

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 2, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Kevin Jesus Medina, 4th grade student at Corona Avenue 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 Kevin Jesus Medina for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting December 2, 2013.

A representative from South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) informed City Council that the meeting scheduled regarding an amended rule 1420.1 to address arsenic commissions will be moved to next month and announced that free bus transportation will be provided in certain locations of the community for residents to attend a public hearing at Cal State of Los Angeles on Saturday, December 14, 2013 to address the impact of emissions from Exide Technologies.

Enrique Murillo, president of American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 221, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to City Manager Bobadilla.

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 – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (2)

13.2 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Michael Leinen (dec'd), Case No. WCAB No. ADJ8035462

13.3 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Bobadilla and Director of Finance Morales

Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:15 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:39 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.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out the following on the closed session: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Michael Leinen (dec'd), Case No. WCAB No. ADJ8035462, City Council unanimously voted to settle this case, subject to final settlement documents which will be provided later upon execution of the agreement; and 2) Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation: (2), there was no reportable action.

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.

Nick Ioannidis commended City Council for eliminating the Business Improvement District and requested that the carnival be moved from Pacific Boulevard to the park due to the impacts to the business community in connection with the street closure.

Eddie Martinez addressed City Council regarding the need to better advertise and promote community engagement for events taking place in the City of Huntington Park, particularly the Christmas Parade.

A representative from Señoras Comunidad, a group of parents representing the community, informed City Council that the recent change to the City's Combi bus service is affecting the children who utilize this form of transportation to get to and from school.

Delia Gonzalez displayed photographs of her home and addressed concerns to City Council regarding dust, earth vibrations, and health issues in connection with the operations at the recycling plant in Maywood Avenue.

Maria Amaya addressed concerns to City Council regarding earth vibrations associated with the operations at the recycling plant in Maywood Avenue.

Enrique Murillo addressed City Council in support of individuals whom have addressed concerns to City Council.

Edilia Ruiz addressed City Council regarding the recycling plant in Maywood Avenue and submitted a copy of a newspaper article from La Opinion regarding this matter for the record.

Mayor Gomez recessed oral communications to move forward agenda item no. 6.5 from the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to pull agenda item no. 6.5 from the Consent Calendar to be discussed separately, carried as follows: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

6.5 Resolution overturning the Planning Commission's decision for Case No. 2013-12-CUP.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-53 overturning the decision of the Huntington Park Planning Commission and denying a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion and operation of an existing metal recycling facility at 6069-6105 Maywood Avenue, Huntington Park, California was presented. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-53, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez resumed oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding the dust and earth vibrations related to the recycling facility on Maywood Avenue, a loan for a property, public safety, and crime due to lack of security at the skate park in the

City of Huntington Park.

Raquel Toscano address concerns to City Council regarding crime and lack of traffic control outside of Nimitz Middle School. Ms. Toscano requested to meet with Mayor Gomez and a group of concerned parents from Nimitz Middle School regarding this matter.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend the annual arrival of Santa Clause and the showing of Turbo the movie at Park Theatre. Ms. Martinez thanked City Council for supporting this year's Christmas Parade and informed City Council that the Chamber seeks participation and outreaches to the community regarding the Christmas Parade. Ms. Martinez also informed City Council that the Christmas Parade is advertised via schools, local non-profit organizations, businesses, reader boards, marquee at the park, and Chamber of Commerce's facebook webpage.

Francisco Rivera addressed concerns to City Council regarding illegal flyers posted on City posts and inquired about the Code Enforcement Division's efforts to call the phone numbers listed on the flyers.

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 with Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, November 18, 2013 and the following noted changes on said minutes: 1) replace Christmas Parade with "carnival" in Mr. Ioannidis statement; and 2) to include more detailed comments made by City Council regarding Council's decision for overturning the Planning Commission's decision for Case No. 2013-12 -CUP, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, 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 meeting:

6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, November 18, 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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

6.3 Release and Settlement of Claims relating to the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller's overcharges of property administration fees.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Release and Settlement Agreement for County Property Tax Administration Fees.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 6.4 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 2, 2013.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Continued)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

6.6 Resolution approving the application for Grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-in-aid Program for the Salt Lake Park Splash Pad Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-54 approving the application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Salt Lake Park Splash Pad Project was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-54, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and submit all related grant application documents.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. APPEAL

7.1 Appeal a decision of the Traffic Authority denying the request for blue curb installation in front of 3451 Hill Street.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Mayor Gomez invited all public testimony relating to the appeal, and hearing none, declared the appeal hearing closed.
2. Based on public testimony and staff's analysis, render a final decision to uphold or overturn the denial by the Traffic Authority of the request for the installation of a blue curb in front of 3451 Hill Street, an action taken on May 9, 2013.

Following a discussion by City Council and staff, motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Hernandez, to overturn the denial by the Traffic Authority of the request for the installation of a blue curb in front of 3451 Hill Street, an action taken on May 9, 2013, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None. City Manager Bobadilla stated for the record, that City Council approved the request for the installation of a blue curb in front of 3451 Hill Street item, including signage, without making any ADA Compliance improvements.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

8.1 Ordinances adopting the 2014 Los Angeles County Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Codes and 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Set a Public Hearing and consideration of the Second Reading for December 16, 2013.
2. Adopt for the following ordinances for First Reading:
 - a) Ordinance No. 914-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 1 and repealing Chapter 14, 15 and Chapter 16 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 26, Building Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - b) Ordinance No. 915-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 10 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 27, Electrical Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - c) Ordinance No. 916-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 28, Plumbing Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - d) Ordinance No. 917-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 11 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 29, Mechanical Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - e) Ordinance No. 918-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 1B of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 30, Residential Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - f) Ordinance No. 919-NS, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to set a public hearing and consideration of the second reading for December 16, 2013; and that reading in full of Ordinance Nos.: 914-NS, 915-NS, 916-NS, 917-NS, 918-NS, and 919-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance Nos.: 914-NS, 915-NS, 916-NS, 917-NS, 918-NS, and 919-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.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8.2 Approve use of funding from City Art Fund.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

1. Approve the Capital Infrastructure Budget for the Publicly Visible Art Program.
2. Approve funding for holiday decorations from City Art Fund.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Capital Infrastructure Budget for the Publicly Visible Art Program and funding for Holiday decorations from City Art Fund, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

8.3 Approve 2013-2014 “Avoid the 100 DUI Campaign (West)” Grant Project Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the 2013-2014 “AVOID the 100 DUI Campaign (West)” Grant project agreement with the City of Gardena Police Department.

Following a discussion by City Council, motion by Macias, seconded by Perez, to approve the 2013-2014 “AVOID the 100 DUI Campaign (West)” Grant project agreement with the City of Gardena Police Department, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

8.4 Parking Ticket Amnesty Program

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the implementation of a Parking Ticket Amnesty Program.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the implementation of a Parking Ticket Amnesty Program, 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 Resolution adopting new class specifications for the position of Recreation Specialist.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-55 approving and adopting new class specifications for the position of Recreation Specialist was

presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-55, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Bobadilla informed City Council that 33rd District Senator Ricardo Lara requested to lease office space at City Hall and presented basic deal points of the proposed lease. Mr. Bobadilla informed City Council that this item will be presented for their consideration at the next City Council meeting.

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

12.3-1 Discussion and/or action regarding recycling facilities in the City of Huntington Park. Following a brief discussion by City Council, Mayor Gomez directed staff to bring this item back to City Council to address recycling facilities throughout the City in general and code enforcement in regards to permits.

12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

12.5 Council Member Karina Macias

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Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:08 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:56 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 in closed session for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representatives: City Manager Bobadilla and Director of Finance Morales, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees,

there was no reportable action taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk