

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 2, 2007.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a proclamation to Gerardo Caldero, student at Henry T. Gage Middle School, declaring April 2007 as "Alcohol Awareness Month". Mr. Caldero addressed City Council regarding the negative effects of alcohol and thanked City Council for their support.

Mayor Guerrero 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.

Betty Retama addressed various concerns to City Council including the amount of graffiti throughout the City; vehicles blocking passage through alleys; decorative lighting; and possible criminal activity in the area. Ms. Retama asked City Council to look into these matters.

A member of United Neighbors in Action congratulated City Council on their reelection and encouraged City Council to work together for the benefit of the community.

Mayor Guerrero 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 resolution designating the Warner Theatre, 6710-20 Pacific Boulevard, as a historic resource to be placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. The City Clerk reported that one (1) written communication had been received in the Office of the City Clerk from Weston, Benshoof, Rochefort, Rubalcava, MacCuish LLP requesting this matter be continued and distributed copies to City Council. Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing continued to May 21, 2007.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007 and the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 5, 2007.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 19, 2007.

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 20, 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.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated April 2, 2007.

Approve waiver of prior year Business License Fees for Alexander Imports contingent upon current business license fee of \$4,000 paid by April 19, 2007.

Approve Agreement with Mainline Information System, Inc. to provide technical IBM iSeries support and upgrade the Finance Department IBM operating system, subject to City Attorney approval.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Accept the California Office of Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$20,034.70 for a Click It or Ticket Program; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the necessary documents.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for the City to initiate a Huntington Park Women's Club and Support Group to meet weekly at Westside Park. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero so ordered staff to research the feasibility of forming of a Huntington Park Women's Club and support group and report back to City Council in 30 days with a recommendation.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition Strategic Plan and a budget adjustment for the City's funding contribution to the coalition for an amount not to exceed \$62,200. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez to **approve a budget adjustment for the City's funding contribution to the coalition for an amount not to exceed \$62,200**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez to review the status of all City Commissioners. **There being no objection,**

City Council continued this item to the next City Council meeting.

Mayor and City Council presented plaques to Maria Elena Arreola for receiving the 2007 Women of Distinction Award and Maggie Ramirez for receiving the 2007 Community Partner of the Year from State of California Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Fiesta Taxi requesting approval of an increase in taxicab meter rates. Jorge Morales, representing Fiesta Taxi, addressed City Council to request approval of an increase in taxicab meter rates. Mr. Morales stated that the increase is due to gas inflation and that other cities have already increased taxicab meter rates to sustain costs associated with the operation of taxicabs and asked City Council to support them. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve an increase in taxicab meter rates**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ESTABLISHING METERED TAXICAB RATES PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 726-NS FOR TAXICAB SERVICES ORIGINATING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-17, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) California Cities Home Ownership Authority- ; 2) California Contract Cities Association; 3) Central Basin Water Association; 4) Five Cities Committee on Aging; 5) Gateway Cities Council of Governments; 6) Greater L.A. County Vector Control District; 7) HUB Cities Consortium; 8) I-710 Committee; 9) Independent Cities Association; 10) JADE Policy Board; 11) L.A. County Library District; 12) L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7; 13) League of California Cities; 14) L.A. County Sanitation District No. 1; 15) Orange Line Development Authority; 16) Southeast Community Development Corp.; 17) Arts & Culture Commission; 18) Chamber of Commerce; 19) Health & Education Commission; 20) HP Sister City Association; 21) Parks & Recreation Commission; 22) Youth Commission. City Clerk Ramirez stated that there is no need for appointment to the JADE Policy Board. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) League of California Cities - Noguez member and Hernandez alternate; 2) L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7 - Hernandez member and Gomez alternate; 3) Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1 – Guerrero member and Gomez alternate; 4) Youth Commission – Romo member and Hernandez alternate and 5) Arts and Culture Commission – Gomez member and Noguez alternate. Mayor Guerrero stated that City Council had previously agreed not to have a Council Liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission and also stated that all other committee liaisons will remain the same.**

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, for City Council to send a letter to United States Senator Barbara Boxer in support of Senate Bill 524, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **send a letter in support of Senate Bill 524 to United States Senator Barbara Boxer**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Health and Education Commission for City Council to request The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce to remind medical clinic's to follow health regulations at street fairs. Mr. Gray stated that The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce is currently working with the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services regarding this matter.

Assistant City Engineer Fu presented for discussion and/or action parking structure management options at 6330 Rugby Avenue, the ground floor of Rugby Senior Housing. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to design and install a gate**

for the parking structure located at 6330 Rugby Avenue, the ground floor of Rugby Senior Housing and negotiate with 5-Star Parking to open the gate at 7:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. daily, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested approval for the City to participate in the Los Angeles County National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) monitoring program. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize the City to participate in the Los Angeles County National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) monitoring program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Presentation and update by Lieutenant Wadley regarding sex offenders living within City limits.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **DECLARING THE WEEDS NOW GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ. AND **FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING THE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-19 carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S GOVERNING BOARD AND ITS SEPARATE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Androcio Gutierrez, representing C.O.R.E.Group, addressed City Council regarding the lack of mental health services in the City and thanked City Council for adopting the resolution in support of Mental Health Services for residents of the City.

Martin Consuegra, Marriage Counselor, addressed the need for health services in the City and presented a petition to City Council in support of mental health services for residents of the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk