

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 6, 2006.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Thursday, January 19, 2006.

**Deny claim filed by Arthur P. Gallegos**, Date of Incident: July 14, 2005 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

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

Approve the Payroll Demands dated February 6, 2006.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Reject all bids for Project No. 06-014, Construction of Huntington Park Community Center & Outdoor Restrooms and Snack Bar Facilities at Salt Lake Park, and authorize staff to re-bid the project.**

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding the impact of Dental Services for Medi-Cal patients in the Southeast Communities. **There being no objection, Council Member Noguez requested that this item be continued to the next Council meeting, pending further research.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Cuauhtemoc Aztec Dance requesting approval to use Westside Park to conduct their annual ceremony in honor of Cuauhtemoc on Saturday, February 25, 2006; temporary closure of Regent Street; and waiver of fees associated with the event. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the request from Cuauhtemoc Aztec Dance to use Westside Park to conduct their annual ceremony in honor of Cuauhtemoc on Saturday, February 25, 2006; temporary closure of Regent Street; and waiver of fees associated with the event with the exception of the required Facility deposit fee**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez on behalf of Mayor Hernandez presented a request from the American Cancer Society to use the Huntington Park Civic Center on April 29, 2006 to conduct activities associated with the National Minority Cancer Awareness Week. **There being no objection, City Council approved the request from the American Cancer Society to use the Huntington Park Civic Center on April 29, 2006 to conduct activities associated with the National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.**

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 6:40 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding analysis of the sales tax collection system in the City of Huntington Park. **There being no objection, City Council directed staff to prepare an analysis of alternatives for the collection of sales tax in the City of Huntington Park and report back to City Council at the next Council meeting.**

Council Member Gomez returned to his seat at 6:42 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez for the City of Huntington Park to work with the Human Services Association (HSA) in the application process for new funding from Los Angeles Universal Preschool. **There being no objection, City Council authorized the City of Huntington Park to work with the Human Services Association in the application process for new funding from Los Angeles Universal Preschool and authorized the Mayor to send a letter of support to HSA.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding safety zones throughout the City. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to research the feasibility of implementing safety zones throughout the City and report back to City Council.**

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the proposed site for South Region Elementary School #5. **Following a discussion, City Council authorized staff to send a letter to the Los Angeles Unified School District opposing the proposed site for South Region Elementary School #5 located on the southeast corner of Florence Avenue and State Street.**

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, a closed session item pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING, Name of case: Torris Epps vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. MON 0322171, 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 Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees’ Association, Police Officers’ Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees’ Association; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); and 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Torris Epps vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. MON 0322171. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 6:50 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

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 Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez and Chief of Police Narramore presented a plaque of recognition on behalf of the National Association Town Watch (NATW) to Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Helen Carrillo for the City’s 2005 National Night Out.

A representative from the Auto Club of Southern California, introduced Captain Siegl from the California Highway Patrol who presented the following individuals with 10851 (Auto Theft) awards: 1) Police Officer Gerardo Prado; 2) Police Officer Conrad Chacon; and 3) Police Officer Miguel Navia.

Chief of Police Narramore presented Police Department Employee of the Year awards to the following: 1) Cynthia Medina, Police Explorer of the Year; 2) Karen Truong, Police Records Clerk of the Year; 3) Nancy Lozano, Police Volunteer of the Year; 4) Mario Bojorquez, Police Reserve of the Year; 5) Ricardo Curiel, Police Officer of the Year; and 6) Michael Gallegos, Police Officer of the Year.

Mayor Hernandez read a proclamation declaring February 2006 as American Heart Association’s “Wear Red” month.

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.

Monica Escalera addressed City Council to inquire about the status of the new Aspire Charter School site.

Adrian Kirk, representing Aspire Public Schools, informed City Council that parents were present in support of opening a new Aspire Charter School site in the City of Huntington Park.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action the status report on **Pacific Charter School**’s permit application. Council Member Noguez expressed his concerns regarding the plans for the proposed Pacific Charter School site and its lack of green space.

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Maria Lopez informed City Council that she has contacted a few departments in the

City to assist her regarding a property owner in the City of Huntington Park that has committed fraud against her and other individuals. Assistant Chief of Police Peeler stated that they have met with Ms. Lopez and informed her that this is a civil matter and referred Ms. Lopez to the Superior Court regarding this civil matter.

Elena Martin addressed City Council regarding a previous request for the City to assist her and other senior citizens regarding uninhabitable conditions at the Rugby Senior Citizen Housing Complex. Ms. Martin also reported the many problems she has encountered with the manager of the complex.

Linda Loya addressed City Council on behalf of Veronica Aragon, Principal at Henry T. Gage Middle School, in support of their grant application to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Mrs. Loya briefed City Council regarding the importance of the CDBG funds to provide extra help for students who need it and to hire extra personnel to assist these students.

Jose Alfredo Gonzalez, student at Huntington Park High School, addressed City Council to request their consideration in granting CDBG funds to Henry T. Gage Middle School that will go towards providing more academic assistance to students.

A gentleman addressed City Council in support of Maria Lopez's statements regarding a property owner in the City of Huntington Park that has committed fraud against individuals and asked City Council to help with this matter.

Hector Alvarado, representing United Parents of Maywood, addressed City Council in support of the proposed resolution opposing the Clear Act Amendments and asked City Council to encourage the surrounding cities to also oppose HR 4437.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA OPPOSING THE CLEAR ACT AMENDMENTS AND THE SENSEBRENER-KING IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL (HR 4437)** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia Reyes, Social Worker with University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), informed City Council that they have a clinic located at 2677 Zoe Avenue, which is free to the public. Ms. Reyes distributed flyers and encouraged everyone in need of health care to visit the clinic.

Council Member Noguez returned to his seat 8:02 p.m.

Don Brabant informed City Council that the proposed ordinance to establish a rental housing enhancement program would have a negative impact on the values in the City, particularly rental, and will lead to higher rents.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 18 TO TITLE 8 OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE RENTAL HOUSING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 3 for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 3 be introduced for discussion. Motion, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The following individuals addressed City Council in opposition to the ordinance establishing the rental housing enhancement program in the City of Huntington Park: 1) Barbara Iglesias; 2) Marial Sanders; 3) Nancy Ahlswede; 4) Lucia Montoya; 5) Alan Wood; 6) Ramon Bolivar; and 7) a woman.

Rafael Barajas addressed City Council in support of the ordinance establishing the rental housing enhancement program in the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Barajas stated that rents in the City are high and that properties are not maintained by the property owners.

Pedro Olguin addressed City Council in support of the ordinance establishing the

rental housing enhancement program in the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Olguin encouraged anyone having problems with tenants and/or landlords to call (323) 589-2089.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

Council Member Romo left her seat at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 8:57 p.m.

Magdalena Chavez stated that landlords and tenants need to respect each other's views.

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

Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, **to reject the ordinance establishing the Rental Housing Enhancement Program; and to direct the original Ad-Hoc Committee to readdress the issue and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero; Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Noguez left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider amending Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to modify the requirements and clarify the definitions for Child Day Care Facilities permitted under state law. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 771-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO **MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS AND CLARIFY THE DEFINITIONS FOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES** PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 771-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 771-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Council Member Romo returned to her seat at 9:20 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to obtain the views and opinions of Huntington Park residents regarding the City's housing and community needs including priority non-housing community development needs and the use of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD's) formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to receive and file a report on the City's 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan and appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo to make recommendations regarding CDBG funded public service projects to be included in the 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance amending the zoning designation from Industrial/Manufacturing Planned Development to General Commercial and amending the General Plan Land Use Map designation from Manufacturing Planned Development to

General Commercial for properties located on the north side of Slauson Avenue between State Street and Miles Avenue; properties located at the south-west corner of Slauson Avenue and State Street; properties located on Bickett Street; and properties located on the east side of Miles Avenue/Soto Street; as delineated on the attached map. The City Clerk reported that two (2) written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk from Levine Brothers and CB Richard Ellis. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing continued to the next Council meeting.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding the City's Centennial Celebration Sponsorship. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, **to direct staff to look into fundraising options and sponsorship and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Director of Field Services Poole requested that Bid Proposal M-107, for the procurement of one (1) 4 wheel drive Tahoe Specialty Emergency Response Vehicle for use by the Police Department, be awarded to Sopp Chevrolet Truck Center and approve Purchase Order No. 22800 in the amount of \$40,269. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to award Bid Proposal M-107 to Sopp Chevrolet Truck Center for the procurement of one (1) 4 wheel drive Tahoe Specialty Emergency Response Vehicle for use by the Police Department; and approve Purchase Order No. 22800 in the amount of \$40,269**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested discussion and/or action regarding Measure L Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations including related financing. Tom Simmons representing City Light and Power and Jim Wagner representing Republic Electric introduced themselves and agreed to attend the next Council meeting for a presentation. **There being no objection, City Council authorized staff to move ahead with Measure L financing, authorize staff to hire Bond Counsel to work on Measure L, and to continue this item to the next Council meeting.**

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of Purchase Order No. 22900 to Master K-9, Inc., in the amount of \$7,410, for the purchase of a narcotic detection K-9 and training of dog handler for the Police Crime Suppression Unit. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to approve Purchase Order No. 22900 to Master K-9, Inc., in the amount of \$7,410, for the purchase of a narcotic detection K-9 and training of dog handler for the Police Crime Suppression Unit**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA **IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 411 (ALARCON)** AS AMENDED JANUARY 4, 2006 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-9, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **TORRIS EPPS IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF SENIOR OFFICER** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK RECOGNIZING THE **NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AND ADOPTING ITS PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt

Resolution No. 2006-11, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

**ORDINANCE NO. 770-NS**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 8 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **PERTAINING TO PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 770-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 770-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) subsequent need item regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Torris Epps vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. MON 0322171, a status report was provided to City Council; and 2) Conference with Labor Negotiators and Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, no action was taken.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m., in memory of the following: Consuelo Bixler, mother of Veronica Lopez, Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park; Natalie Wildey, aunt of Gregory D. Korduner, City Manager for the City of Huntington Park; Enrique Mendez Sr., father of Enrique Mendez, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Huntington Park; and Manny Isidro, former Senior Accountant for the Finance Department for the City of Huntington Park.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk