

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 18, 2004.

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

Vice Mayor Hernandez arrived and took her seat at 6:34 p.m.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception that item regarding the replacement of the existing SBC payphone services at 22 locations be removed from the consent calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

Approve the request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for funding assistance for television production for the 54th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 20, 2004 in the amount of \$25,000 and in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments.

Approve First Amendment to City of Huntington Park Department of Parks & Recreation City Tree and Grounds Maintenance Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and TruGreen LandCare to formally acknowledge merger of U.S. Landscapes, Inc. with TruGreen LandCare.

Approve modification to Sixth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani to reflect a salary increase from \$175 to \$195 per city council meeting.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated October 18, 2004.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Approve City of Huntington Park Home Investment Partnership Grant Housing and Community Development Assistance Contract by and between the City and Fair Housing Foundation for a period ending June 30, 2005 and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents, subject to City Attorney approval.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Award contract to Harry P. Terrill, Inc., 428 N. Primrose Avenue, Monrovia, 91016, in the amount of \$339,400 for the Park and Recreation Building Locker & Restroom Renovation, (Project No. 03-015). This will be funded from the Parks & Recreation Grants Account 212-6010-451.73-10-CC0315.

Approve Contract Change Order for Bear Avenue Water Reservoir Rehabilitation, (Project No. 03-008), from S. S. Mechanical Corp., in the amount of \$133,047.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve Purchase Order No. 22755 to Yocum Business Furnishings, 809 W. Santa Anita Street, San Gabriel, 91776 for carpeting in the second floor of the police department for an amount not to exceed \$24,074.28. This is an after the fact purchase order.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Received and filed

Parks and Recreation Department status report regarding the Mi Angelito, Inc. event at Salt Lake Park.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Loya for discussion and/or action regarding reimbursement and/or status of City Council Member expenses (i.e. cell phone, office phones, travel, etc.). **Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to develop a policy regarding City cell phone usage including reimbursement.**

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Loya for discussion and/or action on various issues concerning the possible sale/closure of Mission and Community Hospitals. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to approve the following concerning the possible sale/closure of Mission and Community Hospitals:**

- a) **Re-establish Health Task Force with immediate focus on the sale/closure of Mission and Community Hospitals and Council Member Loya as the Chairperson.**
- b) **Request California Attorney General to investigate, as appropriate, Tenet**

- Healthcare Corporation's sale and potential closure of Hospitals in the City**
- c) **Request the California Department of Health Services to investigate the sale process**
- d) **City shall retain a hospital zone on both sites**
- e) **City Council conduct a public hearing**
- f) **City host a Southeast cities joint meeting regarding impact and formal position**
- g) **Distribute information to local schools, library, churches, and parent centers**
- h) **Authorize transportation for up to 40 community representatives (residents) to the November 9, 2004 legislative hearing in Los Angeles.**

carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo requested City Council to send a letter to the City of Rosarito, Mexico, to formally invite their Marching Band and Folklorico Dance Group to participate in the Annual Christmas Lane Parade. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **send a letter to the City of Rosarito, Mexico, to formally invite their Marching Band and Folklorico Dance Group to participate in the Annual Christmas Lane Parade**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding Southern California Edison-owned transformers located behind various commercial sites. **There being no objection, City Council appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Mayor Noguez and Vice Mayor Hernandez to monitor the Southern California Edison-owned transformer area located behind Randolph/Rugby Avenue and report back to City Council as needed.**

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a City Tile Plaque to Nick Ioannidis. Mr. Ioannidis thanked City Council and invited everyone to attend the National Immigrants' Day on October 28, 2004.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented plaques to the following five (5) successful individuals who migrated to this country: 1) Moreno family (not present); 2) Rosa Meza; 3) Miguel Gomez; 4) Arutyun and Antram Brutyan; and 5) Yuki Kidokoro (not present).

The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. and resumed at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Noguez 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.

Rosa Perez informed City Council that a group was formed called Families Fighting Against Cancer (FFAC), a non-profit organization to conduct fundraising events throughout the year for the benefit of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life 2005. Ms. Perez introduced the FFAC Executive Board and invited everyone to Halloween Casino Night on Friday, October 29, 2004 at the Family Center.

Gary Crowther, representing GLC Corporation, addressed City Council to discuss the item on the agenda regarding the replacement of the existing SBC payphone services at 22 locations. Mr. Crowther asked City Council to consider his proposal and thanked them for the opportunity to serve the City in the past.

Errol M. Aubry, representing Dial-A-Com/The Telephone Company, briefed City Council about his company and stated that he looks forward to servicing the City.

Valentin Amezcuita stated that he commends City Council for placing the item on the agenda regarding reimbursement and/or status of City Council Member expenses. Mr. Amezcuita stated that this is a positive step for the City and shows fiscal accountability.

Josh Pelzer, Regional Field Director of NO on Proposition 68 Campaign, addressed City Council to request the City's endorsement and made himself available to answer any questions regarding Proposition 68.

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

Mayor Noguez presented a certificate to Planning Commissioner Andy Molina in memory of his father Antonio Molina. Andy Molina thanked City Council and the City for the acknowledgment.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (Draft). The Chief Deputy City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Gabriel Bautista, Community Development Associate Planner, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-65. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ADOPTING THE NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (DRAFT) AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** was presented. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-65, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an Ordinance allowing vehicle parking when in conjunction with an abutting commercial use in the Public Facilities (PF) Zone. The Chief Deputy City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 737-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **ALLOWING VEHICLE PARKING WHEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH ABUTTING COMMERCIAL USES, IN THE PUBLIC FACILITIES (PF) ZONE** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 737-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 737-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the California Citizens Option for Public Safety (California COPS) funding for 2003-2004. The Chief Deputy City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing closed. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to **accept 2003-2004 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (California COPS) funding in the amount of \$100,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant Engineer Fu requests City Council award the replacement of the existing SBC payphone services at 22 locations to Dial-A-Com/The Telephone Company and authorize staff and the City Attorney to prepare an agreement acceptable to both parties. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **award the proposal to GLC Communications for payphone services on public right-of-way and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement acceptable to both parties**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding City Council's position on Proposition 68. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **oppose Proposition 68 (The Gaming Revenue Act of 2004)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-66. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS FOR FUNDING WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF**

TRANSPORTATION was presented. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-66, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 738-NS. AN URGENCY INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 **PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 738-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 738-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 739-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 2, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 10, **REGULATING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 739-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 739-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Loya; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 for Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: City Manager. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:25 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 8:51 p.m. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Antonio Molina, father of Planning Commissioner Andy Molina; 2) David Nordee, English Teacher of Huntington Park High School; and 3) Julie Kay Shaddox, stepdaughter of Director of Finance Donald Pruyne.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk