

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 17, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ana Del Carmen, student at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ana Del Carmen for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting June 17, 2013.

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 Section 54956.9(b): (2). Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **declare the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:07 p.m. for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (2)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:48 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Victor Abalos, representing California Forward, briefed City Council regarding the Southeast Services Project.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation by the Department of Public Works on the City's Recycling Overview. Mayor Gomez and City Council presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the following students who participated in the City of Huntington Park's Recycled Art Contest: 1) Jaime Arceo; 2) Gilbert Trujillo; 3) Victor Rico; 4) Francisco Magallon; and 5) Christopher Chavez.

Mayor Gomez 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, informed City Council regarding emergency contact information, upcoming flash drill and summer readiness.

Enrique Murillo, President of American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 231, addressed his concern with a recent theft and asked City Council for additional police surveillance.

Sergio Diaz addressed concerns to City Council regarding certain individuals questioning the integrity of the City Council and City officials. Mr. Diaz stated that City Council is doing a great job.

Valente Valdes commended City Council and City staff for doing a good job and making positive changes in the community.

Representatives from Al Rojas Auto Repair and Ramirez Tires located at Mountain View and Florence Avenues addressed concerns to City Council regarding recent construction of a wall for a proposed 7-Eleven at this location that is obstructing visibility of their businesses and asked for City Council's assistance

regarding signage to help advertise his business.

Candelario Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding the lack of maintenance at Rugby Plaza Senior Housing and proposed rent increases.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns regarding lack of affordable housing in the City of Huntington Park, the City's financial status, and the City imposing high fees for residents.

Linda Caraballo addressed City Council in support of an item presented at the last Council meeting for appointment of an ad-hoc committee to review new City contracts and urged City Council to reconsider this item.

Jesus Moran addressed concerns to City Council regarding the City's finances and taxes imposed to businesses and residents. Mr. Mora expressed his support for Council Member Amezcuita.

Henry Garcia addressed City Council in support of Pastor Roque and Ministerios Mahanaim Church and informed City Council of the challenges Pastor Roque has been facing with the proposed remodel of said church. Mr. Garcia also informed City Council that the Governor of State of Durango, Mexico asked his newspaper to cover the 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the State of Durango, Mexico.

Jorge Sepulveda, business owner, addressed concerns to City Council regarding high fees assessed by Business Improvement District and commended City Council for abolishing future assessments.

Ivonne Correa addressed concerns to City Council regarding recent water rate increases and rent increases in the City. Ms. Correa requested information on landlord and tenant rights.

Antonio Padilla addressed a concern to City Council regarding lack of police presence and stated that the community elected Council Members Amezcuita and Macias to improve the City of Huntington Park.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council regarding an economic injury due to an outstanding loan he has had for many years and asked City Council to consider mediating this matter.

Evelia Castillo addressed City Council in support of the dissolution of the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District.

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

Mayor Gomez recessed the meeting at 8:44 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve the Consent Calendar with changes to minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, June 3, 2013 to reflect that there was one (1) objection from Council Member Amezcuita to City Council's decision not to take action on Agenda Item No. 12.4-1 Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review new contracts for City services, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:
- 6.1-1 Special meeting held Wednesday, May 29, 2013
  - 6.1-2 Regular meeting held Monday, June 3, 2013
- 6.2 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

- 6.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 17, 2013.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- 6.4 **Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map for properties located at 5959-6169 S. Alameda Street.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 911-NS amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Huntington Park was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 910-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 910-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.
- 6.5 **Resolution authorizing submission and boundaries of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone Targeted Employment Area.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-28 authorizing submission and boundaries of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone Targeted Employment Area was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-28, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 6.6 **Notice of Completion for the Rehabilitation of 4 Million Gallon East Reservoir located at Miles Avenue and Slauson Avenue, Project No. 10-005B-1.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Accept the work as completed.
2. Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office and notify the surety company to exonerate the payment bond, contingent upon no claims

## 6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Continued)

being filed within 35 days after the recordation and contractor posting an acceptable warranty bond.

3. Approve the final total project budget and authorize the Director of Public Works to release the 10% retention payment in the amount of \$43,914.00 to Utility Services Company, Inc. 35 days after recordation of the Notice of Completion by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder, contingent upon no claims being filed on the project and the contractor posting an acceptable warranty bond.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 7. **HEARING**

### 7.1 **Resolution ordering the abatement of noxious and dangerous weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

City Manager Bobadilla reported that two (2) written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk from property owners of 2632 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 2010 Slauson Avenue, Huntington Park.

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-29 ordering the abatement of noxious and dangerous weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park in accordance with Government Code Section 39560 *Et Seq* was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-29, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## 8. **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

#### 8.1 **Republication of the Huntington Park Municipal Code (HPMC).**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the republication of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to rectify discrepancies, outdated fees, vague or awkward language, inaccuracies, duplications and conflicting ordinances within the HPMC.
2. Approve a budget in the amount of \$13,800 for the republication of the Huntington Park Municipal Code and legal review.
3. Authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to Quality Code Publishing for said costs.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the following: 1) the republication of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to rectify discrepancies, outdated fees, vague or awkward language, inaccuracies, duplications and conflicting ordinances within the HPMC; 2) budget in the amount of \$13,800 for the republication of the Huntington Park Municipal Code and legal review; and 3) authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to Quality Code Publishing for said costs**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**8.2 Proposed News Racks Regulations.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discuss the City's proposed regulations pertaining to news racks.
2. Receive and file this informational report.

Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to incorporate their comments and concerns to the proposed ordinance pertaining to news rack regulations and to present said ordinance for City Council approval.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**8.3 Resolution adopting a Green Streets Policy in accordance with Order No. R4-2012-1075, NPDES MS4 Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Storm Water and Non-stormwater Discharges.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-30 approving a Green Streets Policy. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-30, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.4 Ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code pertaining to low impact development requirements.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 912-NS amending the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code Title 7, Public Works, Chapter 9, Storm Water Management and Discharge, to include Low Impact Development (LID) Strategies on Projects that require building, grading and encroachment permits was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 912-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 912-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

- 9.1 Status report on clothing donation bins throughout the City of Huntington Park.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez**
- 12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez**
- 12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**
- 12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita**
- 12.5 Council Member Karina Macias**

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a closed session for the following:

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

- 13.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9(c), Number of Potential Cases: (1)
- 13.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (1)
- 13.3 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
  
Name of Case: Maez v. City of Huntington Park, LASC Case No. VC060007.
- 13.4 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8,  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
  
Property: APN: 6322-017-901 – 6322-017-910  
Agency Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: City of Huntington Park and Primestor  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
- 13.5 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
  
Name of Case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held

immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:50 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 11:01 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk