

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 1, 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.

Assistant City Attorney Alvarez 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 Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:31 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 6:49 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-57. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A **SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008** AND TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON THE SAME DATE; SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION A MEASURE RELATED TO THE **CITY'S UTILITY USERS' TAX**; AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING SUCH ACTION was presented. City Clerk Ramirez opened oral communications for this item only, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item. Claude Bilodeau, President of the Huntington Park General Employees Association (GEA), addressed City Council in support of this resolution and stated that if the measure does not pass, it could have a negative impact on the City's budget, the City employees, and the community we serve. Mr. Bilodeau presented a letter from the Huntington Park Police Officers Association (POA) in support of this resolution and urged City Council to adopt it. City Clerk Ramirez called for any other oral communications for this item only, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed on this item. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-57, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero presented a proclamation designating October 28, 2007 as National Immigrants Day to Nick Ioannidis. Mr. Ioannidis thanked City Council for the recognition and invited everyone to the Immigrants Day celebration on October 28, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Guerrero left her seat and excused herself from the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Vice Mayor Gomez 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.

Jaime Mendez, Board Member of the Business Improvement District, addressed City Council to request funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the Business Improvement District's Three Kings event in January 2008.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to their 15th Annual Sabor De Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival, October 5 through 7, 2007. Mr. D'Eramo briefed City Council on the various activities planned for this event including their 3rd Annual Menudo Making contest and their 2nd Annual Youth Search for the Star contest.

Veronica Flores, representative with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, introduced herself to City Council and stated that she is the new representative for the City of Huntington Park.

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

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 17, 2007, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, September 17, 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 October 1, 2007.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on the League of California Cities Annual Conference held in Sacramento, September 5 through 8, 2007, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the Tres Reyes Magos Event in January 2008. Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, addressed City Council to request funding in the amount of \$25,000. Ed Lara, President of the Business Improvement District, informed City Council of the various infrastructure projects that the Business Improvement District is working on including a kiosk, gateway, new trash receptacles, and a recycling program. Mr. Lara stated that due to budgetary expenditures for the various projects, no funds were set aside for the Three Kings event on January 6, 2008. Mr. Lara stated that the City's financial support is crucial for this event and requested funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **for the Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Member Hernandez and Vice Mayor Gomez to meet with Assistant City Manager Shear, Assistant City Attorney Alvarez, and the Business Improvement District to look into possible funding for this event and report back to City Council at the next Council meeting**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting funding assistance for the 57th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade and television production on Saturday, November 17, 2007 in the amount of \$25,000, and in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to approve the request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for funding assistance for the 57th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade and television production on Saturday, November 17, 2007 in the amount of \$25,000, and in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments. **SUBSTITUTE Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to approve in-kind services of the Police and Field Services Departments for the same amount as last year plus a 3% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for said services to be provided at the 57th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Parade and television production on Saturday, November 17, 2007; and funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000, subject to City Attorney approval,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action recommendations regarding City Hall Security. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services at City Hall,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the Implementation Agreement by and between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and City of Huntington Park regarding an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environment Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 710 (1-710) Corridor. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Implementation Agreement by and between Gateway Cities Council of Governments and City of Huntington Park regarding an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environment Impact Statement (EIS) for the Interstate 710 (1-710) Corridor,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner requested appointment of a representative to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), District 6 Parent/Community Advisory Council for a two-year term. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint Council Member Romo as the representative and Council Member Hernandez as the alternate representative to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), District 6 Parent/Community Advisory Council for a two-year term,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani to increase compensation and extend the term of the agreement to one (1) year expiring October 19, 2008. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani to increase compensation and extend the term of the agreement to one (1) year expiring October 19, 2008,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of the Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Storage for the City of Huntington Park by and between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Tow Service for waiver of fees for vehicles impounded for evidentiary purposes. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Fifth Amendment to Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Storage for the City of Huntington Park by and between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Tow Service for waiver of fees for vehicles impounded for evidentiary**

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested consideration of renewal of Second Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Jonica Esperti for Concession Stand Services at Salt Lake Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Jonica Esperti for Concession Stand Services at Salt Lake Park on a month to month basis, commencing at the expiration of the prior term of November 8, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 817-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING **STANDARDS FOR CHECK CASHING, CURRENCY EXCHANGE, MONEY ADVANCE AND MONEY TRANSFER USES** WITHIN THE CITY was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 817-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 817-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 818-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 12 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, TO PROVIDE **CONSISTENCY IN THE PERMITTED SIGN AREA FOR ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN COMMERCIAL ZONES AND MULTI-TENANT COMMERCIAL CENTERS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 818-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 818-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 819-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING SECTION 4-7.1616 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO **CHANGE THE PARKING HOUR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARKING LOTS LOCATED AT THE CITY MUNICIPAL PARK** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 819-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 819-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Assistant City Attorney Alvarez reported out that in closed session for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, no formal action was taken.

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk