

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 24, 2011.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:00 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 announced that the special meeting was called for the purpose of considering and/or taking action on the following: 1) a study session for City Council to discuss and/or take action regarding future development projects at Salt Lake Park; 2) guidelines for banners in the City; and 3) Closed session item for Public Employment, Title: City Engineer.

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, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa displayed a PowerPoint presentation which included the findings of the 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and an overview of the City of Vernon's Good Neighborhood Program. Ms. Espinosa informed City Council that the City of Vernon has committed to giving the City of Huntington Park \$5 Million for park improvements at Salt Lake Park and presented the following project proposals: 1) Salt Lake Park Expansion, which would include the relocation of Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments; 2) Recreation Pool; and 3) Soccer Circle. Following a discussion, motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize staff to proceed with the following projects at Salt Lake Park: 1) Splash Pad; 2) Soccer Field; and 3) Soccer Practice Field**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Alex Kung, Senior Accounting Manager from the City of Vernon, stated that he felt the City's plan is a great plan and looks forward to working with the City.

Council Member Perez left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding guidelines for banners in the City. Alba Gaitan, Business Improvement District (BID) Board Member, informed City Council that the BID wants what is best for the businesses and would like to work along with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to pursue common objectives. Ms. Gaitan stated that the BID is not opposed to private enterprise but would like City Council to do what is best for the City. Following a brief discussion, **no action was taken**.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 for Public Employment, Title: City Engineer. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 5:35 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:45 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Rosa E. Perez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Public Employment, Title: City Engineer, a status report was given to City Council by the City Manager and no formal reportable action was taken.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk