

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 21, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Gregory Gomez-Roosinivalda, 7th grade student at Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua, 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 Gregory Gomez-Roosinivalda for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting October 21, 2013.

Mayor Gomez and City Council read a biography and presented Plaques in Recognition of National Immigrants Day to the following individuals who immigrated to the United States of America: 1) Ricardo Gastelum (nominated by Council Member Macias); 2) Elba Guerrero (nominated by Vice Mayor Perez); 3) Dr. Alberto Alonso (nominated by Council Member Hernandez); and 4) Claude Bilodeau (nominated by Mayor Gomez).

Mayor Gomez recessed the City Council meeting for a reception at 6:25 p.m. and the meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

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.

Linda Caraballo congratulated immigrants nominated for National Immigrants Day and Nick Ioannidis for being the founder of said day. Ms. Caraballo addressed concerns to City Council regarding the City's position with the Water Replenishment District (WRD) in regards to water. Ms. Caraballo urged City Council to pay the City's water bill.

Edmundo Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding the City's finances, bonds and City records, including a recent transaction conducted by the Successor Agency.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding property taxes and inquired about entities associated with Huntington Park 607 in connection with the sale of a building.

Jacqueline Ornelas, representing American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life, thanked City Council and the City's administration for assisting with the annual Relay for Life event and presented City Council with a plaque of appreciation.

Yvonne Correa addressed concerns regarding comments made during public appearances by the same individuals for over a year. Ms. Correa encouraged said individuals to report their concerns to the District Attorney if they believe that the City is doing anything wrong.

Andy Molina, former Mayor of the City of Huntington Park, invited City Council to attend the annual Southeast Churches Service C.O.S.E.C.H.A. (Combined Southeast Care for the Hungry Alliance) Harvest Ball on November 12, 2013 at Leonardo's Restaurant and distributed invitations. Mr. Molina addressed concerns regarding the growing population of homeless individuals and needy families in the community. Claude Bilodeau informed City Council that the Coordinating Council is going to have a turkey drive on November 26, 2013 at the Community Center and Christmas toy drive on December 21, 2013. Leticia Martinez, representing the Coordinating Council, briefed City Council regarding the non-

profit organizations and entities that comprise the Coordinating Council.

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

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, 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 Tuesday, September 24, 2013

6.1-2 Regular meeting held Monday, October 7, 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 October 21, 2013.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. REGULAR AGENDA

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

Update by California Consulting LLC regarding pending and upcoming grants available to the City of Huntington Park.

8.1 Discussion and/or action regarding The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce 63rd Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, November 23, 2013. Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, briefed City Council regarding their financial hardship and asked City Council for assistance in presenting this event. Ms. Martinez announced that the Chamber's board of directors is in attendance to support the event and introduced Teresa Bagues, Co-President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Bagues informed City Council of the importance of having the Christmas Parade and asked City Council for financial assistance to pay for fees associated with the event. Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve additional funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for City in-kind services and fees, totaling \$50,000 to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the presentation the 63rd Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 23, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Video of the City's 1st Annual Gran Prix Bicycle Race held October 19, 2013.

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

11.4-1 Discussion and/or action regarding appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review new contracts for city services.
Following a discussion, no action was taken.

11.5 Council Member Karina Macias

Interim City Attorney Litfin called for public appearances and requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following:

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2)

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:06 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:10 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk