

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 20, 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, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Juan R. Noguez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Guerrero and Council Members presented a Certificate of Recognition to Maria Lemos for saving the life of her fellow co-worker on May 31, 2007 at the Huntington Park Post Office Soto Station. Francisco Cegueda, Postmaster of the Huntington Park Post Office, read a letter from the Los Angeles District Leadership, recognizing Ms. Lemos for her heroism and presented her with a check in the amount of \$1,250.

Mayor Guerrero and Council Members presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Home Depot located at 3040 Slauson Avenue, for their involvement and participation in building a new state-of-the-art playground on July 19, 2007 at Aspire Charter School located at 6005 Stafford Avenue.

Assistant Chief of Police Wadly made a public presentation of an episode of The Learning Channel aired January 2, 2007, in which the Huntington Park Police Department re-enacted a search warrant from 2001.

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.

Michelle Sanchez, Historic Preservation Commissioner, thanked City Council for their action to preserve the Huntington Park City Hall at the last City Council meeting. Ms. Sanchez also thanked all the individuals involved in the designation process and the original designers of City Hall.

Jaime Ramirez, representing the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association, addressed City Council in support of the item on the agenda to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with staff to review and revise the existing firework sales ordinance. Mr. Ramirez stated that his organization's profit has decreased due to rent increasing and asked to be on the Ad-Hoc Committee.

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

Mayor Guerrero presented a Certificate of Recognition to Noemi Muñoz on behalf of the Aspire Charter School located at 6005 Stafford Avenue for organizing the Playground Build Day event on July 19, 2007. Ms. Muñoz thanked the Home Depot on Slauson Avenue for donating \$50,000 and the students of the Aspire Charter School for raising \$10,000 towards the playground.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an appeal of a Planning Commission decision denying Case No. 1845-VAR, a request for a variance to legalize a non-permitted second dwelling unit at 3617 Cudahy Street, within the Low Density Residential (R-L) Zone. Mayor Guerrero declared the appeal hearing open and called for oral communications from the appellant, and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the **appeal hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-53. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING A DECISION OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK PLANNING COMMISSION DENYING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO LEGALIZE A NON-PERMITTED SECOND DWELLING UNIT AT 3617 CUDAHY STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-53, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the municipal code as it pertains to the Public Health Code. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 811-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 6 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE INCORPORATING THE LATEST VERSION OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CODE was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 811-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 811-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 6, 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 August 20, 2007.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Guerrero to move the Code Enforcement Division back to the Community Development Department. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to research the feasibility of transferring the Code Enforcement back to the Community Development Department and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Gomez for City Council to reconsider Council action regarding the City Hall Remodeling Project. Barry Milofsky, Historic Preservation Commissioner, stated that he met with City staff and came up with a mid-point that would allow the City Hall Remodel to move forward. Mr. Milofsky stated that it does not meet the Secretary of State Standards and hopefully does not set a precedence of how the City will proceed in the future. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **rescind the motion relating to the proposed 1st floor Improvements of the City Hall Remodel being referred back to the design team, which was adopted at the August 6, 2007 City Council meeting; and approve the modified design of the 1st floor/City Clerk's Office of the City Hall Remodel**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee for the Three Kings Event in January 2008. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members Gomez and Hernandez for the Three Kings Event in January 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of waiver of partial penalties for Santiago's Meat business license. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve waiver of partial penalties for Santiago's Meat business license in the amount of \$764.71, contingent upon payment of the current license fee of \$2,747 by September 4, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of the City's year-end adjustments to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and authorize the transfer of year-end General Fund surpluses to various reserve funds. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City's year-end adjustments to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and authorize the transfer of year-end General Fund surpluses to various reserve funds**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Agreement for Update of the 2008-2014 Housing Element of the General Plan between the City of Huntington Park and Karen Warner & Associates. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Agreement for Update of the 2008-2014 Housing Element of the General Plan between the City of Huntington Park and Karen Warner & Associates**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

City Engineer Fu requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with staff to review and revise the existing firework sales ordinance. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Gomez and herself to work with staff to review and revise the existing firework sales ordinance**, carried as follows:

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

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of the First Amendment to Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and The County of Los Angeles for the Transportation and Custody of Huntington Park Police Department Prisoners by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, extending their current term until June 30, 2009. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and The County of Los Angeles for the Transportation and Custody of Huntington Park Police Department Prisoners by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, extending their current term until June 30, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System Participating Agencies for use of the "COPLINK" database system to share criminal information. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System Participating Agencies for use of the "COPLINK" database system to share criminal information**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of Lease Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation for a modular office to be used at as a police sub-station at Freedom Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Lease Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corporation for a modular office to be used at as a police sub-station at Freedom Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of a purchase order to Honeywell International Inc., for a replacement air conditioning system for the Detective Bureau for an amount not to exceed \$17,000. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the purchase order to Honeywell International Inc., for a replacement air conditioning system for the Detective Bureau for an amount not to exceed \$17,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that City Council waive the bidding process; authorize staff to contract Events by Noonan for the production of the 2007 Halloween Haunted House for an amount of \$19,850, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **waive the bidding process; authorize staff to contract Events by Noonan for the production of the 2007 Halloween Haunted House for an amount of \$19,850, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Field Services Poole requested that Bid Proposal M-109, be awarded to the following for the procurement of replacement vehicles. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **Bid Proposal M-109, be awarded to the following for the procurement of replacement vehicles: A) Honda World Downey-two (2) 2007 Honda Hybrid Sedans-\$45,367.58; B) Sopp Truck Center-one (1) 2007 Chevrolet 3500 Utility Truck-\$53,042.50; C) Sopp Truck Center-one (1) 2007/2008 Asphalt Patch Truck, Model B-4 Patcher-\$160,453.56; and D) Downey Ford Inc.-one (1) 2007/2008 Ford Taurus Sedan-\$25,280.44**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Director of Field Services Poole requested approval to purchase of one (1) LXDH48 Dodge Charger Police Package #29 Specialty Vehicle from Jack Ellis' Glendale Dodge for a

total amount of \$26,595.04. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the purchase of one (1) LXDH48 Dodge Charger Police Package #29 Specialty Vehicle from Jack Ellis' Glendale Dodge for a total amount of \$26,595.04**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-54. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-48 TO **TRANSFER POSITIONS AND REFLECT THE APPROPRIATE SALARY SCHEDULE** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-54, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 809-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 6, SECTION 4-6.17 AND TITLE 4 CHAPTER 7 SECTION 4.7.1801 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO **PARKING VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 809-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 809-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 810-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK RELATING TO **CITY TREES, SHRUBS, AND PLANTS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 810-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 810-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 812-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, **ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES FOR SALE** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 812-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 812-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 813-NS. AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF TITLE 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, **ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE PARKING OF MOTOR HOMES AND TRAILERS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 813-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 813-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Romo.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk