

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Escareño. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

Vice Mayor Noguez arrived and took his seat at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the noted change that the item regarding the City's General Banking Services be received and filed, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 5, 2004.

**Ratify authorization given by Mayor Escareño to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Citywide "Sidewalk Sale" on January 17 and 18, 2004.**

**Set appeal hearing date of February 2, 2004** at 6:30 p.m. for Robert Kalpakoff, 2718 Saturn Avenue.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated January 20, 2004.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circus Vazquez Inc.** to use the Circle Area at Salt Lake Park for the purpose of conducting a circus event from Wednesday, February 18, 2004 and through Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Approve Services Agreement by and between Stephan Consulting Services and the City of Huntington Park** for the development of Crystal reports and records management audit of data.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Finance Department report regarding the City's General Banking Services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner presented correspondence from Elisa Rudolph requesting reappointment for a six-year term on the Civil Service Commission (term expired December 31, 2003). Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **reappoint Elisa Rudolph for a six-year term on the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Hernandez to approve El Día De Los Niños event at Westside Park on Saturday, April 10, 2004 and for the City to co-sponsor the event. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve El Dia De Los Niños event at Westside Park on Saturday, April 10, 2004 and for the City to co-sponsor the event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo requested approval of attendance to the Independent Cities Association Seminar, February 13 through 15, 2004 in Santa Barbara. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve attendance of City Clerk Romo to the Independent Cities Association Seminar, February 13 through 15, 2004 in Santa Barbara**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: Council Member Loya; Absent: None.

The meeting recessed at 6:58 p.m.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Escareño. Present: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Rieffanaugh v. City of Huntington Park, Worker's Compensation Appeals Board, Case No.: VNO 0407322; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); and 3) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, A) Name of case: John Tua v. Chief Randy Narramore, City of Huntington Park and Does 1-100, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.: CV03-1987-FMC and B) Name of case: Carlos Parra, David Lopez, Alfonso Amador, Humberto Lozano, LaRanna Taylor, Chris Lisner, Carlos Rodriguez, Steve Castro, and Robert Valencia v. Chief Randy Narramore, Kenneth Rulon, Bob Lien, Lee Alirez, Ronnie Beason, Mark Basset, Stephen Peeler, the City of Huntington Park and Does 1-100, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. CV03-3772GHK. Mayor Escareño declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:06 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented on behalf of Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action a request from the Huntington Park Youth Football to present their National Tournament Championship trophy and display it at City Hall. Jerry Chavez, Vice President of the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc., distributed Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer logo hats to City Council, presented their National Tournament Championship trophies, and requested permission to have them displayed in City Hall. Jasmin Cadena, Secretary of the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc., informed City Council that the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc.

qualified for another National Championship at Las Vegas February 5 and 6, 2004. **There being no objection, Mayor Escareño so ordered the trophies be placed in a display case in City Hall near City Council offices.**

Tacos Mexico presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the City for the YMCA program and Leonardo's Restaurant presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the City for the Police Activities League (PAL) program. Mayor and City Council thanked them for supporting and giving back to the community.

Mayor Escareño 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.

Laura Jimenez, former representative of Assembly Member Firebaugh, informed City Council that she is now in health care services at Downey Care Center and distributed calendars to City Council.

Irma Hermida informed City Council that she is disabled with a handicap placard and was unaware that she had received parking citations while parked in front of Huntington Park High School, and came to City Hall to appeal them. Ms. Hermida stated that due to health reasons she cannot go from place to place and asked City Council for help. Chief of Police Narramore referred Ms. Hermida to Captain Peeler.

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

Director of Finance Pruyn displayed a PowerPoint presentation and requested approval of the City's Mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year 2003-2004. Mayor Escareño left his seat at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:14 p.m. Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:20 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the City's Mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year 2003-2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested approval and adoption of the Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Huntington Park by Rosenow Spevacek Group. Jim Simon, representing Rosenow Spevacek Group, displayed a PowerPoint presentation to advise City Council of revenue the City can gain by adopting the proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve and adopt the Economic Development Strategic Plan for the City of Huntington Park by Rosenow Spevacek Group**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Resolutions Nos. 2004-6, 2004-7, and 2004-8 were presented as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2002-79.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2002-80.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2002-81.**

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2004-6, 2004-7, and 2004-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**ORDINANCE NO. 722-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR DRIVE-THRU ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE** was

read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 722-NS for second reading be waived, that Ordinance No. 722-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, and to **direct staff to publish Ordinance No. 722-NS in full**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 8:59 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, to **amend the City's Mid-year budget adjustments for fiscal year 2003-2004 to reflect an increase of \$2,000 in travel to be split 50% for the City Clerk and 50% for the Chief Deputy City Clerk; and that the 2004-2005 budget contain a travel budget of \$3,000 for the City Clerk and \$3,000 for the Chief Deputy City Clerk**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association. Mayor Escareño declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:15 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, Mayor Escareño declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. to Monday, January 26, 2004 at 4:00 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Marie Gomez, mother of Council Member Gomez; 2) Forrest Haver, former City of Huntington Park employee; and 3) Robert Luis Soto, son of Senator Nell Soto.

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Edward Escareño, Mayor

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