with the City Manager and City staff to look into new business orientation and outreach on City policies including grand openings and the City's current Special Events and Activity in Public Places Permit policy and report back to City Council on November 21, 2011 with a summary of procedures for new businesses.**

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action an Activity in Public Places Permit No. (S11-21) request by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies and subject to the applicant providing full payment to the City of its full costs prior to the permit issuance. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **approve an Activity in Public Places Permit No. (S11-21) request by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 2011 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies and subject to the applicant providing full payment to the City of its full costs prior to the permit issuance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a status update on Raul R. Perez Memorial Park construction. **Following a discussion and there being no objection, City Council directed the City Attorney and Director of Parks and Recreation Department to meet with Los Angeles Unified School District concerning the Raul R. Perez Memorial Park construction project, including environmental issues and compliance with the terms of the existing agreement; and report back to City Council.**

ORDINANCE NO. 869-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO COMPLY WITH PART 1.9 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE AND TAKING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. **City Attorney Leal announced that this item was removed from the agenda until further notice.**

ORDINANCE NO. 875-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 16, SECTION 16 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO **PROHIBITED PARKING IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL PARK** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 875-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 875-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero and Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

ORDINANCE NO. 876-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADDING SECTION 4-7.1602.2 TO TITLE 4, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 16 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO **TWENTY MINUTE PARKING DURING CERTAIN HOURS OF CERTAIN DAYS** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 876-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 876-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero and Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

ORDINANCE NO. 877-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **TRANSFERRING CITY PARKLAND TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A SCHOOL FACILITY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded

by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 877-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 877-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero and Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager; and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (3). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:15 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:49 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager, a status report was given to City Council; and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, a status report was given to City Council, no action taken.

Vice Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk