

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 4, 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 with the exception that Council Member Romo abstained on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 20, 2006 and voted NO on the item to ratify authorization given by the Mayor for Entravision Communications Corporation, Super Estrella 107.1 FM to temporarily close a portion of Pacific Boulevard, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Council Member Romo also stated for the record that no prior notice regarding the street closure was given to business owners and that these decisions should be made as a council and not at the Mayor's discretion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 20, 2006.

Deny claim filed by Connie Carrillo, Date of Incident: October 29, 2006 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

Ratify authorization given by the Mayor to Entravision Communications Corporation, Super Estrella 107.1 FM to temporarily close a portion of Pacific Boulevard to host Latin rock band Maná on November 30, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 December 4, 2006.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Approve the Commercial Revocable Encroachment Permit to Able Diaz for property located at 2761 Gage Avenue, subject to the provisions contained therein.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion/and or action regarding the possibility of changing the City of Huntington Park award plaques. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to investigate the possibility of changing the City of Huntington Park award plaques and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding changing the name of Huntington Park Tow. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to prepare the necessary documents to change the name of Huntington Park Tow and authorize execution of said documents.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding placing the proceeds of the Centennial Books and DVD's in the Historic Preservation Commission Budget. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez stated that all proceeds from the Centennial Books and DVD's will remain in the General Fund.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Families Fighting Against Cancer requesting approval to conduct a "Benefit Christmas Bazaar" on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Pacific Boulevard in front of Rite Aid. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from Families Fighting Against Cancer to conduct a "Benefit Christmas Bazaar" on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Pacific Boulevard in front of Rite Aid,** 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 correspondence from Centro De Dianética, Church of Scientology Mission of Huntington Park Bookstore requesting approval of street closure to have a Grand Opening event at 6408 Rugby Avenue on December 10, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alberto Acosta, representing the Centro De Dianética, Church of Scientology Mission of Huntington Park Bookstore, briefed City Council on the various courses they offer to promote self betterment; and distributed copies of the event plan and copies of a DVD to City Council. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from Centro De Dianética, Church of Scientology Mission of Huntington Park Bookstore to have a street closure for their Grand Opening event at 6408 Rugby Avenue on December 10, 2006 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-91. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE MARCH 6, 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION A **MEASURE RELATED TO THE CITY'S UTILITY USERS' TAX** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-91, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-92. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ELECTING TO IMPLEMENT GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20636(C)(4) PURSUANT TO 20691, PAYING AND REPORTING THE **VALUE OF EMPLOYER PAYMENT OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-81 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-92, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-93. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING A **BORROWING OF \$3,037,000 BY THE HUNTINGTON PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR ITS HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDED MERGED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SANTA FE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT)** PURSUANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded

by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-93, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-94. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING A **BORROWING OF \$6,700,000 BY THE HUNTINGTON PARK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR ITS NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT** PURSUANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-94, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; 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 Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a proclamation designating Monday, December 4, 2006 as "Juan De La Paz Day" to Juan De La Paz, reporter for Channel 52, for his dedication and efforts in reporting Huntington Park news. Mr. De La Paz thanked City Council for the recognition and for their support in the past.

Chief of Police Trevis informed City Council that various police agencies assisted the City of Huntington Park during the 2006 World Cup and presented plaques to the following: 1) City of Bell Gardens Police Chief Kilmer; 2) County of Los Angeles Assistant Chief O'Shea; and 3) City of Vernon Police Chief Towles. Chief of Police Trevis also thanked the City of Bell and the City of Maywood (not present) for assisting the City during the 2006 World Cup.

Juan Reynoso, representing Urban Graffiti Enterprises Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation of graffiti statistics for the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Reynoso stressed the importance of increasing surveillance to minimize graffiti in the City.

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 addressed his concerns to City Council regarding graffiti throughout the City and recommended that City Council increase surveillance cameras, and adopt new laws to punish perpetrators.

Mourice Penhasian, Owner of Superior Paper & Plastic, congratulated City Council on the work performance of Urban Graffiti Enterprises Inc., but stated that he cannot say the same regarding the refuse company that services the City. Mr. Penhasian informed City Council of a notice that residents received from Consolidated Disposal of a 7% rate increase and asked City Council to look into the quality of service that Consolidated Disposal is providing to residents of Huntington Park and possibly negotiate a better contract for refuse services.

Linda Guevara addressed City Council regarding the item on the agenda in regards to the abnormally high concentration of sex offenders living within our City limits in violation of their probation or parole. Ms. Guevara read a statement from the Attorney General published in the Daily Journal regarding this issue. Ms. Guevara suggested that City Council form a task force jointly with the City of South Gate to arrest sex offenders living within our City limits in violation of their probation or parole. Ms. Guevara also addressed her concern regarding sex offenders living in Section 8 housing.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action to form a joint task force between the Huntington Park and South Gate Police Departments to address issues of mutual concern i.e., abnormally high concentration of sex offenders living within our City limits in violation of their probation or parole. Melina Rendon addressed her concerns to City Council regarding sex offenders in violation of their probation or parole in the City of South Gate and asked City Council to get involved. Eduardo Perez, resident of South Gate, informed City Council that he is a member of a group that is involved in the community and stated that they have been working with the police departments in the cities of Huntington Park, South Gate, and the area of Walnut Park to report sex offenders in violation of their probation or parole. Mr. Perez also expressed his concern to City Council regarding prostitution in the community of Walnut Park and urged City Council to work with neighboring cities regarding this matter. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, **to direct the Police Department to form a joint task force including all neighboring cities to address**

the high concentration of sex offenders living within their City limits in violation of their probation or parole; and to create an immediate response to this concern within the City of Huntington Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Sharon Lee, on behalf of the merchants in the Business Improvement District, addressed their concern to City Council regarding business owners not receiving a notice prior to the temporary closure of streets in the City, especially during the month of December. Ms. Lee stated that the merchants would like advance notice of street closures.

Alex Young, representing the Salvation Army, thanked Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Hernandez, and Chief of Police Trevis for attending their posada and presented Mayor Noguez with a certificate of appreciation for his charitable contributions to the Salvation Army in the year 2006.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.

The following individuals addressed City Council regarding the dangers of a power plant less than one (1) mile from schools and urged City Council to intervene and oppose the proposed power plant in the City of Vernon: 1) Ryan Perez; 2) Martha Quintero; 3) Myra; and 4) Adrianna Molina.

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 extending the time period of existing Urgency Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 794-NS, providing for zero lot line/small lot residential development standards in the medium density (R-M) zone. 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.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **receive and file a status report on Urgency Ordinance No. 794-NS, as required by Section 65858 of the Government Code**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 797-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **EXTENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 794-NS, PROVIDING FOR ZERO LOT LINE/SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE R-M ZONE** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 797-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 797-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None. Council Member Romo stated for the record that the reason that she is opposed to it is because it is a sweeping ordinance that will affect any medium residential area which would decrease the density in that area, basically anybody with a lot under 6,100 square feet can subdivide it into two (2) lots of 3050 square feet each and sell it off as two (2) different lots and research consistently shows that greater density, especially in such urban areas increases crime.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Municipal Code providing for Zero Lot Line/Small Lot Residential Development Standards in the Medium Density Residential (R-M) Zone. 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. 798-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ZERO LOT LINE/SMALL LOT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-M) ZONE** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 798-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 798-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested for discussion and/or action to reschedule the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2007 to Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to reschedule the City Council Meeting and the Community Development Commission Meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2007 to Tuesday, January 16, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action a request from the League of California Cities to support the provision of services to the municipal government representative to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to approve the request from the League of California Cities to support the provision of services to the municipal government representative to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action an application from Veronica Lopez requesting reappointment to the Planning Commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to reappoint Veronica Lopez to the Planning Commission to fill a four (4) year term expiring January 16, 2011**, 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 for discussion and/or action a request from the Health and Education Commission to formally oppose the proposed Vernon Power Plant. Bahram Fazeli, representing Communities for a Better Environment, briefed City Council regarding the potential health hazards, including poor academic performance due to emissions produced by power plants. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, **to formally oppose the proposed Vernon Power Plant**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 07-006, Traffic Counts and Speed Zone Study, be awarded to Albert Grover and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$10,125. Motion by Gomez, seconded Romo, **to award contract for Project No. 07-006, Traffic Counts and Speed Zone Study, to Albert Grover and Associates for an amount not to exceed \$10,125**, 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 an Operational Agreement by and between the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to approve the Operational Agreement by and between the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and the Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Roberta Medina, representing the Los Angeles County Department of Children, thanked City Council for the opportunity to assist the children in the community.

Director of Field Services Poole requested to award bid for the purchase of one (1) half-ton utility service truck to Raceway Ford in the amount of \$22,857.08, and approve Purchase Order No. 22916 for said purchase. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to award bid to Raceway Ford for the purchase of one (1) half-ton utility service truck in the amount of \$22,857.08, and approve Purchase Order No. 22916 for said purchase**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 799-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2-1.102 REGARDING ESTIMATE OF POPULATION AND SECTION 2-1.103 OF THE HUNTINGTONPARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 799-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 799-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

Council Member Romo stated for the record that she would like to change her vote on the Dia De Los Reyes Magos event, she had previously voted in favor of it, but that she is

beginning to see that it is a disservice to the businesses by closing the streets so frequently.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk