

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 4, 2004.

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

Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar. Amended Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception that the item regarding the City of Huntington Park Home Investment Partnership Grant Housing and Community Development Assistance Contract with the Fair Housing Foundation be removed from the consent calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 20, 2004.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Approve Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani, for a term of one (1) year ending October 19, 2005.

Approve Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Colen & Lee, Inc., for a term commencing October 4, 2004.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated October 4, 2004.

Approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit to B. Smart Inc. dba El Nuevo Palamino located at 6901 Pacific Boulevard, pending Fire Department approval. The Community Development and Police Departments have no reason to deny the permit.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Award contract to General Pump Company, Inc., 159 North Acacia, San Dimas, 91773, in the amount of \$26,500 **for the Rehabilitation of Water Wells #14 & #15, Project No. 05-010.** This will be funded from the Water Operation/Rehab. Wells 14 & 15 Account 681-8030-461.73-10RW0510.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Modify previous Council approved purchase of two (2) used vehicles to one (1) new vehicle at a cost savings in excess of \$5,000 and approve Purchase Order No. 22740 to Sopp Chevrolet, 5753 Pacific Boulevard for the purchase of the new vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$26,000. This will be funded from Asset Forfeiture Account 229-7080-421.74-10.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Received and filed

Community Development Department status report on proposed new fees related to the Quimby Act, parkland dedication, and in-lieu parkland fees in conjunction with residential development.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding City Council's position on Proposition 68 (The Gaming Revenue Act of 2004). There being no objection, City Council continued this item to the next City Council meeting.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Loya for the City to co-sponsor an HIV testing event to be held in front of El Gallo Giro on October 14, 2004 between 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **approve the request from Council Member Loya for the City to co-sponsor an HIV testing event to be held in front of El Gallo Giro on October 14, 2004 between 3:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding funding not to exceed \$400 for the Immigrants Day Celebration to be held at the Family Center located at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on Thursday, October 28, 2004. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **approve funding for an amount not to exceed \$400 for the Immigrants Day Celebration to be held at the Family Center located at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on Thursday, October 28, 2004,** carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez. Council Member Gomez stated that he will work with the Arts and Culture Commission to coordinate this event.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez for the City to waive the Event Permit fee for the Immigrant's Day Celebration held by Nick Ioannidis at 2669 Gage Avenue on October 28, 2004. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from Council Member Gomez for the City to waive any permit fees associated with the Immigrant's Day Celebration conducted by Nick Ioannidis on October 28, 2004,** carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested City Council approval of a Promissory Note for a City loan in the sum of \$100,000 to the Community Development Commission from the Economic Development Funds for implementing general redevelopment matters. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **approve a Promissory Note for a City loan in the sum of \$100,000 to the Community Development Commission from the Economic Development Funds for implementing general redevelopment matters,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Resolution Nos.: 2004-62, 2004-63, and 2004-64 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-62. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR CREATION OF OUTDOOR SOCCER ARENAS AT SALT LAKE PARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-63. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR CREATION OF A SOCCER CIRCLE AT SALT LAKE PARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-64. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR CREATION OF A SOCCER SQUARE AT SALT LAKE PARK.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2004-62, 2004-63, and 2004-64, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, for 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: Cities of Cerritos; Alameda; Fresno; Pasadena; Sunnyvale; Santa Cruz; Alhambra; Arcadia; Bakersfield; Burbank; Chula Vista; Culver City; Cypress; Glendale; Hayward; Irvine; Irwindale; Monterey; Palm Desert; Palm Springs; Pomona; Porterville; Rancho Mirage; Roseville; San Marcos; Sand City; Seal Beach; Signal Hill; Temple City; Torrance; Tulare; Camarillo; Chino Hills; Corona; El Monte; Huntington Park; Norwalk; and Saratoga v. State Board of Equalization; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Lydia Enriquez v. City of Huntington Park; City Council of the City of Huntington Park; and Donald Pruyn; and 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, and Loya; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez. Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:46 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 7:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

Vice Mayor Hernandez 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.

Francisco Ibarra, Reference Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, invited City Council to visit the newly remodeled library and to attend the Algo por Colombia event on October 9, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. and the Zacatecas event on October 16, 2004. Mr. Ibarra thanked the Police Department for allowing the library's literacy group to use one of their rooms.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding First 5 LA. Todd Flora, representing First 5 LA, briefed City Council regarding different programs offered to children 0 to 5 years of age including maltreatment, health, and preschool plans. Mr. Flora distributed information packets to City Council and encouraged people to call (1-888) First 5 LA.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action for the City to support "Mi Angelito, Inc." event on December 10 through 12, 2004. Josefina Hernandez, President of Mi Angelito Inc. and German Macias, representing META 2000, addressed City Council to request that the City support Mi Angelito, Inc. event. Ms. Hernandez stated that the funds they hope to raise from this event will help children with cancer in Mexico. **There being no objection, City Council directed Director of Parks and Recreation Fries to meet with Mi Angelito, Inc. regarding use of a City facility for the event and report back to City Council at the next meeting.**

Maria Guadalupe Franco presented City Council with a petition containing 1014 signatures requesting that the restrooms at City parks be remodeled and maintained. Director of Parks and Recreation Fries announced that the restrooms will be secured and maintained while new funding is located for the remodel of all restrooms at City parks.

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries requested selection of Youth Commissioners. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint the following to the Youth Commission, for a one (1) year term expiring October 4, 2005:** 1) **Silvano Saldivar Jr.;** 2) **Elyery Landavazo;** 3) **Gustavo Perez;** and 4) **Elyana Campos,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Noguez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) the matter regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation, was continued to the next meeting; 2) the matter regarding Conference With Legal Counsel-Existing, Name of case: Cities of Cerritos; Alameda; Fresno; Pasadena; Sunnyvale; Santa Cruz; Alhambra; Arcadia; Bakersfield; Burbank; Chula Vista; Culver City; Cypress; Glendale; Hayward; Irvine; Irwindale; Monterey; Palm Desert; Palm Springs; Pomona; Porterville; Rancho Mirage; Roseville; San Marcos; Sand City; Seal Beach; Signal Hill; Temple City; Torrance; Tulare; Camarillo; Chino Hills; Corona; El Monte; Huntington Park; Norwalk; and Saratoga v. State Board of Equalization, City Council agreed to the retention of the law firm of Colantuono & Levin to serve as co-counsel on this matter; and 3) the matter regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Lydia Enriquez v. City of Huntington Park; City Council of the City of Huntington Park; and Donald Pruyn, City Council authorized the firm of Leal & Dominguez, LLP to represent the City and Donald Pruyn on this matter.

Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m., in memory of Ann Behl, grandmother of Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Fries; and Douglas Runing De Witt, son of Bill De Witt, former Mayor/Council Member and current Planning Commissioner for the City of South Gate.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk