

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 18, 2006.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 13, 2006.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 4, 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 December 18, 2006.

Accept the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 City Budget Preparation and Adoption Schedule.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Reject all bids for Project No. 07-013, Remodel of the City Police Department's Substation at 6330 Pacific Boulevard, Suite 104, and authorize staff to redesign and re-bid the project.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Community Development Department report on Permit Process for Special Events in Public Places.

City Manager status update regarding the Pacific Boulevard Shuttle.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager report on Solid Waste Contracts Renewal Dates was removed from the Consent Calendar and continued to the next Council meeting.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding the loading and unloading zones in front of senior citizen buildings. **Following a brief discussion, Mayor Noguez referred this item to the Police Department.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding applying concrete on the corner of Saturn and Seville Avenues. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez referred this item to the Engineering Department and directed staff to report back to City Council with estimates and decorative options to improve the parkway areas along Seville, Rugby and Rita Avenues and possibly throughout the City. City Council also recommended that staff research applicable grants.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to present Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, **to form an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo to review the Chamber of Commerce's Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action to purchase a truck for graffiti removal. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez referred this item to the Police and the Field Services Departments to research the possibility of purchasing a truck for graffiti removal and/or surveillance cameras to augment the City's existing graffiti removal program.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding appointment of a Council Liaison to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1. Mayor Noguez stated that in four (4) months he will no longer be available for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1. meetings due to the time of the meetings. Council Member Gomez agreed to attend the monthly meetings with the Mayor in an effort to keep informed of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1. issues.

City Manager Korduner presented correspondence from Elsa Avalos requesting reappointment for a six (6) year term on the Civil Service Commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **reappoint Elsa Avalos for a six (6) year term on the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action an application from Andy Molina requesting reappointment for a four (4) year term on the Planning Commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **reappoint Andy Molina for a four (4) year term on the Planning Commission with a term expiring January 16, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization to submit formal comments to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding the Rule 1309.1. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize staff to submit formal comments to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regarding the Rule 1309.1**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a closed session pursuant to

California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9(1) for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:46 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 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 presented Police Department Employee of the Year awards to the following: 1) Diana Sylva, Police Explorer of the Year; 2) Mayra Cortez, Police Explorer Scout of the Year; 3) Jose Rosales, Police Reserve Officer of the Year; 4) Plinio Schmitt, Civilian of the Year; and 5) Sergeant John Navarrete, Officer of the Year. Chief of Police Trevis also presented proclamations and Life Saving Medals for their actions during an apartment fire in 1999 to the following: 1) Lieutenant L. Alirez; 2) Sergeant N. Mongan; and 3) Sergeant J. Navarrete.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented certificates of recognition to Yazmin Chavez and Maria Juarez for their dedication and service to the Huntington Park Youth Football League. Jerry Chavez, President of the Huntington Park Youth Football, thanked City Council for their donations and support in the past.

Chief of Police Trevis presented the 2006-1 Huntington Park Police Citizens Academy graduates. Sergeant Kinsey briefed the public of the Huntington Park Police Citizens Academy program and purpose.

City Council and Helen Carrillo, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, presented trophies, lawn signs and Mayor's Christmas Awards 2006 to the following: 1) Area 1- Jose & Irene Santoyo, 5961 Stafford Avenue; 2) Area 2-Jose Contreras, 6504 Marbrisa Avenue; 3) Area 3-Maria Ramirez, 7040 Cedar Street; 4) Area 4-Esmeralda Rodriguez & Sergio Suro, 6163 Corona Avenue; 5) Area 5-(not present), 3458 Walnut Street; and 6) Most Spectacular Display Citywide-Raul & Guadalupe Galindo, 4214 E. 60th Street.

Mayor Noguez and Council Member Romo presented a proclamation designating January 13, 2007 as Korean American Day in the City of Huntington Park.

City Manager Korduner made a special presentation regarding the meaning of Hanukkah.

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.

Jim Barton, property owner in the City of Huntington Park, addressed his concerns to City Council regarding closure of Pacific Boulevard and allowing social events without advance notice to the business owners in the area. Mr. Barton asked City Council to be considerate and allow these events to take place at the park.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to present Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007. Mayor Noguez stated that an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo had been formed to review the Chamber of Commerce's Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007.

Jose Guevara addressed City Council to request that the City increase assistance to the public in Spanish.

Linda Guevara congratulated all of the candidates for Member of City Council for the City of Huntington Park's 2007 General Municipal Election. Ms. Guevara stated that she hopes all candidates show professionalism while campaigning. Ms. Guevara encouraged people to contact her if they have any problems with her campaign literature.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-95. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE COMMUNITY IS MAKING A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO MEET ITS EXISTING HOUSING NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 AND PROJECTED HOUSING NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-95, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-96. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-91 REGARDING THE SUBMISSION 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. Mayor Noguez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item. Linda Guevara informed City Council that she has spoken against the Utility Users' Tax (UUT) and raising taxes. Ms. Guevara stated that it seems like every 36 months the City goes to the voters asking them to supplement the budget and stated there should be other alternatives. City Attorney Leal stated that this resolution will repeal the measure on the 2007 General Municipal Election ballot and after extensive review of this measure he has concluded that it did not meet all the technical legal requirements and it is his recommendation that this measure be pulled. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-96, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

ORDINANCE NO. 795-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 6-7.05 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT OF SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CHARGES was read by title. Mayor Noguez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item. Linda Guevara informed City Council that she has always opposed an evergreen clause for Consolidated Disposal and requested that City Council conduct an evaluation of their services and additional processing fees. A gentleman informed City Council that Consolidated Disposal is not providing good service to Huntington Park residents. City Attorney Leal recommended City Council continue this item. **There being no objection, City Council so ordered this item continued.**

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 Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 798-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 798-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Hernandez

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 Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 799-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 799-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Hernandez

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, City Council received a status report and no formal action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk