

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 19, 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 Mayor Molina. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: None.

Robert Cabrales, Community Organizer with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and Mark Lopez, representing Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (C.E.H.A.J.), displayed a PowerPoint presentation from the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice regarding Community Alternative 7 for the I-710 Corridor Project.

City Manager Bobadilla presented a request from Council Member Perez for discussion and/or action concerning the environmental impact of Central Metal, Inc. located at 8201 Santa Fe Avenue. Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Conditional Use Permit application, operations, environmental violations, and a community survey of Central Metal, Inc. located at 8201 Santa Fe Avenue. The following individuals urged City Council to send a letter to the County of Los Angeles demanding that Central Metal, Inc. conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR): 1) Jose Luis Silva; 2) Jose Huevo; 3) Monica Raso; and 4) Salvador Diaz. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize a letter of support to the County of Los Angeles asking that Central Metal, Inc. conduct an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at 8201 Santa Fe Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed City Council regarding the lack of parking in the City and inquired about a community meeting to address the parking issues in the City and expressed his support for a recall. City Manager Bobadilla announced that the community meeting to address parking issues will be held November 20, 2012 and invited Mr. Machuca to attend.

Alex Reynoso briefed City Council regarding his educational and professional background and stated he opposes recall of the City Council. Mr. Reynoso stated that Mr. Bobadilla is proactive and involved with the community. Mr. Reynoso invited City Council to attend the Reynoso's Hit N' Walk 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Fair at the Family Center located at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on Saturday, December 1, 2012 and encouraged everyone interested in cleaning the City to participate in the upcoming Reynoso Hit N' Walk event. Mr. Reynoso thanked City Council for their good work in the community.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, read literature titled "La Realidad Sin Tapujo" to City Council in opposition to a people led movement against City Council.

Miriam Garcia, wife of Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, read the remainder of Mr. Garcia's literature titled: "La Realidad Sin Tapujo" to City Council in opposition to a people led movement against City Council.

Mayor Molina left his seat at 7:14 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:22 p.m.

Antonio Padilla addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the payment due date on his water bill versus the date that he received the new water bill in the mail and the increase in the water rate fee. Director of Finance Morales addressed Mr. Padilla's concerns.

Council Member Hernandez returned to her seat at 7:25 p.m.

Deyanira Ruiz addressed her concern to City Council regarding the individual

proposing to recall City Council and expressed her support for City Council.

Flor Ruiz Solis thanked Council Member Perez for assisting her family and thanked City Council for all the work that they do. Ms. Solis congratulated Council Member Hernandez for having a son that attends Harvard University like her son. Ms. Solis expressed her disapproval with an individual who is working against City Council.

Nancy and an individual, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), invited City Council to attend CBE's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event to be held at the Salt Lake Community Center on December 15, 2012.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed his concern to City Council with the amount of the recent water bill he received and asked why the City dumped water for approximately three (3) months from the water well by the intersection of Slauson and Soto Avenues. City Manager Bobadilla stated that he will follow up with Mr. Cruz with an explanation regarding his inquiry.

Nick Ioannidis stated that Council Member Perez made a statement that previous City Council made the problems. Mr. Ioannidis stated that he received documents from Council Member Perez regarding the recall and that he has had problems with the City since 1983 regarding his property. Mr. Ioannidis stated that he is the founder of National Immigrants Day and presented a document to the City Clerk.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 7:38 p.m.

Leonardo Meza informed City Council that he has been promoting circuses in the community for many years and addressed City Council in support of merchants on Pacific Boulevard that were affected by the closure of Pacific Boulevard for the filming of a television show. Mr. Meza stated that the City imposes high fees for businesses to do business in the City and asked City Council to look into attracting businesses to open in the City.

Council Member Gomez returned to his seat at 7:41 p.m.

Jim Allnutt addressed City Council regarding an item on the City Council agenda concerning uses on the ground level of Pacific Boulevard within the Huntington Park Downtown Specific Plan. Mr. Allnutt stated that allowing professional office and service uses will help fill in the empty storefront locations in the downtown area and urged City Council to approve a moratorium on the current zoning to allow professional office and service uses on the ground level of Pacific Boulevard.

Vice Mayor Guerrero left her seat at 7:43 p.m. and returned at 7:46 p.m.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:49 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

Andres Ramirez, representing Ciclavia Southeast Host Committee, informed City Council that Ciclavia is expanding to the southeast cities and they are organizing their next ride scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 25, 2012. Mr. Ramirez stated that they will be working with the Police Department to make this event safe and that the goal is to promote health, pedestrian and bike friendly communities and invited anyone interested to participate. Robert Cabrales informed City Council that the Ciclavia ride in Los Angeles attracts up to approximately 500,000 people and stated that this event will help promote businesses in the City. City Manager Bobadilla stated that the City will be applying for funding in March 2013 to conduct a comprehensive study to make the City more bicycle friendly.

Angelica Vazquez addressed City Council to inquire about the upcoming community meeting scheduled to address the parking issues in the City. City Manager Bobadilla informed everyone that the meeting to address the parking issues in the City will be held November 20, 2012. Ms. Vazquez informed City Council that she is the co-leader of a Girls Scouts troop in Huntington Park and addressed her concern with the lack of support from the City of Huntington Park in helping the Girls Scouts troop volunteer in the community. Ms. Vazquez stated that the Girls Scouts will be writing letters to the troops and volunteering in the convalescent home located on Gage Avenue in the City and expressed the importance of having the Girls Scouts troop volunteer and be active in the

community.

Karina stated that she would like to clarify that the purpose of the people led movement to recall City Council is to bring out the truth to the community. Karina stated that the individuals addressing City Council have been thanking City Council for personal reasons. Karina stated that the community is suffering economically and some of the businesses are closed and empty because of this. Karina stated that there needs to be more organizations like Communities for a Better Environment that are promoting things that benefit the entire community.

Marilyn Sanabria stated that at the last City Council meeting she addressed her concern with a public records request that she submitted to the City and has not yet received the documents or a response as to when the documents will be furnished. Ms. Sanabria stated that the reasons that she decided to get involved in the community is the City's water rate increase and other issues that affect the community. Ms. Sanabria stated that the City is awakening and is questioning City leaders about what is going on in the City and stated that the community is concerned with the future of the City. Ms. Sanabria stated that she is concerned with the City's financial position and encouraged anyone interested to ask questions and get involved in the community.

Rosa Meza stated she has not seen the woman that addressed City Council involved in any of the City-wide clean ups and other community events and stated that a good leader is one who does good things for others without any personal interest.

Council Member Perez left her seat at 8:11 p.m.

Valentin Amezcuita stated that he has addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the City having high property taxes, which was confirmed by City Manager Bobadilla at a previous City Council meeting; a water rate increase; and the salary of the former City Attorney. Mr. Amezcuita stated that the community is asking for information that is not being provided and asked City Council not to scare people and let the recall process happen. City Manager Bobadilla stated that he previously stated that the City of Huntington Park has some of the highest property taxes and that the main reason is because of voter indebtedness obligations.

Council Member Perez returned to her seat at 8:14 p.m.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the City of Huntington Park's Congestion Management Plan, self assessment, related to compliance with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Molina declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Molina declared the **public hearing** closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-59.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-59, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-60.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **ADOPTING A LAND USE ANALYSIS PROGRAM** PURSUANT TO STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65089 AND 65089.3 was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-60, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:

- a. Regular meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012
- b. Special meeting held Wednesday, October 31, 2012

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 November 19, 2012.

### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Bobadilla presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Hernandez to form an "Immediate Emergency Response" Ad Hoc Committee for the City of Huntington Park. **Following a brief discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Molina directed staff to look into the City's current Emergency Response Plan and report back to City Council early next year.**

City Manager Bobadilla requested discussion and/or action regarding the following: 1) closure of City Hall December 24, 2012 thru January 2, 2013; and 2) that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 17, 2012 go dark. Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **consider approving the closure of City Hall December 24, 2012 thru January 2, 2013, with the option of having a skeleton crew in the Finance and Community Development departments, at the discretion of the City Manager**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: Council Member Perez; Absent: None. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 17, 2012 go dark**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: Council Member Perez; Absent: None.

City Manager Bobadilla presented for discussion and/or action a request from the Huntington Park Coordinating Council for the City to co-sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway and Christmas Holiday Toy Giveaway. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from the Huntington Park Coordinating Council for the City to co-sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway and Christmas Holiday Toy Giveaway**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong requested approval of the First Amendment to the Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Los Angeles Community Legal Center and Education. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the First Amendment to the Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Los Angeles Community Legal Center and Education**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong requested discussion and/or

action allowing professional office and service uses on the ground level of Pacific Boulevard within the Huntington Park Downtown Specific Plan. Jim Allnutt asked City Council to consider parking meters on Pacific Boulevard be turned off after a certain time in the evening and asked how fast the City can place a moratorium to allow professional office and service uses on the ground level of Pacific Boulevard within the Huntington Park Downtown Specific Plan. Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 8:47 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **direct staff to approve a moratorium to allow professional office and service uses on the ground level of Pacific Boulevard within the Huntington Park Downtown Specific Plan and report back to City Council with the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval for the purchase of two (2) electric vehicles from the Electric Car Company of Long Beach for an amount of \$107,465.19 using Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funding. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the purchase of two (2) electric vehicles from the Electric Car Company of Long Beach for an amount of \$107,465.19 using Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funding**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of the 2012-2013 "Sobriety Checkpoint" Grant Program Agreement. Council Member Hernandez returned to her seat at 8:51 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the 2012-2013 "Sobriety Checkpoint" Grant Program Agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of the 2012-2013 "Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West)" Grant Project Agreement between the Gardena Police Department and Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the 2012-2013 "Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West)" Grant Project Agreement between the Gardena Police Department and Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-61.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN POLICE APPREHENSION CRIME TASK FORCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE JPA AMENDMENT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-61, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the following item was pulled from the agenda: **RESOLUTION NO. D.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-43 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-62.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **PROVIDING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR THE NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-62, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**ORDINANCE NO. 901-NS.** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**

**HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 901-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 901-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 902-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 5 (PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND CONDUCT), CHAPTER 11 (NUISANCES), OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-11.05.1 (DEFINITIONS), 5-11.05.2 (DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND OTHER WASTE MATTER), 5-11.05.3 (MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEY SAND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CLEAN AND ORDERLY CONDITION), 5-11.05.4 (PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS), 5-11.05.5 (REQUIRED NOTICE FOR INFRACTION VIOLATIONS), AND 5-11.23 (ILLEGAL DUMPING – NUISANCE VEHICLES) was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 902-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 902-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1) and pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Maria Gomez, et al. vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC481770. Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:25 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 10:00 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported that in closed session for Conference with Legal Counsel–Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1) and pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Conference with Legal Counsel–Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Maria Gomez, et al. vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC481770, direction was given and no action was taken.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m., in memory of Larry Van Nostran, Council Member for the City of Lakewood.

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Andy Molina, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk