

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

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.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager and Carolina Jovenich, representing Caroline Promotions, Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the 2012 Three Kings and Children's Fair event. Vice Mayor Molina and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following: 1) Done Vida/One Legacy; 2) Magdalena Morales of H&R Block; 3) Juan Carlos Chacon of Dominos Pizza; 4) Susan Aguayo of AM/PM Insurance; 5) Laura Saenz of Infinity Insurance; 6) Mayola Delgado of Univision 34; 7) G.F.W.C. Women's Club of Huntington Park; 8) Southeast Women's Organization; 9) Dr. Jack Bayramyan of Kid's Dental Place; 10) Martin Delgado of Los Angeles County Library; 11) Salud Digna; 12) Hi Chew (not present); 13) Roong-Fah Restaurant; 14) Caroline Promotions, Inc.; and 15) Rosario Gonzales.

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.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, played a DVD containing a commercial on the dangers of electrical power lines and urged anyone to call 911 and the Southern California Edison to report electrical problems. Mr. Garcia inquired about the possibility of linking this commercial to the City of Huntington Park's website.

Nicholas Alexander, representing Nick Alexander Imports, addressed his concern to City Council regarding a proposal that was recently presented to the Planning Commission to use the former Sopp Ford lot near Nick Alexander Imports as an outdoor storage yard for portable restrooms and asked City Council to reconsider this proposal.

Carolina Jovenich, representing Caroline Promotions, informed City Council of recent news regarding the drought in Tarahumara of Chihuahua, Mexico. Ms. Jovenich informed City Council that the Tarahumara people are dying of cold and hunger and urged City Council and anyone interested to help by donating blankets and clothing. Ms. Jovenich also informed City Council that she will be accepting donations of these items soon and that she will be sending the details of the collection to Erica Frausto, Business Improvement Manager.

Jeannette Reyes informed City Council that her father is very ill and requires medical attention and supplies to be delivered to his home. Ms. Reyes addressed her concern with the lack of vehicle access to her father's property, especially emergency response vehicles. Ms. Reyes also informed City Council that she contacted different departments in the City requesting assistance with this matter but they were unable to assist her and presented photographs and plans of the property to City Council. Council Member Gomez referred Ms. Reyes to Chief of Police Cisneros and the Traffic Authority regarding this matter.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed City Council regarding previous requests for the City to look into the lack of parking for residents. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that he volunteers at a nursing center and that the medical staff there also has to move their vehicles every two (2) hours to avoid exceeding the parking time limit. Mr. Machuca presented copies of photographs showing the lack of parking in the area and addressed his concern to City Council regarding abandoned bulky trash items in the alleys and the City issuing too many permits to build businesses and apartments with insufficient parking. Mr. Machuca asked City Council to look into these matters.

Irving Pacheco thanked the Planning Commission for recommending him for appointment to the Planning Commission and for the opportunity and asked City Council to consider appointing him to the Planning Commission. Mr. Pacheco expressed his interest in serving the City and finding solutions to issues such as the lack of parking for residents and wished all the applicants for the Planning Commission good luck.

Ivan addressed his concern to City Council regarding the potential exposure to radiation produced by the cell phone tower located at the Huntington Park Library parking lot and asked City Council if it produces radiation.

Antonio Padilla addressed his concern to City Council regarding increasing refuse collection rates imposed on residents of Huntington Park by Waste Management and asked what the City is doing about them. Mr. Padilla also inquired about what Waste Management is

doing with the green waste and recyclables and asked why Waste Management is not giving back to the residents for recycling like other cities. Mr. Padilla also informed City Council that he received a notice with his last water bill notifying him that the water rate will be increased at the next bill.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 were removed from the consent calendar and **will be presented at the next Council meeting.**

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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 January 17, 2012.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the proposed Salt Lake Park Renovation Project Design.

Authorize staff to issue Bid Specifications for Salt Lake Park Trail and Irrigation Project.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Set a public hearing date of February 6, 2012 for the vacation of a portion of 65th Street west of Alameda Street and east of Wilson Avenue.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals for Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage Act consulting services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Community Development Department presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Planning Commission to appoint Sonia Luz Chavez to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2014. Council Member Guerrero recused herself from this item and left the dais at 6:40 p.m. Motion by Gomez to appoint Sonia Luz Chavez to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2014, DIED due to lack of a second. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, **to appoint Juan Anaya to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2014**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Perez and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: Council Member Gomez; Absent: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez.

Council Member Guerrero returned to her seat at 6:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 71079** was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-2, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

HUNTINGTON PARK PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 936 CONCERNING FORGIVENESS OF LOANS, ADVANCES, OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-3, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a), CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT, Title: City Engineer; 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2); 4) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alex Escobar vs. City of Huntington Park; and 5) 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. Vice Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:55 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:02 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Absent: Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the **closed session** items: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323, a status report was given by Special Counsel; 2) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT, Title: City Engineer, City Council by unanimous vote instructed Interim City Manager Romero to meet with All Cities Consulting Engineers, Inc. and Transtech Engineers, Inc.; 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, (2), a status report was given to City Council; 4) EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alex Escobar vs. City of Huntington Park, a status report was given to City Council; and 5) 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, a status report was given to City Council.

Vice Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Andy Molina, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk