

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

Following the Invocation by Pastor Reverend Ramon Camacho of Huntington Park's First Assembly of God 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, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a plaque to J.C. Penney in celebration of their 80th Year Anniversary in the City of Huntington Park.

John L. Glavinich, MD, FACEP, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding Mission and Community Hospital Emergency Services and distributed copies of the presentation to City Council. Dennis Colman, CEO of Mission and Community Hospital, informed City Council that Mission and Community Hospital has undergone a series of surveys within the last year and has proven to be in good standing and requested the City's support in order to request State funding in the near future. Edward Rubin, MD/Owner of Mission and Community Hospital stated that his goal is to maintain health services at the hospitals and requested the City's support.

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, Health and Education Commissioner, thanked City Council for re-opening the Community Center and presented plaques to City Engineer Fu, Building Official

Lind, and Director of Field Services Poole. Mayor Guerrero presented Mr. Murillo with a City pin.

Andy Carrasco, Southern California Gas Company Public Affairs Manager, introduced himself to City Council and informed City Council that The Gas Company has programs available to the community that will help reduce their gas bill. Mr. Carrasco also informed City Council that he is active in the community.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend the Annual State of the City Address at the Family Center at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. D'Eramo also informed the City Council that the Chamber's Board of Directors appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee for Downtown Huntington Park Marketing Strategy.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 7, 2008, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 7, 2008.

Deny claim filed by Adrian Vazquez, Date of Incident: November 8, 2007 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 January 22, 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's 2008 4th of July Fireworks Display.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Community Development Department summary report on their Administrative Zoning Authority.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding City employee casual dress day donations towards the March of Dimes. **There being no objection, City Council approved casual dress for City employees on the last Thursday of every month for charitable fundraising and directed the City Manager to report back to City Council with an employee dress code.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding initiation of a voluntary Trans Fat Reduction Program, encouraging restaurants throughout the City to eliminate the use of Trans Fats. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero referred this item to the Health and Education Commission to form a program and report back to City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement**

between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray recommended that the City Council direct the Health and Education Commission to meet once a month until further notice to develop a meeting schedule and Commission goals and objectives. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **direct the Health and Education Commission to meet once a month until further notice to develop a meeting schedule and Commission goals and objectives**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization for staff to submit the City's subject comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) proposed South Region Elementary School No. 5. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to submit the City's subject comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) proposed South Region Elementary School No. 5**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested approval to change the City's cellular service from Nextel Communication to AT&T. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve changing the City's cellular service from Nextel Communication to AT&T**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of payment in the amount of \$63,917.22 to Sungard HTE for the City's financial software annual maintenance. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve payment in the amount of \$63,917.22 to Sungard HTE for the City's financial software annual maintenance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-004, Improvement of Alleys at Various Locations, be awarded to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster, in the amount of \$354,019. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **award Project No. 08-004, Improvement of Alleys at Various Locations, be awarded to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster, in the amount of \$354,019**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of a Commercial Revocable Encroachment Permit to Walgreens at Pacific Boulevard and Randolph Street. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Commercial Revocable Encroachment Permit to Walgreens at Pacific Boulevard and Randolph Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 Community Center Building Phase I and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Contract Change Order No. 1 Community Center Building Phase I and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute**, carried as follows: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m., in memory of Jack P. Gonsalves, uncle of Claude Bilodeau, Maintenance Electrician Leader for the City of Huntington Park as well as the uncle of Anthony Gonsalves with the City's lobbying firm Joe A. Gonsalves & Son.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk