

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 17, 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 and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Laura Galvan, Principal of Huntington Park College-Ready Academy High School for their strong academic achievement in the City of Huntington Park. Ms. Galvan thanked City Council for their support in the past.

Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation designating October 28, 2011 as National Immigrants Day in the City of Huntington Park to Nick Ioannidis, Founder of National Immigrants Day. Mr. Ioannidis informed City Council that he has received support from many cities and invited City Council to attend the National Immigrants Day event on October 28, 2011 at 2669 E. Gage Avenue.

Mayor 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) Maria Ramirez (nominated by Mayor Hernandez); 2) Arturo Sneider (nominated by Vice Mayor Molina); 3) Miguel Santini (nominated by Council Member Gomez); 4) Daniel P. Carvajal (nominated by Council Member Perez); and 5) Benjamin & Guadalupe Flores (nominated by Council Member Guerrero).

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.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, asked City Council to consider their request on the agenda regarding approval of the installation of Downtown Holiday Vertical-Pole Banners along Pacific Boulevard. Mr. Brabant informed City Council that in the past, funding for the purchase of Holiday decorations along Pacific Boulevard has been shared among the Business Improvement District (BID), The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Brabant informed City Council that the Chamber has created a Holiday Banner Program to help subsidize the cost of this year's Holiday decorations rather than request funding from the City and the BID.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed his concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking on Seville Avenue and the recent increase in parking meter rates. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that he currently parks his vehicle blocks away from his home to avoid getting parking citations for exceeding the parking time limit. Mr. Machuca also informed City Council that his mother is interested in opening a hair salon in the City but she is discouraged because she will have the same parking issues for her customers. Mr. Machuca urged City Council to change the parking time limit to accommodate the residents and businesses on Seville Avenue.

Leticia Martinez and Ofelia Castillo-Rodriguez, representing the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life, informed City Council that October 2011 is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and encouraged women to schedule a mammogram appointment as soon as possible for early breast cancer detection and prevention. Ms. Martinez invited City Council to attend an American Cancer Society's Southeast Cities Relay for Life fundraiser event at La Boom/Leonardo's Restaurant located at 6611 Alameda Street on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Christina Aguilar, co-owner of Michel Café & Grill, addressed the following concerns

to City Council: 1) the City's process for issuing a new business license; 2) the amount of permits and requirements associated with advertising a new business, including signs and entertainment permits and fees; 3) removal of a news rack, a post and two (2) trees located outside her business; 4) lack of parking for clients, including the parking meter rates and parking time limits; and 5) lack of direction and clarification from City staff to business owners in regards to all applicable City regulations when opening a business in the City and urged City Council to look into issuing a manual of City regulations and procedures for businesses in the City.

Dr. Ana Michel, co-owner of Michel Café & Grill, informed City Council that she has owned a business in the City for approximately twenty three (23) years and had not yet been visited by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Michel stated that the BID has been friendly and helpful during the opening of her new restaurant and addressed her concerns regarding the lack of parking for her clients and the parking meter rates and time limits. Dr. Michel asked City Council to get involved by finding a solution to these matters and allow new businesses to grow by reducing fees associated with establishing new businesses and by having a more business-friendly approach.

Patricia Martinez addressed City Council on behalf of the Martinez Family regarding an increasing number of vehicle/pedestrian related accidents involving the youth of our community particularly those with fixie bicycles. Ms. Martinez informed City Council that her nephew was the victim of such an accident which took place at Salt Lake Park on October 2, 2011 and stated he is currently at the hospital in critical condition. Ms. Martinez thanked City Council for their support on behalf of the entire Martinez family and urged City Council to raise awareness and promote a healthy and safe environment by implementing bike lanes. Ms. Martinez invited City Council to attend an upcoming vigil at Bell High School regarding this matter and thanked everyone for their support.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that the Chamber welcomes new businesses in the City by sending them a personal letter along with an invitation to join the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. D'Eramo also informed City Council that the Chamber supports all businesses in the City but any concerns should be addressed to the Business Improvement District (BID).

Raquel Toscano addressed her concerns to City Council regarding increasing police patrol around schools, particularly around Nimitz Middle School. Ms. Toscano informed City Council that she sent a letter to Nimitz Middle School, Mayor Hernandez, and City Council regarding the dangers involved with having no crossing guards at school intersections nor police to patrol around school zones; and the number of vehicles parking illegally. Ms. Toscano stated that she has contacted the Huntington Park Police Department regarding these issues and asked City Council to help resolve these matters immediately. **Mayor Hernandez referred Ms. Toscano to Chief of Police Cisneros regarding these matters.**

Francisco Rivera addressed his concern to City Council regarding youth employment advertising flyers posted on City posts in various streets in the City and that he has addressed this matter to the Code Enforcement Division but it has not been resolved. Mr. Rivera is also concerned with the possibility of the advertisements being fraudulent because he has called the phone numbers listed on the flyers and they offered to pick him up. Mr. Rivera urged City Council and the Police Department to look into this matter. **Mayor Hernandez referred Mr. Rivera to Chief of Police Cisneros regarding this matter.**

Martin Delgado, member of the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club, informed City Council that the Kiwanis Club is heavily involved with helping the community, especially youth

groups such as the Huntington Park Key Club and introduced Blanca Calderon, President of the Huntington Park Key Club.

Blanca Calderon, President of the Huntington Park Key Club, informed City Council that the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club is their main sponsor and thanked them for their support. Ms. Calderon briefed City Council regarding various projects the Huntington Park Key Club has been involved with in the past and informed City Council that their next project is a youth fundraiser organized by the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club called "Festival of Trees" at the Oldtimers Foundation Family Center on December 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Sue Liska, Board Member of the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club, distributed flyers and invited everyone to attend the "Festival of Trees" youth fundraiser at the Oldtimers Foundation Family Center on December 1, 2011 and briefed City Council regarding the event and encouraged everyone to attend.

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 with Mayor Hernandez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 3, 2011; and Council Member Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Thursday, September 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 Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 3, 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 17, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Perez for discussion

and/or action regarding the Legislative Advocacy Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Joe A. Gonsalves & Son. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **terminate the Legislative Advocacy Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Joe A. Gonsalves & Son**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, and Council Member Perez; Noes: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting the City's approval for the installation of Downtown Holiday Vertical-Pole Banners along Pacific Boulevard was removed from the agenda. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting the City's approval for the installation of Downtown Holiday Vertical-Pole Banners along Pacific Boulevard, as the item arose after its removal from the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, and Council Member Perez; Noes: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez; Absent: None. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, addressed his concerns to City Council regarding lack of communication from the City to business owners when City regulations and policies change. Mr. D'Eramo informed City Council that the reason for their Holiday Banner Program is to help pay for this year's Holiday decorations and not inconvenience the City and the BID. Following a discussion, Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the installation of Downtown Holiday Vertical-Pole Banners along Pacific Boulevard, subject to City Attorney approval, including submittal of insurance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, and Council Member Perez; Noes: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez; Absent: None.

Community Development Department requested approval of the First Amendment to Agreement for Temporary Technical Assistance Consulting Services between the City of Huntington Park and Robert S. Campbell for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Temporary Technical Assistance Consulting Services between the City of Huntington Park and Robert S. Campbell for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Second Amendment to Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Urban Associates, Inc. to develop a joint use agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District for use of South Region High School No. 7. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Urban Associates, Inc. to develop a joint use agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District for use of South Region High School No. 7**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced HealthStyles Fitness Equipment, Inc. dba

Advanced Exercise Equipment for Fitness Equipment and Installation for City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approval of the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced HealthStyles Fitness Equipment, Inc. dba Advanced Exercise Equipment for Fitness Equipment and Installation for City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: Interim City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Property: Portion of 65th Street between Alameda Street and Wilson Avenue, Agency Negotiator: City of Huntington Park, Negotiating Parties: Leonardo Lopez,

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms; and 4) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:10 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, and Council Member Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed sessions: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, a status was given to City Council; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, a status report was given to City Council by the City Manager; and 3) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, City Council authorized modification to the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Leonardo Lopez for a portion of 65th Street between Alameda Street and Wilson Avenue.

Interim City Manager Romero presented for discussion and/or action the Proposal and 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. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **accept the proposal and approve 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 with the caveat that an indemnity clause be included**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk