

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 7, 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, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Council Members Gomez and Romo arrived and took their seat at 6:31 p.m.

Motion by Gomez, 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, July 17, 2006.

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 August 7, 2006.

Approve Amendment No. 7 to Agreement for Hearing Examiner Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lloyd B. Carter for a period of two (2) years expiring August 31, 2008.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Approve a Residential Revocable Encroachment Permit to Adan Pacheco for property located at 6852 Hood Avenue, in order to construct a block wall adjacent to the aforementioned property.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve Second Amendment to Alarm Systems Monitoring Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and PRO System for a term of two (2) years expiring July 30, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager Korduner report on the Independent Cities Association (ICA) 46th Annual Seminar held July 2006.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action National Immigrants Day on October 28, 2006. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve distribution of a maximum of 199 City letters per month in support of the National Immigrants Day; and allocation of up to \$500 for the event upon submittal of receipts**, 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 a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding the Centennial Time Capsule. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed each department and City Council Members to submit an item for placement inside the City's Centennial Capsule which will be on display in City Hall.**

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 6:37 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Romo regarding a letter of support for Aspire Public Schools. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez authorized staff to send a letter of support to Aspire Public Schools regarding their petition to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education for a revision of their existing charters.**

Council Member Gomez returned to his seat at 6:38 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Noguez regarding a letter of support for SB 760 (Lowenthal): Ports congestion relief; security enhancement. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize staff to send a letter in support of SB 760 (Lowenthal)**, 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 Promissory Notes from the City of Huntington Park to the Community Development Commission for the Santa Fe Redevelopment Project and the Neighborhood Preservation Redevelopment Project. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Promissory Notes from the City of Huntington Park to the Community Development Commission for the Santa Fe Redevelopment Project and the Neighborhood Preservation Redevelopment Project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to reappoint Jack Zaghera to the Advisory Board for a three (3) year term. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **reappoint Jack Zaghera to the BID Advisory Board for a 3-year term expiring June 1, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to allocate BID funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the Huntington Park Centennial Celebration. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the allocation of BID funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the Huntington Park Centennial Celebration**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that a portion of Project No. 06-014, Community Center and Outdoor Restrooms and Snack Bar Facilities for Salt Lake Park, be deleted and that the construction of the Huntington Park Community Center Project be awarded to Trimax Construction Corporation in the amount of \$2,089,709. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **delete a portion of Project No. 06-014, Community Center and Outdoor Restrooms and Snack Bar Facilities for Salt Lake Park and award the construction of the Huntington Park Community Center Project to Trimax Construction Corporation in the amount of \$2,089,709**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested the following: 1) receive and file minutes of the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting of July 25, 2006; and 2) approve the design of the new lights along Pacific Boulevard. Tom Simmons, representing City Light and Power, distributed design options for the new lights along Pacific Boulevard to City Council and requested selection of a design. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file minutes**

of the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting of July 25, 2006; and approve City Light and Power Design Sample B-2 for the new lights along Pacific Boulevard, 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 approval of a Facility Use Agreement for Fiesta de Carnival/Shamrock Shows to conduct a carnival from September 6 through 18, 2006 at Salt Lake Park in conjunction with the City's Centennial Celebration and the El Grito 2006 event. Following a discussion, motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve allocation of \$35,000 to the City's Centennial Celebration rather than conduct a carnival to fundraise for Centennial events**, 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 appointment of Arts and Culture Commissioners to fill two (2) vacancies. **There being no objection, City Council referred this item to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Arts and Culture Commission to interview applicants and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Park and Arcadia Publishing, Inc. for the publication of the City's Centennial book. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Park and Arcadia Publishing, Inc. for the publication of the City's Centennial book**, 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 approval of the City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora for a one-year period expiring June 30, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora for a one-year period expiring June 30, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Field Services Poole requested authorization to purchase seven (7) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans from Wonderies Ford Fleet Division for an amount of \$170,770.42. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the purchase of seven (7) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Sedans from Wonderies Ford Fleet Division for an amount of \$170,770.42**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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 Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 7:02 p.m.

Chief of Police Trevis introduced the following new Huntington Park Police employees: 1) Jesus Gutierrez, Police Officer; 2) Giovanni Hernandez, Police Officer; 3) Jose Cabrera, Police Cadet; 4) Kelly Gutierrez, Police Cadet; 5) Erica Toro, Police Cadet (not present); and 6) Daniel Martinez, Police Cadet (not present).

Council Member Hernandez presented a video of the Huntington Park High School student's experience at the University of New Mexico from July 2 through July 15, 2006. City Council presented certificates to the following students from Huntington Park High School who attended the College Prep Program at the University of New Mexico: 1) Janet Barriga; 2) Francisco Grimaldi; 3) Diego Gonzalez; 4) Marissabel Cortes; 5) Lanee Braggs (not present); 6) Santos Chia; 7) Jasmine Sanchez.

Mayor Noguez presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Huntington Park Lions Club for all their goodwill and positive ambassadorship to the community of Huntington Park. Dina Lopez, O.D., President of the Huntington Park Lions Club, thanked City Council for the recognition and introduced the members of the Lions Club. Dr. Lopez displayed their 1922 Bell in commemoration of the City's Centennial celebration event.

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.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that due to high usage of electricity, some of the Southern California Edison's transformers failed. Mr. Garcia also announced that payment options are available for those experiencing financial hardship and encouraged those to call Southern California Edison to make arrangements.

A woman representing United Neighbors in Action thanked City Council for placing speed bumps on Broadway Street but the signage is not visible due to the trees; and addressed City Council regarding the feasibility of students being able to ride the buses for free during fixed hours.

Nick Ioannidis announced that October 28, 2006 is National Immigrants Day and invited everyone to attend the event at 12:00 p.m. at 2669 E. Gage Avenue.

Erika Plasencia, Entrepreneur, informed City Council that she was denied a business license in the City and that her businesses are her only source of income. Ms. Plasencia asked City Council to assist her in this matter.

Morgan Wyenn, representing Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), briefed City Council regarding Senate Bill 760 and thanked them for supporting their endeavor.

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 placing assessments for delinquent refuse fees, sewer fees, Utility User's Tax, and solid waste fees on the Property Tax Roll. 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.

Resolution Nos.: 2006-48, 2006-49, 2006-50, and 2006-51 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-48. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT RECYCLING FEES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES (172.56 RECYCLING FEES).**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-49. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION FEES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES (172.54 REFUSE COLLECTION FEES).**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-50. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES (172.53 SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-51. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO INCLUDE DELINQUENT UTILITY TAXES AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY TAXES (172.57 UTILITY TAX)**

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2006-48, 2006-49, 2006-50, and 2006-51, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-52. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING CHANGES IN COMPENSATION FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEE'S ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-52,

carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Mayor Noguez thanked City Manager Korduner and Assistant to the City Manager Shear for their support and assistance associated with his installation as President of the League of California Cities.

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 Attorney. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:59 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 8:27 p.m. 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 Attorney reported out that in closed session for Public Employee Performance Evaluation, no action was taken and direction was given to staff.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m., in memory of Lauro "Beto" Camberos Jr., student at Huntington Park High School.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk