

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Rosie Marie Darrett, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School in Huntington Park. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Molina. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Rosa E. Perez.

Mayor Molina and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rosie Marie Darrett, 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School in Huntington Park for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting January 22, 2013.

Mayor Molina and City Council presented certificates of appreciation to the following for their participation and hard work associated with the success of the City of Huntington Park's Annual Food Basket Giveaway, Tree Lighting Ceremony and Toy Giveaway events: 1) Non-profit organizations: Southeast Churches Service Center; Southeast Women's Organization; Southeast Rio Vista YMCA; Oldtimer's Foundation; Huntington Park Police Officers Association; Reynoso's Hit N' Walk; State of California EDD/Veterans; Hub Cities Consortium; Friends of Huntington Park Library; Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles; Huntington Park Kiwanis; Huntington Park Sister Cities Association; SOS Booking; Xibalba; Set Your Goals; Senator Ricardo Lara; The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce; Henry T. Gage Middle School; Multi-taskers; Huntington Park High School Key Club; St. Matthias Women's Guild; Assembly Speaker John A. Perez; Yahualica Los Angeles Sister Cities Association; Pasteleria Luceros; Consolidated Disposal; Waste Management; 2) Entertainers at the Tree Lighting Ceremony: Marylou Ascencion; Extreme Lighting; Jose A. Ronstadt; Nolan Roasted Corn; Domino's Pizza; Edible Arrangements; Don Chente Bar & Grill; Tacos Don Chente; Grupo Miramar; La Migra; Mariano Barba; Roger Del Norte; Huntington Park Cheer; Factor 714; HP Folklorico; Brian Muñoz; Maria Fernandez; Juan Mendoza "El Tariacuri"; Jose Figueroa; David Soltero; 3) Parks and Recreation Department staff: Josette Espinosa, Director; Leonard Garcia, Recreation Supervisor; Danny Bueno, Management Analyst; Jessica Perez, Recreation Supervisor; Sonia Ramirez, Recreation Coordinator; Sonia Matamoros, Recreation Coordinator; Gustavo Hernandez, Recreation Coordinator; Marco Rivera; Genesis Chacon; Nataly de la Cruz; Hilda Inzuna; Jackelyn Perez; Esbeidy Castañeda; Rafael Chavez; Christopher Bogle; Connie Nuñez; Jose Santos; Anthony Hines; Jaime Bravo; Johnny Torres; Julie Quiñonez; and 4) Department of Public Works staff: James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Gary Aguayo; Mario Lopez; Marcello Retamosa; Claude Bilodeau; Michael Pierson; Salvador Ortega; Fermin Castillo; Venceslao Armijo; Juan Preciado; Juventino Liera. Raymond Carmody, Ricardo Marquez.

Mayor Molina 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.

Sandra Orozco informed City Council that [www.multiplesclerosis.org](http://www.multiplesclerosis.org) is a website that offers information on Multiple Sclerosis.

Karina Castro addressed City Council regarding an upcoming event to offer support and/or counseling to victims of domestic violence.

Jose Navarro addressed his concerns to City Council.

Evan Carrillo, representing 33<sup>rd</sup> District State Senator Ricardo Lara stated that he looks forward to a partnership with the City.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed his concerns to City Council.

Nick Ioannidis addressed various concerns to City Council.

Alex Reynoso expressed thanks to City Council.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, expressed his concerns to City Council.

John addressed his concerns to City Council.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council regarding the water rate.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to establish as “ **subsequent need**” item, a closed session item for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1), as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

Interim Assistant City Attorney Larson requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 7:05 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:20 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Rosa E. Perez.

Interim Assistant City Attorney Larson reported out that in closed session, direction was given to staff.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 6.1** 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**

- 6.2** Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated January 22, 2013.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

- 6.3** **Agreement with Financial Pacific Insurance Company for the completion of the Salt Lake Park Trail Improvements Phase 1.1. Project.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

Approve the Takeover Agreement with Financial Pacific Insurance Company for completion of the Salt Lake Park Trail Improvements Phase 1.1. Project.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 7. HEARING

- 7.1 **Public hearing to consider an Ordinance repealing Title 9, Chapter 5 (Subdivisions) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code in its entirety and establishing Title 10 (Subdivisions) within the Huntington Park Municipal Code.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing and consider staff's analysis.
3. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 905-NS an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California **repealing Title 9 (zoning), Chapter 5 (Subdivisions) of the Huntington Park Municipal Code in its entirety and establishing Title 10 (Subdivisions) within the Huntington Park Municipal Code.** Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 905-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 905-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 8.1 **Ordinance relating to rules and regulations for water system service.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 903-NS an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Article 2, Sections 6-5.205 and 6-5.207 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code **relating to rules and regulations for water system service.** Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 903-NS for second and final reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 903-NS be introduced and approved for second and final reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

- 8.2 **Ordinance to change billing method from monthly to bi-monthly billing for Water Department customers.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 906-NS an ordinance to **change billing method from monthly to bi-monthly for water**

**department customers.** Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 906-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 906-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **8.3 Award a professional services contract to Primestor Development Inc. to prepare a revitalization strategy for Downtown Huntington Park in connection with the Pacific Boulevard Pedestrian Improvement Project (Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2009 Call for Projects).**

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award a professional services contract to Primestor Development Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$189,000 to prepare a Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to prepare a professional services contract.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all related documents.

Vanessa Delgado, Director of Development and Arturo Sneider, Chief Administrative Officer from Primestor Development Inc. addressed City Council regarding the proposed Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to award a professional services contract to Primestor Development Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$189,000 to prepare a Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park; to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a professional services contract; and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and all related documents, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Perez.

## **9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

## **10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

## **12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**12.1 Mayor Andy Molina**

**12.2 Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero**

**12.3 Council Member Mario Gomez**

**12.4 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

**12.5 Council Member Rosa E. Perez**

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**14.1** In memory of Leon Leyson, former teacher at Huntington Park High School and the youngest of the 1,100 Jews saved from the Nazis by Oskar Schindler (Schindler's list).

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Andy Molina, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk