

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 3, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Girls Scouts Brownie Level Troop 16795. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. 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.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Girls Scouts Brownie Level Troop 16795 for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting March 3, 2014.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Trees for a Better Environment" Project.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding a recent "Keep Our City Clean" clean-up event and upcoming events.

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.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding the removal of the curb painting and street sweeping signage on the block near Passaic Street and stated that parking citations were issued to vehicles parked on said street. Mr. Cruz also addressed concerns with two buses parked in front of his home and stated that school police should be notified that they may not issue citations on City property.

Andy Molina, on behalf of Liga Legal, thanked City Council for allowing them to have their recent workshop and distributed copies of flyers regarding "Walk for Hunger" on April 5, 2014 and urged everyone in the community to get involved.

Francisco Rivera addressed concerns with illegal taxicab companies posting stickers on City poles and the aesthetics of businesses on Pacific Boulevard.

George Franco addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking enforcement in the City and the quality of the City Council meeting videos.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for attending their 108th Annual Installation Dinner and Business Award Banquet.

Antonio Padilla addressed concern to City Council regarding a sign at the Finance Department that reads "no checks for police services" and asked for clarification.

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, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 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.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Continued)

6.3 **Resolution adopting a new City of Huntington Park Conflict of Interest Code in accordance with the Political Reform Act.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-5 repealing all prior resolutions establishing provisions of the City of Huntington Park Conflict of Interest Code and adopting a new Conflict of Interest Code in accordance with the Political Reform Act.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

6.4 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated March 3, 2014.

6.5 **Resolution approving and adopting the salary schedule and salary grid for all classifications in the City.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-6 approving and adopting the salary schedule and salary grid for all classifications in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

6.6 **Randolph Street from Holmes Ave to Pacific Blvd Project closeout for the Los Angeles County Cooperative Agreement No. 77232**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to take all necessary actions and execute all required Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) documents to transfer Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funds to the County in the amount of \$271,097.62 to close the project.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **HEARING**

7.1 **Resolution self-certifying the City of Huntington Park to be in Conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and adopting the 2013 CMP Local Development Report.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive and comments, and hearing none.
2. Close public hearing and consider all public testimony and staff's analysis.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-7 finding the City of Huntington Park to be in Conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089 was presented. Motion by Amezcua, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-7, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

8.1 Resolution approving an application for the California Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Administered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-8 authorizing the submission of an application for the California Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Administered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control to fund the cleanup of property located at 5959-6169 South Alameda Street (Southland Steel).

Julio Morales, Director of Finance, presented a report on the proposal regarding environmental cleanup and funding of the property located at 5959-6169 South Alameda Street.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-8 authorizing the submission of an application for the California Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program Administered by the Department of Toxic Substances Control to fund the cleanup of property located at 5959-6169 South Alameda Street (Southland Steel), carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.2 Emergency purchase of Information Technology (IT) equipment and IT services contract.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the purchase and installation of 18 computer desktops and upgrade software for 12 desktops in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.
2. Authorize the purchase and installation of new mail/file servers and software in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute an IT services contract with LAN WAN Enterprises, Inc.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to authorize the following: 1) purchase and installation of 18 computer desktops and upgrade software for 12 desktops in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000; 2) purchase and installation of new mail/file servers and software in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,000; and 3) the City Manager to execute an IT services contract with LAN WAN Enterprises, Inc. for a term of one year, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

8.3 Pacific Boulevard Pedestrian Improvement Project (Project ID# F3609) Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the funding agreement with Metro for the subject project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all related documents to secure the funds awarded through Metro's 2009 Call for Projects Grant Program.

Motion by Perez, seconded Amezquita, to approve the funding agreement with Metro for the subject project and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all related documents to secure the funds awarded through Metro's 2009 Call for Projects Grant Program, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

8.4 **Activity in Public Places Permit for a street procession conducted by Iglesia Sagrada Familia on April 18, 2014 (S14-05).**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request by Iglesia Sagrada Familia to conduct a street procession along Rugby Avenue, Clarendon Avenue, Middleton Street, and Zoe Avenue on April 18, 2014 (S14-05), subject to the "Departmental Conditions of Approval".

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request by Iglesia Sagrada Familia to conduct a street procession along Rugby Avenue, Clarendon Avenue, Middleton Street, and Zoe Avenue on April 18, 2014 (S14-05), subject to the "Departmental Conditions of Approval", carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.5 **Resolution authorizing the submittal of two grant applications for CicLAVia and HP Gran Prix events under the Open Streets Program administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-9 authorizing the submittal of two grant applications under the Open Streets Program administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-9 authorizing the submittal of two grant applications under the Open Streets Program administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8.6 2014 4th of July Fireworks Display Request for Proposals.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the 4th of July Fireworks Display Request for Proposals.
2. Authorize staff to advertise and release the 4th of July Fireworks Display Request for Proposals.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so approved the 4th of July Fireworks Display Request for Proposals and authorized staff to advertise and release the 4th of July Fireworks Display Request for Proposals.

8.7 Discussion and/or action regarding the 2014 4th of July Celebration event. Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented three options for the 2014 4th of July Celebration event. Following a discussion by City Council and staff, motion by Gomez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve O Entertainment to present the 2014 4th of July Celebration event, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: None. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Mayor Gomez and Council Member Amezcuita to work with staff regarding limiting the amount of alcoholic beverages allowed per person at the event.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

9.1 Resolution adopting new class specifications for the position of Business License Technician.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-10 approving and adopting new class specifications for the position of Business License Technician was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

9.2 Discussion and/or action regarding the design and installation of LED lights along Pacific Boulevard. James Enriquez displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the LED light configuration along Pacific Boulevard. Following a brief discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Gomez approved the LED light configuration for Pacific Boulevard.

9.3 Discussion and/or action regarding City Council travel/conference budget. Following a brief discussion by City Council and staff, Mayor Gomez directed staff to look into the top three most attended conferences per year and report back to City Council with a proposed budget and resolution.

City Manager Bobadilla presented an update regarding the City's pension tax issue with the State of California and read a letter regarding the City's financial rating downgrade from A- to BBB. Mr. Bobadilla also updated City Council regarding a proposed water project at the corner of Miles and Slauson

Avenues which involves cleaning the water at said location and re-injecting it back into the City's water system.

Julio Morales, Director of Finance, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Downtown Parking Analysis.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

10.1 Agreement with Human Resources/Personnel Legal Services - Atkinson Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the proposed attorney representation agreement with Atkinson Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; and authorize the City Manager to execute.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve the proposed attorney representation agreement with Atkinson Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo; and authorize the City Manager to execute, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

12.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding curb painting within the City. Following a brief discussion by City Council and staff, Mayor Gomez so ordered staff to include a section regarding in the next City Newsletter to educate the community regarding the curb painting process in the City.

12.1-2 Discussion and/or action regarding a proposed ordinance requiring alcohol beverage retailers to complete training on Responsible Beverage Sales/Service (RBS) related to Alcohol Beverage Sales Control (ABC) License. Following a brief discussion, no action was taken.

12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

12.3-1 Discussion and/or action to send a letter to United States President Barack Obama asking to support Immigration Reform and to place on his agenda. City Council so ordered interested Council Members to send individual letters for this.

12.3-2 Discussion and/or action to send a letter to His Holiness Pope Francis asking to support Immigration Reform. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to send a letter inviting His Holiness Pope Francis and President Barack Obama to the City of Huntington Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – (Continued)

12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

12.5 Council Member Karina Macias

Interim City Attorney Litfin announced for the record that on the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) matter, the City of Huntington Park settled with WRD, agreed to pay what the City withheld over a 12 month time period at 3% interest with no penalties; there is a lot of litigation currently going on as Council knows on this matter and the case is going to trial but the City is no longer a part of it. Also said parties agreed to a Tolling Agreement, if it is found that WRD overcharged or did not comply with Proposition 218, the City can still file a claim going back 12 month before when the City filed a claim on the matter. WRD reserved the right if they are found that if it is permissible to go after people for statutory penalties which in our case can be up to \$35,000 but that has not been decided yet, we all decided to let the court decide.

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, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (2)

13.2 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: City Attorney

13.3 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.

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

Name of Case: Leo Oso v. City of Huntington Park, Case No. LASC BC505088

13.5 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

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:21 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:13 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 there was no action taken in closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk