

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Girls Scouts Junior Level Troop 16795. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:07 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 Girls Scouts Junior Level Troop 16795 for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting February 18, 2014.

The following individuals presented recognitions to Lic. Josefina Vazquez, former Secretary of Social Development and Secretary of Public Education in Mexico: 1) Jack Guerrero, Mayor of the City of Maywood; 2) Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of the Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce; 3) Samuel Magaña, President of Federacion Duranguense USA; 4) Leonardo Lopez, Treasurer of Federacion Duranguense USA; 5) Enedino Aguirre, President of Comite Mexicano Civico Patriotico; 6) Ms. Contreras, representing Jennifer International; 7) Miguel Herrera, representing Jennifer International; 8) Anabela Bastida, Director of Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norte America (COFEM); 9) Silvia Marin, President of Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norte America (COFEM).

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Huntington Park Images of America Book and Key to the City of Huntington Park to Lic. Josefina Vazquez in recognition of her accomplishments including being the first woman to hold the position of Secretary of Social Development and Secretary of Public Education in Mexico.

Lic. Josefina Vazquez thanked City Council, Mayor of the City of Maywood, and all the representatives of the organizations present that recognized her and informed City Council that she will conduct book signings at the Huntington Park Library for the presentation of her book titled "El sueño que unio la frontera".

Mayor Gomez recessed the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Huntington Park Images of America Book and pen to John Sanchez, resident of the City of Huntington Park, in honor of his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Michelle Sanchez, daughter of John Sanchez, accepted the recognitions and thanked City Council on behalf of her father.

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.

Alex Reynoso, CEO/Founder of Reynoso's Hit 'N Walk, Co-chairman of the Coordinating Council, and Team Captain for American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life, informed City Council that Reynoso's Hit 'N Walk was recently certified by State of California with an educational title. Mr. Reynoso also informed City Council that Reynoso's Hit 'N Walk currently has 64 businesses in their membership and stated that they are currently partnering up with United Education Institute (UEI). Mr. Reynoso commended City Council, City Manager Bobadilla, and City staff for current and upcoming projects and events in the City. Mr. Reynoso also thanked Chief of Police Cisneros for responding promptly to a burglary that took place at their Reynoso's Hit N' Walk office.

Norma Hernandez, representing Chase Bank, thanked City Council and City staff for installing bicycle racks and removing parking meters in front of Chase Bank and other locations in the downtown area. Ms. Hernandez also thanked City Council for removing unsightly news racks in front of Chase Bank.

Omar Jimenez and Miles Tatum addressed concerns to City Council regarding child safety and offered to give back to the community by collaborating with the City to bring a child ID program in order to create a safer community and environment for children.

Lazaro Facio addressed concerns regarding unauthorized companies going around the community painting addresses on street curbs. Mr. Facio asked City Council to consider changing the system to allow a company rather than various non-profit organizations to conduct curb painting.

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

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar with the noted correction to the amount in Item No. 6.4 Section 3 under the Public Works Department to correct a typographical error from \$45,078.83 to \$50,853.83, 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 meeting:

6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, February 3, 2014

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 February 18, 2014.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

6.4 Notice of Completion for the Salt Lake Park Trail Improvements Phase 1.1 Project.

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

1. Accept the Work as completed.
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder Office and if no claims are filed within 35 days after recordation, and upon the contractor posting an acceptable warranty bond, notice the surety company to exonerate the payment bond.
3. Approve the final Total Project Budget (Attachment A) and authorize the Director of Public Works to release the 10% retention payment in the amount of \$45,078.83 to Financial Pacific Insurance Company 60 days after the date of completion, contingent upon no claims being filed on the project and the contractor posting an acceptable warranty bond.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **7. HEARING**

### **7.1 Public hearing to consider the City of Huntington Park's Housing and Community Development Needs.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments, and hearing none.
2. Close public hearing and consider all public testimony.
3. Receive and file comments regarding the City's housing and community development needs in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to receive and file comments regarding the City's housing and community development needs in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **8.1 Professional Service Agreement with First Southwest to Conduct Review and Analysis (audit) of Participants in the City's Retiree Medical Insurance Program.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the professional service agreement with First Southwest to conduct a review and analysis (membership and participation audit) of the City's Retiree Medical Insurance Program.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the professional service agreement with First Southwest to conduct a review and analysis (membership and participation audit) of the City's Retiree Medical Insurance Program; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **8.2 Authorization to purchase three solar message signs.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the purchase of three solar message signs for an amount not-to-exceed \$42,500.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to authorize the purchase of three solar message signs for an amount not-to-exceed \$42,500, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez,

Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**8.3 Professional Service Agreement with Karen Warner Associates to prepare the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice (AI) report for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the professional service agreement with Karen Warner Associates to prepare the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve the professional service agreement with Karen Warner Associates to prepare the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.4 Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program for a Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan update.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-4 approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-4,
2. carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**8.5 Authorize the award of the construction of the City-Wide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Light Retrofit and Upgrade Project.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Find the bids from Sierra Pacific Electrical Contracting, Inc., for \$430,350.00; Lighting Technology Services, Inc., for \$718,917.00; and PTM General Engineering Service, Inc., for \$759,200.00 non-responsive as these bidders did not submit all the documentation required by the bid solicitation.

2. Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. in the amount of \$583,600.00.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

3. Authorize the City Manager to approve and execute a professional services agreement with AIM Consulting Services for construction management and inspection services for this project, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$29,925.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order with Winterland, Inc. for the purchase of Tivoli style LED light strands for the downtown area on Pacific Boulevard for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,460.93.
5. Approve the updated Total Project Budget as presented in Attachment A.

James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City-Wide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Light Project.

Mayor Gomez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to comment on this item, and hearing none, closed oral communications.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to find the bids from Sierra Pacific Electrical Contracting, Inc., for \$430,350.00; Lighting Technology Services, Inc., for \$718,917.00; and PTM General Engineering Service, Inc., for \$759,200.00 nonresponsive as these bidders did not submit all the documentation required by the bid solicitation; award and authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. in the amount of \$583,600.00; authorize the City Manager to approve and execute a professional services agreement with AIM Consulting Services for construction management and inspection services for this project, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$29,925; approve the purchase of Tivoli style LED light strands for the downtown area on Pacific Boulevard from Winterland, Inc. for an amount of \$30,460.93, subject to City Council approval of the light configuration; and approve the updated Total Project Budget as presented in Attachment A, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

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

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

## **12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez**

**12.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding use of the City logo/seal by California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc. for literature regarding free training on Responsible Beverage Sales/Service (RBS) relating to Alcohol Beverage Sales Control (ABC) License. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item approved.**

### **12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

### **12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

**12.3-1 Discussion and/or action regarding annual housing inspections for code enforcement issues throughout the City. Mayor Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Hernandez and Vice Mayor Perez to research the feasibility of implementing a housing inspection program throughout the City and report back to City Council.**

**12.3-2 Discussion and/or action regarding use of Arts in Public Places funds for the purchase and installation of banners to honor veterans in the City of Huntington Park. Mayor Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Macias to look into a veterans recognition program and report back to City Council.**

### **12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita**

### **12.5 Council Member Karina Macias**

Interim Assistant City Attorney Larson requested the City Council resolve into a closed session for the following:

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

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

Name of Case: City of Huntington Park v. Watanabe et al., Case No. 34-2013-80001678.

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

Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581

13.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (3)

13.4 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: City Attorney

Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Macias, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, a closed session item for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) 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 Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:05 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:29 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 Assistant City Attorney Larson reported out that there was no action taken in closed session.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk