

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, September 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.

Chief of Police Trevis introduced the following new Police Department employees: 1) Police Officer Marko Mendoza; 2) Police Officer Alonso Gonzalez; 3) Police Officer Marissa Larios; 4) Police Officer Miguel Miranda; 5) Police Officer Christopher Wiggins; 6) Police Officer Paul Tapia; and 7) Police Officer Eduardo Guerrero.

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.

Francisco Ibarra, Reference Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, informed City Council that the library will be celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month commencing September 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and every Saturday thereafter for the next six (6) weeks; and distributed their September 2007 calendar of events. Mr. Ibarra also informed City Council that the library is now WiFi ready and that it is free to the public.

Ronald V. Garcia, Regional Manager of Southern California Edison, informed City Council that high usage of electricity during the summer months has caused some of Edison's transformers to fail. Mr. Garcia stated that their technicians are working as fast as possible to rectify this matter and asked everyone to be patient.

Andy Molina, Planning Commissioner, invited everyone to the St. Matthias Church annual fundraising festival from September 6 through 9, 2007.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), invited City Council and staff to a march and candlelight vigil on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in efforts to stop the proposed Vernon Power Plant. Mr. Cabrales stated that everyone will meet at the Huntington Park Civic Center and distributed flyers.

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 extending Urgency Ordinance No. 808-NS, establishing development and operational standards for Check Cashing/Money Advance/Currency Exchange/Money Transfer uses. 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.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **receive and file a status report on Urgency Ordinance No. 808-NS**, as required in accordance with California Government Code Section 65858, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

**ORDINANCE NO. 815-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA EXTENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 808-NS ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR CHECK CASHING, CURRENCY EXCHANGE, MONEY ADVANCE AND MONEY TRANSFER USES WITHIN THE CITY** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 815-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 815-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, 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, August 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 September 4, 2007.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Engineering Department status report on the Revocable Use Permit Agreement with Amigo Enterprises Inc., dba El Club, in front of 6901 Pacific Blvd., to utilize five (5) Metered Parking stalls for Valet Parking purposes.

Engineering Department report on a Parking Demand and Management Analysis by Walker Parking Consultants.

City Manager update on the installation of destination guide signs on the 710 Freeway by the Department of Transportation.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez to explore the feasibility of creating a sign/billboard overlay zone solely for the area of the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID). There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero so ordered staff to research the feasibility of creating a sign/billboard overlay zone solely for the area of the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District and report back to City Council.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action to schedule a date to conduct a review/training of parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules of Order, and expense reimbursement for City Council Members and commissioners. There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero authorized staff to schedule a meeting in October 2007 to conduct a review/training of parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules of Order, and expense reimbursement for City Council Members and commissioners.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for appointment and/or reorganization of the Health and Education Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission. Council Member Noguez requested this item be continued.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez for the City to co-sponsor the Tres Reyes Magos Event on January 6, 2008 in the amount of \$25,000. There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero so ordered this item continued.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of a promissory note authorizing a loan in the amount of \$3,210,000 from the City of Huntington Park Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission to pay the Fallon Family Trust for a note issued with the purchase of the Southland (Steel) Street Property. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to approve a promissory note authorizing a loan in the amount of \$3,210,000 from the City of Huntington Park Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission to pay the Fallon Family Trust for a note issued with the purchase of the Southland Street Property (Southland Steel Site), 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 discussion and/or action to consider amending the date and time of Health and Education Commission meetings. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to amend the date and time of Health and Education Commission meetings to an as-needed basis, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested selection of Paula Slater to commission the bronze bust for Woman of the Century Marilyn Boyette for an amount of \$9,500; and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve selection of Paula Slater to commission the bronze bust for Woman of the Century Marilyn Boyette for an amount of \$9,500; and authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that the contract for Park Security Guard Services be awarded to Alltech Protective Services; select Option A of their Bid Proposal for a total cost of \$59,023.80; and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, to **award the contract for Park Security Guard Services to Alltech Protective Services; select Option A of their Bid Proposal for a total cost of \$59,023.80; and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents; and for staff to research the feasibility of including additional security guard services at the Civic Center and Freedom Park during school dismissal and report back to City Council with recommendations**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of a purchase order to Hi Standard Automotive for the purchase and installation of patrol vehicle equipment in seven (7) police units in the amount of \$64,683.35. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a purchase order to Hi Standard Automotive for the purchase and installation of patrol vehicle equipment in seven (7) police units in the amount of \$64,683.35**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of City of Huntington Park Part-Time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora to modify the work hours and increase the compensation rate. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Part-Time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora to modify the work hours and increase the compensation rate**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Field Services Poole requested approval of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement for Sweeping of Public Streets by and between the City of Huntington Park and Mag Sweeping to increase services to the Business Improvement District (BID) area for an annual amount of \$22,200. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to approve **Amendment No. 7 to Agreement for Sweeping of Public Streets by and between the City of Huntington Park and Mag Sweeping to increase services to the Business Improvement District (BID) area for an annual amount of \$22,200**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Field Services Poole requested approval of Purchase Agreement for Imported Water to be provided by Central Basin Municipal Water District for a term of five (5) years; and authorize the Director of Field Services to execute the agreement. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Purchase Agreement for Imported Water to be provided by Central Basin Municipal Water District for a term of five (5) years; and authorize the Director of Field Services to execute the agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

**ORDINANCE NO. 816-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 12 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING REGULATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO SIGNS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 816-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 816-NS be introduced and approved for first and final 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. 811-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF 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 Romo, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 811-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 811-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. 812-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF 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 Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 812-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 812-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. 813-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF 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 Hernandez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 813-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 813-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.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Maria Oliva vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. VC047370. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:12 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 7:24 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session, City Council authorized the settlement of case: Maria Oliva vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. VC047370.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m., in memory of Beda Romo Ramirez, aunt of Huntington Park City Council Member Elba Romo; and Jackson Ramsey McGowen, father-in-law of Randy Sopp, owner of Sopp Chevrolet.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk