

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 16, 2005.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero and Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Mario Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:37 p.m.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 25, 2005.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 2005.

**Approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Re-design, Development, Implementation and Maintenance of the New City Website and authorize staff to solicit proposals.**

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated May 16, 2005.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Approve City-County Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Arson Unit to provide specific training on a limited basis for a one (1) month term expiring June 30, 2005.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez for the City to assist in sending out invitations to the Southeast Council for a meeting to be held at the Family Center on June 7, 2005. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, **to authorize the City to assist in sending out invitations to the Southeast Council for a meeting to be held at the Family Center, 3355 Gage Avenue, on Tuesday, June 7, 2005**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez to form an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members to work with and assist Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa with the annual City's firework show. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, **to appoint Council Members Gomez and Romo to an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with and assist Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa with the annual City of Huntington Park firework show**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Director of Community Development Gray for approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with MuniFinancial for the preparation of a Comprehensive Fee Study. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with MuniFinancial for the preparation of a Comprehensive Fee Study**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-23. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FEE FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS SALES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-23 with two percent (2%) of the gross sales for the permit fee; and for staff to follow-up next year regarding the permit fee, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO **LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 746-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, AMENDING TITLE 8 CHAPTER 1 SECTION 8-1.02.2 "AMENDMENTS: SECTION 106.4: PERMITS ISSUANCE"; TITLE 8 CHAPTER 5 SECTION 8-5.06 "AMENDMENTS: CHAPTER 1: OWNER'S PERMIT."; TITLE 8 CHAPTER 10 SECTION 8-10.305 "OWNERS' PERMITS" AND TITLE 8 CHAPTER 11 SECTION 8-11.02 "OWNER PERMITS" OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE **ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 746-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 746-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 747-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 10 TO TITLE 7 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING FORTH THE ADOPTION OF A **WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR DEMOLITION AND RECYCLING OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS PROJECTS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 747-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 747-NS be introduced and approved for first reading,

carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately at 6:48 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was recessed at 6:54 p.m.

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 Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero

City Council presented a Plaque of Recognition to Father Rody Gorman of St. Matthias Church for his 50th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Father Gorman thanked the City Council for the plaque and stated he has enjoyed serving in the City of Huntington Park for 31 years.

City Council, Chief of Police Narramore, and Lieutenant Wadley presented the following Police Teen Academy Graduates with Certificates of Graduation for completing a nine week course: Isaac Barajas; Gabriel Cornejo; Mayra Cortes; Gerardo Gurrola (not present); Ruben Guzman; Benji Jacinto; Hector Jacinto; Jasmin Jacinto; Maria Jimenez; Jose Juarez; Thomas Lima; Alexis Lopez; Cecilia Medina; Christian Eduardo Mendoza; Mario Mijango; Giancarlo Molina; Rene Moreno; Vanessa Murcia; Jasmine Ortega; Anthony Steve Parian; Francisco Perez; Jasmine Romero; Stephanie Romero; Robert Sanchez; Yessenia Sanchez; Luis Angel Valencia; and Chenille Zapata.

Mayor Hernandez 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.

Lucy Enriquez, addressed City Council and asked if the rumors she heard were true that the City was considering replacing the Huntington Park Police Department with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. Ms. Enriquez stated that she did not want the Huntington Park Police Department replaced.

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

City Clerk Ramirez presented on behalf of Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action correspondence from the Huntington Park Kiwanis requesting waiver of fees and in-kind services for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual benefit carnival July 7-10, 2005 at Westside Park. Efrén Martínez, member of the Huntington Park Kiwanis stated that the Kiwanis would provide their own security for the carnival and necessary insurance. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to approve the request from the Huntington Park Kiwanis for waiver of fees and in-kind services for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual benefit carnival, July 7-10, 2005 at Westside Park, with the exclusion of the refundable facility deposit;** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero. City Council directed Mr. Martínez to meet with Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa to work out the details of the event.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the criteria for establishing a new City commission. Council Member Gomez requested this item be continued to the next City Council meeting.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding reconsideration of the Arts & Culture Commissioners receiving additional compensation provided to them for special meetings. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, **that all commissions shall receive their monthly stipend, with no compensation for additional meetings; and that staff eliminate any disparity that might exist between commission stipends,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council

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

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement with RRM Design Group for the preparation of the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan and required environmental document. Erik Justesen, Principal in Charge, RRM Design Group, displayed a Power Point Presentation for City Council outlining their Specific Plan for the Huntington Park Downtown area including the recommended phases and approach to the project. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to approve the Contract Services Agreement with RRM Design Group for the preparation of the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan and required environmental document**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested approval of Contract Change Order No. 2 for Park and Recreation Building Locker and Restroom Renovation, (Project No. 03-015); and if City Council determines to include the installation of two (2) saunas, then appropriate additional funds of \$115,673.83. Following discussion, the City Council **directed staff to conduct a survey to determine the use and/or need for saunas in the Recreation Building and report back to City Council at the next meeting to reconsider this item**. Council Member Romo offered her assistance with the survey.

Chief of Police Narramore requested to re-establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to explore the proposed overnight parking permit ordinance. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, **to appoint Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo to an Ad-Hoc Committee to explore the proposed overnight parking permit ordinance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-25. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **DESMOND J. FITZGERALD IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF POLICE SERGEANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Williams vs. State of California, Case No. 312236. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:05 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:33 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) the matter regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, a status report was provided to City Council; and 2) the matter regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, a status report was provided to City Council.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk