

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 4, 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, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Sergeant Kinsey informed City Council that the Huntington Park Police Team placed 2nd in the 12th Annual Run from Baker to Vegas and displayed their Covenant Mug and Plaque. Sergeant Kinsey also thanked the Huntington Park Police staff for their extra support during the Huntington Park Police Team's absence.

Mayor Guerrero presented a Proclamation designating May 15, 2007 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and designating the week of May 14-20, 2007 as National Police

Week to Chief of Police Trevis.

Chief of Police Trevis thanked Vicente Ortiz of Tacos Don Chente Restaurant for providing food for the Huntington Park Police Department for 24 hours in honor of the National Police Week.

Los Angeles School District (LASD) Chief of Police Manion thanked City Council, staff and the Huntington Park Police Department for assisting them along with other agencies in the southeast cities in keeping order in the streets during the May 1, 2007 protest. LASD. Chief of Police Manion also commended Chief of Police Trevis for recovering a LASD police radio that was stolen and presented him with a plaque.

Chad Castries, representing Connect-CTY, briefed City Council regarding their Emergency Notification System. Mr. Castries stated that this system is currently being utilized by other agencies and has been very successful in putting communities in alert with regards to missing people, sex offenders, street closures, and much more. Mr. Castries also stated that the system is accessible 24 hours a day/7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action on the preferred site location of the proposed Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Elementary School No. 5. Rod Hamilton, Regional Manager at LAUSD, briefed City Council on the preferred site of the proposed Elementary School No. 5. Mr. Hamilton stated that the proposed Elementary School No. 5 will relieve overcrowding in the surrounding elementary schools and that it would conduct two (2) semesters in a calendar year. Mr. Hamilton also stated that LAUSD is working on resolving the issues and/or concerns addressed by residents at their site selection meetings.

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.

Enrique Murillo addressed City Council regarding his concerns with the preferred site location of the proposed Los Angeles Unified School District Elementary School No. 5 and vehicles not being allowed to park in front of City Hall on Tuesdays.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), distributed a letter and informed City Council regarding a meeting regarding digital inclusion by the California Emerging Technology Fund on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Oldtimers Foundation at 3355 E. Gage Avenue. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts also informed City Council that SCDC is currently offering small business loans and encouraged businesses to apply.

Arlene Savage addressed City Council regarding the possible formation of a Southeast Health Coalition to educate the community and create awareness with assistance from the American Cancer Association, American Heart Association, American Diabetics Association, and AIDS Association. Ms. Savage expressed the importance of forming this coalition to be able to apply for grant funding so the coalition could acquire a storefront. Ms. Savage distributed membership applications to City Council and asked the City to be part of the coalition.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, informed City Council that the BID will be conducting a Father's Day event on June 16, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and distributed BID promotional bags to City Council. Ms. Marquez also invited City Council to the BID Installation Dinner on June 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Margarita Jones Restaurant located at 6341 Pacific Boulevard.

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

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 for Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation: A) Name of case: Thomas Rossberger: WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0493615; VNO 0493814; B) Name of case: William Wallace: WCAB Case No.: VNO 0508500; C) Name of case: Randy Narramore v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: VNO 0525204; and D) Name of case: Alfonso Amador: WCAB Case Nos.: LAO 0811976; VNO 0531547. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:36 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order at 8:23 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez,

Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Mario Beltran, District Representative from Senator Calderon's office, presented a Legislative Update regarding various Senate Bills that the Senator is proposing and distributed a copy to City Council.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the abatement of weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park in accordance with California Government Code Section 39560 Et Seq. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed. City Clerk Ramirez stated that all the properties were cleaned according to the Field Services Department and that there was no need to adopt the resolution ordering the abatement of weeds in the City of Huntington Park.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2007-27 this is the time and place set to consider public comment regarding the annual levy of annual assessments or the furnishing of any type(s) of activities within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID). The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-29. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-29, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 7, 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.

Deny the claim filed by Irma Del Carmen, Date of Incident: March 27, 2007 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

Deny the claim filed by Maria Soto, Date of Incident: December 23, 2006 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Approve the Third Amendment to Agreement for Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Specialized Transportation Services between the City of Huntington Park and the Oldtimers Foundation for a term expiring June 30, 2008.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated June 4, 2007.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Set a public hearing date of July 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for the Congestion Management Program (CMP).

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Approve the Sound/Stage Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Southeast One Media to provide a sound system, stage, and personnel for the City's July 4th Celebration event for an amount of \$4,100, and authorize expenditures from Account No.: 111-0240-466-6400.

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approve Countywide Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and County Sanitation District No. 2 to use the City Yard at 6900 Bissell Street, on September 29, 2007; and authorize the Director of Field Services to execute the agreement.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Correspondence from General Employees Association (GEA) requesting an actuarial study to determine the costs of implementing the enhanced retirement formula of 2.7% at 55 years of age or 3% at 60 years of age.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez on behalf of Mayor Guerrero requested discussion and/or action on the Ad Hoc Committee findings regarding current **transportation programs in the City**. Assistant to the City Manager Shear distributed maps to City Council with the new Combi routes. Mayor Guerrero reported that the Ad Hoc Committee is proposing a new bus routes that would stop at senior housing buildings and would travel from Florence Avenue to Seville Avenue, through Saturn Avenue and end at Alameda Street; and the other route would travel on Maywood Avenue from Slauson Avenue to Randolph Street. Mayor Guerrero also stated that the Ad Hoc Committee is currently working on renaming the Pacific Boulevard Shuttle.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Guerrero to review/revise the City's Nepotism Policy. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to revise the City's Nepotism Policy**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and Between City of Huntington Park and Public Engineering Services for a term ending February 1, 2014. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Agreement for Professional Engineering Services by and Between City of Huntington Park and Public Engineering Services for a term ending February 1, 2014**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action a status report of the Graffiti Task Force. Following a brief update, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals for graffiti removal services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Subrecipient Agreements. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the following Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Subrecipient Agreements**: 1) Los Angeles County Library–Huntington Park Library Homework Center \$15,000; 2) St. Francis Medical Care Foundation-Healthy Community Initiatives \$4,000; 3) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Seniors Nutrition Program \$25,000; 4) Southeast Churches Service Center–Emergency Food Program \$25,000; 5) Salvation Army Southeast Communities–Family Services \$15,000; 6) Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA Healthy Zone-After School Program \$15,000; 7) City of Huntington Park –Parks

and Recreation Department After-School Youth Program \$70,000; 8) City of Huntington Park Police Department-Community Beautification Program-Graffiti Removal \$78,818, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Act Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Fair Housing Foundation. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Act Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Fair Housing Foundation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested discussion and/or action regarding a study to evaluate the City's water infrastructure for future capital needs. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to conduct a study to evaluate the City's water infrastructure for future capital needs including a rate study**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Council Member Romo left her seat at 8:42 p.m.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of waiver of this year and prior year penalties for Rogers Poultry and CJ Meats, LLC, contingent upon payment of the current business license fee of \$4,954.30 paid by June 18, 2007. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve waiver of this year and prior year penalties for Rogers Poultry and CJ Meats, LLC, contingent upon payment of the current business license fee of \$4,954.30 paid by June 18, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of waiver of this year penalties for Avila's El Ranchito, contingent upon payment of the current business license fee of \$2,015.00 paid by June 18, 2007. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, approve **waiver of this year penalties for Avila's El Ranchito, contingent upon payment of the current business license fee of \$2,015.00 paid by June 18, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 07-004, Improvement of Zoe Avenue from Miles Avenue to Pacific Boulevard, be awarded to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster in the amount of \$238,000. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award contract to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster in the amount of \$238,000 for Project No. 07-004, Improvement of Zoe Avenue from Miles Avenue to Pacific Boulevard**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park, The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Circus Vargas to conduct a circus at Salt Lake Park from June 26 to July 9, 2007; and provide direction to staff regarding the Chamber's request for a waiver of fees. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park, The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Circus Vargas to conduct a circus at Salt Lake Park from June 26 to July 9, 2007; and the Chamber's request for a waiver of fees**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the following: 1) Award contract for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs to NDK Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$45,406.40; 2) direct the City Attorney to prepare the

necessary documents; and 3) Authorize the Mayor to execute such documents. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the following: 1) **Award contract for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs to NDK Foods, Inc. in the amount of \$45,406.40**; 2) **direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents**; and 3) **Authorize the Mayor to execute such documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-30. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **WILLIAM WALLACE IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF SENIOR OFFICER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-30, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-31. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING AND ORDERING THE **LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX FOR CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK STREET LIGHTING, PARKS AND LANDSCAPING SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-31, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-32. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING **ATTENDANCE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-32, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Council Member Romo returned to her seat at 8:47 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-33. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008** was presented. Motion of by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-33, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez. City Manager Korduner stated that it will include an addition of funds for an MTA rate increase for the senior citizens transit program; and the replacement of the fence around Chesley Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 802-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING **REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SIGNS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 802-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 802-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 803-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 17, SECTIONS 05 AND 06 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **REQUIRING MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS** was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 803-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 803-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes:

Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on closed session: 1) Existing Litigation- A) Name of case: Thomas Rossberger: WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0493615; VNO 0493814; and B) Name of case: Alfonso Amador: WCAB Case Nos.: LAO 0811976; VNO 0531547, City Council on a 4-0 vote agreed to a stipulation for an award and to provide the award; and 2) Existing Litigation- Name of case: Randy Narramore v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: VNO 0525204, was continued to the next meeting.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m., in memory of Maria de Lourdes Ramos, sister of Veronica Romero who was the Survivorship Chair for the Relay for Life at Huntington Park High School on June 2 & 3, 2007.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk