

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 1, 2008.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 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.

Marilee Marrero, Regional Administrator of the County of Los Angeles Community Library, introduced new County of Los Angeles Community Library Manager Martin E. Delgado, who stated that he looks forward to working with the community.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 for Conference With Legal Counsel –Exiting Litigation, Name of case: Ronda (Watson) Rossberger v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0476672 and VNO 0476673. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:08 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Council Member Romo arrived and took her seat in the adjoining conference room at 6:08 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:17 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.

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.

A gentleman addressed City Council regarding information on the Franklin D. Roosevelt Homeowners Protection Plan which he distributed to City Council and requested that they review the plan.

Emma Gutierrez and her neighbor addressed City Council to thank Chief of Police Wadley for all his support and help.

Dante D'Eramo, C.E.O. of The Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Mayor and the City Council for their support and help in presenting the 58th Annual Holiday Christmas Lane Parade on November 22, 2008. Mr. D'Eramo also commended the Police Department and staff for all their help and stated that the parade would not have been a great success without the support from the City. Mr. D'Eramo also mentioned the co-sponsored event by the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement District on presenting a Santa's Village on December 6, 13, and 20, 2008 on Pacific Boulevard on the corners of Zoe, Saturn and Clarendon Avenues, respectively.

George Boujie, Vice President of Business Development & Marketing of the Community Hospital of Huntington Park, informed City Council that the Hospital filed a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and that they hope that the hospital will be out of bankruptcy by next year. Mr. Boujie thanked the City Council for their past support and stated they understand how important Community Hospital is to the community. Mr. Boujie requested the Council's support in the future to work with the City in a partnership to improve the Community Hospital.

Mr. Santa Claus (Ronald V. Garcia) and Mrs. Claus (Arlene Savage) addressed City Council on having the best Christmas Parade in the area referring to the 58th Annual Holiday Christmas Parade held on November 22, 2008. They also wished the City Council a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New 2009 Year.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 17, 2008.

Deny claim filed by Santos R. Orellana, Date of Incident: October 30, 2008 and refer to the City's insurance administrator and Nobest, Inc.

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 December 1, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner requested approval of the Southern California Association of Governments Agreement by and between the county and city governments, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Southern California Association of Governments Agreement by and between the county and city governments, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member

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

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and BrandStrata to conduct a Marketing and Promotions Cost Benefit Analysis for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and BrandStrata to conduct a Marketing and Promotions Cost Benefit Analysis for the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested appointment of Arts and Culture Commissioners. **Mayor Guerrero referred this item to the Arts and Culture Commission to review the applications and report back to City Council with recommendations at the next meeting.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circus Hermanos Vazquez Inc. for use of the Salt Lake Park Soccer Circle in order to conduct a circus from March 13 through 23, 2009, subject to terms and conditions of the City's Special Event Park Use Policy. Rafael Vazquez and his attorney Ted Khalaf addressed City Council to request approval to have elephants in the circus and to add an additional weekend. Mr. Vazquez invited City Council to visit and see how the elephants are taken care of and assured City Council that the elephants are safe and not at risk. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve staff's recommendation to approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circus Hermanos Vazquez Inc. for use of the Salt Lake Park Soccer Circle in order to conduct a circus from March 13 through 23, 2009, and deny the use of elephants and/or tigers as per the terms and conditions of the City's Special Event Park Use Policy**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-008, Outdoor Restroom Renovations at Salt Lake Park and Robert Keller Park, be awarded to Caltec Corp., in the amount of \$351,039.54. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **award Project No. 08-008, Outdoor Restroom Renovations at Salt Lake Park and Robert Keller Park, to Caltec Corp., in the amount of \$351,039.54**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Field Services Viramontes requested that Bid Proposal 4136-4, be awarded to Cartê Graph Systems Inc. for the purchase of a Work Manager Software System; and approve the Contract Service Agreement. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award Bid Proposal 4136-4, to Cartê Graph Systems Inc. for the purchase of a Work Manager Software System; and approve the Contract Service Agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 832-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **ESTABLISHING CONDOMINIUM AND CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION STANDARDS** AND ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 832-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 832-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 833-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE **DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) BY ADDING LIVE/WORK UNITS TO FG. 4.58 LAND USE TABLE AND MODIFYING THE**

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS PERTAINING TO SETBACKS, HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE DTSP DISTRICT – C NEIGHBORHOOD was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 833-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 833-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in the closed session for Conference With Legal Counsel –Exiting Litigation, Name of case: Ronda (Watson) Rossberger v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: VNO 0476672 and VNO 0476673, City Council by a unanimous vote agreed to the settlement terms and to come back with a resolution.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m., in memory of Herb Hennes, former Mayor and Council Member of the City of Huntington Park.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk