

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 5, 2007.

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 Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Members Hernandez and Romo abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 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 Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Approve Interagency Service Agreement by and between City of Huntington Park and Access Services Inc. to provide transportation services to the elderly and disabled.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated February 5, 2007.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's 2007 4th of July Fireworks Display at Huntington Park High School.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on California Contract Cities and the League of California Cities Annual Conferences, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action to allow the sale of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Bus Passes at City Hall to residents. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to promote the sale of bus passes to seniors and disabled residents on the City's Newsletter and the electronic reader boards.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval to present Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007. **Following a discussion, Mayor Noguez approved The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce's Retail Promotional and Special Events for the month of February 2007 only and directed the Ad Hoc Committee to report back to City Council in regards to the remainder of the Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2007.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding hiring an Environmental Consultant or firm with an expertise in CEQA to look at Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) School #5 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for any shortcomings that may exist. Director of Community Development Gray informed City Council that he is working with Willdan, the City's environmental/historical consultant, to assist in the monitoring and review of the LAUSD School #5 EIR.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding closure of the clinic at Community Mission Hospital. **Following a brief update from Council Member Hernandez, this item was continued to the next meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding the solid waste contracts. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed the City Attorney to meet with Sam Perdomo of Consolidated Disposal in regards to the renewal clause of the solid waste contract and to report back to City Council.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the First Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production of the City's Newsletter. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the First Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production of the City's Newsletter**, 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 requested discussion and/or action regarding recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission concerning the approved City Council Chambers remodel. Mr. Gray introduced Member of the City's Historic Preservation Barry Milosfsky and informed City Council that the commission's recommendations were to preserve the appearance of the Council Chambers. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to review and consider the concerns of the Historic Preservation Commission in the remodel of the City Council Chambers project and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to appoint Alba Gaitan to the BID Advisory Board for a three year term, expiring June 01, 2009. **There being no objection, City Council appointed Alba Gaitan to the Business Improvement District Advisory Board for a three (3) year term, expiring June 01, 2009.**

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested approval of the Easement Grant Deed from the City to Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) for railroad signal controls on East Alameda Street. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Easement Grant Deed from the City to Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority for railroad signal controls on East Alameda Street**, 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 Project No. 07-013, Remodel of the City Police Department's Substation, be awarded to Harry P. Terrill, Inc. of Monrovia, CA in the amount of \$78,719. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve Project No. 07-013 Remodel of the City Police Department's Substation, be awarded to Harry P. Terrill, Inc. of Monrovia, CA in the amount of \$78,719**, 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 First Amendment to Agreement for Graffiti Removal Services for the City of Huntington Park by Urban Graffiti Enterprises Inc. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Graffiti Removal Services for the City of Huntington Park by Urban Graffiti Enterprises Inc. on a month to month basis**, 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 Section (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. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:52 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.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a City pin and proclamation designating February 5, 2007 as Oldtimers Foundation Day to George Cole, Executive Director of the Oldtimers Foundation. Mr. Cole introduced Patty Topete, Nutrition Program Director at the Oldtimers Foundation and thanked City Council for the recognition. Ms. Topete introduced herself and stated that it is an honor to be part of an organization like the Oldtimers Foundation.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, presented film highlights of the 10th Annual Dia De Los Reyes Magos Procession held January 6, 2007. Ms. Marquez presented plaques on behalf of the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board and thanked the following: 1) City Council; 2) Business Improvement District; 3) Parks and Recreation Department; 4) Kiwanis Club; 5) United Education Institute (UEI); 6) General Counsel of Mexico; 7) Police Department; 8) Betty Davis Gonzalez; 9) Beta; 10) Regalo Del Cielo Mariachi, and everyone who assisted and participated in the Dia De Los Reyes Magos Procession. Ms. Marquez gave a plaque and a special recognition to Miguel Angel Rodriguez, Actor and Singer. Mr. Rodriguez thanked City Council and the BID Advisory Board for the recognition. Mr. Rodriguez also thanked the Police Department for their assistance during the Dia De Los Reyes Magos Procession and announced that he will be opening an acting school 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.

Richard Hernandez, representing The Festival Companies, thanked City Council for supporting the "El Centro de Huntington Park" project located on the corner of Slauson Avenue and Alameda Street. Mr. Hernandez distributed a sketch of the placard that will be put up next week with contact information for the leasing of the retail spaces. Mr. Hernandez also thanked Director of Community Development Department Henry Gray for assisting them in the project.

Bryce Ross, representing The Festival Companies, announced that the "El Centro de Huntington Park" project is moving rapidly and scheduled to open in the fall of 2007.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, encouraged the public to apply for discounted rates on their electric bill and informed City Council of their Summer Discount Plan during the months of June through October. Mr. Garcia stated that businesses can save up to \$240 and residents up to \$200 with the Summer Discount Plan. Mr. Garcia also stated that applications are available in the Community Development Department.

Andy Molina, representing Southeast Churches Center, thanked City Council for assisting them with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the past and asked to be considered again this year.

A gentleman addressed his concern to City Council in regards to lack of parking on his block and asked City Council to look into finding a solution for this issue.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 7:38 p.m. and returned at 7:41 p.m.

Alex Young, representing the Salvation Army, urged City Council to find additional monies to allocate to increase police personnel in the City. Mr. Young informed City Council of a crime incident that occurred recently and encouraged everyone to get involved by reporting crime and supporting the police department.

Marco Antonio Penalosa, property owner, addressed City Council regarding his inability to sell his three (3) unit property in the City because it was registered as a two (2) unit property with the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office and asked City Council for assistance in this matter. Mayor Noguez referred Mr. Penalosa to Planner Manager Gabriel Bautista.

Leticia Martinez, Chair of the American Cancer Society 2007 Southeast Cities Relay for Life, introduced the members of the 2007 Relay for Life who were present including Yvonne Correa, Veronica Lopez, and Dante D'Eramo. Ms. Martinez stated that their goal is to raise \$60,000 this year with the assistance of the southeast cities and that proceeds will go toward the fight against cancer. Ms. Martinez also invited City Council to attend the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast Relay for Life Kick-off Celebration at Salt Lake Park on Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A gentleman informed City Council that residents that live on 56th Street including himself have been getting parking citations on Sundays for parking in a nearby alley because they have nowhere else to park since the street sweeping is scheduled on Sundays between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., and asked City Council to change the day and time of the street sweeping to when people are at work. Mayor Noguez referred this item to Chief of Police Trevis.

A gentleman from Neighbors United informed City Council that he called the Police Department to report a crime concerning graffiti and that the response time was slow. The gentleman suggested that surveillance cameras be installed to decrease graffiti, trash dumping, and crime in the City.

Cristobal thanked City Council for the installation of new City street lights but wanted to know when the project would be completed. Mr. Cristobal also informed City Council of the increasing amount of graffiti in the alley by Rugby Avenue.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, introduced the newly appointed BID Board Member Alva Gaitan. Ms. Gaitan thanked City Council for appointing her to the BID Board.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council in support of Mr. Cristobal's statement in regards to the increasing amount of graffiti in the alley by Rugby Avenue.

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

Vice Mayor Guerrero left the meeting at 7:55 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 Development needs and priority Non-Housing Community Development needs for the City's Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan. 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 Hernandez, to **receive and file a report on the City's 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of Facilities Use Agreement For Local Agency Use of Weapons Firing Range between Rio Hondo Community College District and the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Facilities Use Agreement For Local Agency Use of Weapons Firing Range between Rio Hondo Community College District and the Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience Event on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Salt Lake Park. Victor Franco, Vice President of Public Affairs for Channel 52 Telemundo, and Jeff Wynn, representing the Special Event Management firm, asked City Council to approve their 2nd Annual Sports Experience at Salt Lake Park on June 10, 2007. Mr. Franco stated that their event was a success last year and that they will again donate \$20,000 toward park improvements. Nora Richie, representing Access Entertainment, stated that the event was such a great success last year that they anticipate a greater turn out this year. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve a **Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience Event on Sunday, June 10, 2007 at Salt Lake Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice

Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding the possibility of establishing a Senior Citizen Commission. **Following a discussion, this item was continued to allow staff time to communicate with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and report back to City Council.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the proposed recreation developments in concept; and authorize staff to pursue a multi-year lease with the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for the land parcels, and to seek various funding sources for the planning, development and maintenance of the land. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the proposed recreation developments in concept; and authorize staff to pursue a multi-year lease with the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for the land parcels, and to seek various funding sources for the planning, development and maintenance of the land**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **CONSENTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PORTION OF FLORENCE AVENUE FROM ALAMEDA STREET TO ROSEBERRY AVENUE, WITHIN SAID CITY, AS PART OF THE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-5, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Deborah Reid and Patricia Price, representing the Air Quality Management District (AQMD), briefed City Council on the health and environmental impacts due to mobile source pollution and stated that the final 2007 Air Quality Management Plan should be approved in May 2007.RESOLUTION NO. 2007-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S DRAFT 2007 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOCUSING ON MOBILE SOURCE CONTROL** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSIT PLAN** was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-7, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 800-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9 CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 104(1)(F) AND 104(3)(F) OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, **REGARDING THE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FROM THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY TO THE FIRST MEETING IN MARCH OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 800-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 800-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in the closed session for 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, no formal action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk