

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 15, 2006.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 1, 2006.

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, May 2, 2006.

Deny claim filed by Gloria Martinez, Date of Incident: February 17, 2006 and refer to 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 May 15, 2006.

Adopt the City of Huntington Park Statement of Investment Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Approve the Agreement for Property Tax Audit and Information Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and HdL Coren & Cone.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of additional sidewalk sales for the 2006 calendar year. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for additional sidewalk sales for the 2006 calendar year**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action the Ad Hoc Committee findings regarding all City Commissions. Following a brief presentation of the findings by City Clerk Ramirez, **there being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered this item continued.**

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the possible formation of a Joint Powers Agency to provide local policy and management oversight of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools in the southeast area, including appointment of a Council Member to participate in the meetings and allocation of \$7,000 as the City's share for legal costs associated with the formation of the agency. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **appoint Council Member Hernandez as representative and Vice Mayor Guerrero as alternate to participate in meetings to create a joint powers agency for municipal governance of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools in the cities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, and South Gate; and allocate \$7,000 as the City's share for legal costs associated with the formation of the joint powers agency**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the Oldtimers Foundation Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Services. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a one (1) year extension to the Oldtimers Foundation Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Services and direct staff to prepare the necessary documents and report back to City Council. Mayor Noguez requested staff address the Oldtimers Foundation regarding public service announcements inside the vehicles**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of the Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Community Development Commission for administration of the Neighborhood Preservation Project and the Low & Moderate Income Housing Fund to provide the full reimbursement of an additional Assistant Planner position. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Community Development Commission for administration of the Neighborhood Preservation Project and the Low & Moderate Income Housing Fund** to provide the full reimbursement of an additional Assistant Planner position, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of a Promissory Note from the Community Development Commission to the City of Huntington Park for the Neighborhood Preservation Redevelopment Project Area. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a Promissory Note in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Community Development Commission to the City of Huntington Park for the Neighborhood Preservation Redevelopment Project Area in the amount of \$1,000,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested review and selection of the

Centennial Bell inscription. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the inscription “City of Huntington Park, 1906-2006” on the Centennial Bell and forward this item to the Arts and Culture Commission for the selection of the inscription for the plaque to be placed below the Centennial Bell**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis requested acceptance of the 2006-2008 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$237,000; and establish a Traffic Enforcement Fund. Motion by Romo, to approve the 2006-2008 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$237,000, died due to lack of a second. **There being no objection, City Council directed staff to research Police Department staffing and/or the feasibility of partnering with neighboring law enforcement agencies to utilize the 2006-2008 OTS Grant in the amount of \$237,000 and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Park vs. 6208 Alameda Corporation, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court, Case #BC24217. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:58 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis and Mayor Noguez presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lieutenant Wadley for completion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Virginia. Lieutenant Wadley thanked City Council for allowing him to attend the FBI National Academy in Virginia.

April Shuck, Coordinator of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), presented plaques and pins to the following in recognition of their participation of law enforcement against DUI violators in the City of Huntington Park: 1) Police Officer Jesus Verdiell; 2) Police Officer Miguel Navia; 3) Police Detective Ricardo Curiel (not present); and a special presentation to the Huntington Park Police Department.

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.

Enrique Murillo, President of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), presented a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Noguez in recognition of his service to the community.

Estela Gomez, Chair of the American Cancer Society 2006 Southeast Cities Relay for Life, encouraged everyone to participate in the Relay for Life at Huntington Park High School on June 3 and 4, 2006. Mrs. Gomez also invited everyone to attend the Southeast Cities 3rd Annual Gala for Life Charity Ball at Leonardo’s Restaurant on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 and thanked City Council, the City Clerk, Police Department, and City staff for volunteering their services.

Norma Montero, Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, announced that the re-opening of the Huntington Park Library will be Saturday, May 20, 2006 and the Grand Opening will be May 25, 2006. Ms. Montero thanked City Council for their support and distributed flyers to City Council.

Jose Manuel Espinosa Perez informed City Council that he has attempted several times to contest a citation he was issued a year ago by the City of Huntington Park. City Manager Korduner referred Mr. Espinosa Perez to Chief of Police Trevis regarding this issue.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider a proposed urgency ordinance extending Urgency Interim Ordinance No. 754-NS as extended by Urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 760-NS which repealed Municipal Code Title 9, Chapter 3, Article 12 concerning regulation of signs on

private property and on certain public property. The 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. 781-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK EXTENDING URGENCY INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 754-NS WHICH REPEALED MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 9 CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 12 CONCERNING SIGN REGULATIONS AND ADOPTED A NEW INTERIM ARTICLE 12 CONCERNING **REGULATION OF SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ON CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 781-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 781-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to receive and file a status report on Urgency Ordinance No. 754-NS, as required by Government Code Section 65858**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-33. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-33, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-34. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES TO PAY THE COST OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007** AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SAID RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-34, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-35. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA **ORDERING THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE FEES, SEWER FEES, RECYCLING FEES AND THE UTILITY USER'S TAX** BY LEVYING SUCH FEES FOR COLLECTION BY THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-35, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-36. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **REQUESTING THAT THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL #7 AFTER THE HONORABLE MARCO ANTONIO FIREBAUGH** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-36, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 779-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 CHAPTER 3 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR FENCES AND WALLS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 779-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 779-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero,

Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 780-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 7 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD REGULATIONS **PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUSHCARTS ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC STREETS TO DETER OBSTRUCTION THEREOF AND PROMOTE FREE AND SAFE PASSAGE OF PEDESTRIANS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 780-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 780-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alfonso Amador, Fredo Dwyer, Humberto Lozano, Robert Valencia vs. City of Huntington Park, Randy Narramore, Stephen Peeler, Case No. BC345283; and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:33 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Alfonso Amador, Fredo Dwyer, Humberto Lozano, Robert Valencia vs. City of Huntington Park, Randy Narramore, Stephen Peeler, Case No. BC345283, was continued; and 2) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1), no action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m., in memory of Carlos Ortiz, father of Vicente Ortiz, President of Tacos Don Chente Restaurants; and Mary M. Savage, mother of Arlene Savage, Health and Education Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk