

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 5, 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 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.

Nubia Osuna Aldaña, Marketing Manager of Salud Digna, informed City Council that Salud Digna will be providing ultrasound, vision and bone density examinations with a prescription at a low cost to anyone interested. Ms. Aldaña also informed City Council that Salud Digna applied for a permit to distribute flyers to advertise these services but there is a 10 to 15 day processing period. Ms. Aldaña asked City Council for assistance in expediting the process of issuing the permit.

Enrique Murillo informed City Council that he was previously informed by the former City Manager that the City had a budget deficit and that Measure E (ballot measure to increase the City's Utility Users' and Communication Users' taxes) would help close the gap and balance the City's budget. Mr. Murillo stated that he is now being told that the City is currently facing a greater budget deficit and asked the City to consider using the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for to service the City because it might be more cost effective.

Balle Dario Machuca thanked City Council, especially Council Member Gomez for looking into his concern regarding the lack of parking on Seville Avenue near Zoe Avenue. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that public parking in that area is unsafe and too far for his family to walk home, especially when they need to unload groceries. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that he received yet another parking citation for exceeding the parking time limit on his street and asked City Council to look for a solution to the parking problem to accommodate the residents in that area.

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

declared oral communications closed.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to approve the Consent Calendar, 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 Monday, November 14, 2011.

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

**Deny claim filed by Andy Garcia, Date of Incident: October 19, 2011** and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

**Ratify authorization given by Mayor Hernandez to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to hold an additional Sidewalk Sale December 2 through 4, 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 December 5, 2011.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve a Revocable Permit Agreement with Latin & American Men's Softball League to use the City's baseball fields located in Salt Lake Park** for the purpose of playing league games commencing December 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Finance Department reported that the City of Huntington Park was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Health and Education Commission to appoint Victor Dominguez to the Health and Education Commission. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the recommendation by the Health and Education Commission to appoint Victor Dominguez to the Health and Education Commission for a term of four (4) years ending December 5, 2015**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Mr. Dominguez stated that he is honored to serve the City in this new capacity and thanked City Council for appointing him to the Health and Education Commission.

City Engineer Lind requested approval of a one year extension of the Honeywell

Building Solutions Service Agreement for the maintenance of the HVAC (air conditioning) systems at various City buildings. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina to **approve an extension of the Honeywell Building Solutions Service Agreement for the maintenance of the HVAC (air conditioning) systems at various City buildings for the period of one (1) year ending December 31, 2012**, 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 approval of a proposal from Honeywell Building Solutions to remove and replace two (2) HVAC (air conditioning) handlers in the Police Department Building for a total amount of \$69,143.81. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a proposal from Honeywell Building Solutions to remove and replace two (2) HVAC (air conditioning) handlers in the Police Department Building for a total amount of \$69,143.81**, 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 approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the City of Huntington Park to extend the administration and cost sharing of the coordinated implementation plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) REACH 1 for a term expiring June 30, 2012. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero to **approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) and the City of Huntington Park to extend the administration and cost sharing of the coordinated implementation plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) REACH 1 for a term expiring June 30, 2012**, 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 presented for discussion and/or action a request from American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 221 for waiver of permit, license and processing fees totaling \$69.53 for the Senior Citizen Bingo Program. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, to **approve the request from American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 221 for waiver of permit, license and processing fees totaling \$69.53 for the Senior Citizen Bingo Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 879-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 879-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 879-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.

ORDINANCE NO. 880-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **ADDING §2-1.107 TO TITLE 2 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW PERTAINING TO THE REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON GRATUITIES** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 880-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 880-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 881-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **AMENDING §2-5.18 OF THE**

**HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 881-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 881-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Claude Bilodeau, Acting Public Works Superintendent, announced that water rate increases must be posted and Proposition 218 notices were sent out to all residents and it is within the 45-day guideline if anyone wishes to protest the proposed water and sewer rates and reminded everyone that the community forum will be held at Salt Lake Park on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to answer any questions or concerns regarding the proposed rate increases and to educate the public regarding the reason for the increases, which include improving the water infrastructure to deliver safe water at reasonable rate that is equal to neighboring cities. Mayor Hernandez announced for those who wish to protest the proposed water and sewer rate increases must submit their protest in writing before January 4, 2011.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for 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. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:25 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.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, a status report was given to City Council by City Manager, no formal action taken.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., in memory of Karen Rudesill, cousin of Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk for the City of Huntington Park and Judge Russell F. Schooling, Jr., former Mayor and Council Member for the City of Huntington Park.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk