

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 16, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Rita Alvarez, 4th grade student at Miles Avenue Elementary School. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rita Alvarez for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting December 16, 2013.

Vice Mayor Perez presented a Plaque of Recognition to Jose Zepeda of El Aviso Magazine for their support of the 2013 Relay for Life Southeast Cities. Vice Mayor Perez recognized the following members of the 2013 Relay for Life Southeast Cities who were present: 1) Leticia Martinez; 2) Evelia Castillo; and 3) Victoria Herrera. Mr. Zepeda thanked City Council for the recognition and informed City Council of El Aviso Magazine's upcoming events and accomplishments.

City Manager Bobadilla announced that the following items have been pulled from the agenda:

8. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

8.1 Multiple Special Event Park Use/Film Permit for the Calendar Year 2014 for Nitro Group.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Multiple Special Event Park Use/Film Permit for Calendar Year 2014 for Nitro Group.
- 9.2 Receive and file a report on the administration of the City's Traffic Authority and blue curb disabled parking spaces in public streets.
- 9.3 Receive and file a report on the changes to the Combi Bus Services.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, a request from Council Member Macias for discussion and/or action regarding a letter of support for the order of abatement as a result of emissions from Exide Technologies, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

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.

Sandra Orozco displayed a newspaper article and addressed various concerns to City Council, including certain issues in the City of Maywood. Ms. Orozco encouraged City Council to recognize the Oldtimers Foundation for their work in the community.

Andy Molina thanked everyone who attended the Southeast Cities Service Center C.O.S.E.C.H.A. Harvest Ball and gave special thanks to Mayor Gomez, Vice Mayor Perez, and City Manager Bobadilla. Mr. Molina informed City Council that Tierra will be performing at the Southeast Cities Service Center 1st Annual Christmas Toy Drive and Fundraiser December 19, 2013 at Leonardo's El Mariachi Restaurant and encouraged everyone to attend.

Victoria Herrera briefed City Council on a taskforce meeting that she attended regarding alcohol and drugs education and prevention. Ms. Herrera informed City Council that the next meeting will be held in the City of South Gate.

Martin Delgado, Community Librarian at Huntington Park Library, introduced Joanna Ward, Children's Services Librarian at Huntington Park Library and briefed City Council regarding Ms. Ward's professional background and involvement in the community. Ms. Ward informed City Council that she looks forward to working with the youth in the community.

Nick Ioannidis informed City Council that April 21st will be his 39th anniversary of being an American Citizen and wished City Council Happy Holidays.

Edgar Gordillo addressed City Council to wish them and the community Happy Holidays.

Antonio Padilla addressed concerns to City Council regarding fees associated with the use of the gymnasium at Salt Lake Park and asked that property owners be exempt from paying such fees.

Norma Santiago addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of safety and criminal activity at Pacific Charter School, Aspire Olin University Preparatory Academy, and Aspire Antonio Maria Lugo Academy Schools. Ms. Santiago commended Council Member Macias for addressing the concerns of the community.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council, including money owed by the City and property taxes.

Sonia Luz and Leticia Martinez, representing The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, distributed copies of a DVD to City Council regarding the Fabulous Christmas Parade and announced that this video will be posted on the chamber's website and the local cable access channel 3.

Jorge Sepulveda addressed City Council regarding a comment previously made by a member of the public regarding closing the gap between businesses and the City. Mr. Sepulveda also addressed concerns regarding poor lighting throughout the City.

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

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meeting:

6.1-1 Special meeting held Tuesday, November 26, 2013

6.1-2 Regular meeting held Monday, December 2, 2013

6.2 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

6.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 16, 2013.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Continued)

6.4 Renew a Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Tyco Integrated Security LLC.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the service agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Tyco Integrated Security LLC to continue services at significant cost savings.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the service agreement.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. HEARINGS

7.1 Ordinances adopting the 2014 Los Angeles County Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Codes and 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments, and hearing none.
2. Close the public hearing and consider all public testimony.
3. Adopt for the following ordinances for Second and Final Reading:
 - a) Ordinance No. 914-NS & Urgency Ordinance No. 920-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 1 and repealing Chapter 14, 15 and Chapter 16 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 26, Building Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - b) Ordinance No. 915-NS & Urgency Ordinance No. 921-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 10 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 27, Electrical Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - c) Ordinance No. 916-NS & Urgency Ordinance No. 922-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 28, Plumbing Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
 - d) Ordinance No. 917-NS & Urgency Ordinance No. 923-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 11 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 29, Mechanical Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.

7. HEARINGS – (Continued)

- e) Ordinance No. 918-NS & Urgency Ordinance 924-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 1B of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2014 Los Angeles County Code, Title 30, Residential Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.
- f) Ordinance No. 919-NS & Urgency Ordinance No. 925-NS, ordinances of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California, amending Title 8, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by adopting by reference the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto.

Ordinance Nos.: 914-NS, 915-NS, 916-NS, 917-NS, 918-NS, and 919-NS & Urgency Ordinance Nos.: 920-NS, 921-NS, 922-NS, 923-NS, 924-NS, and 925-NS were read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, that reading in full of Ordinance Nos.: 914-NS, 915-NS, 916-NS, 917-NS, 918-NS, and 919-NS & Urgency Ordinance Nos.: 920-NS, 921-NS, 922-NS, 923-NS, 924-NS, and 925-NS for second and final reading be waived and approved for second and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.2 **Interim Urgency Ordinance extending for an additional one-year period a moratorium on the issuance of any permits to subdivide any 10,000+ square foot commercial building/structure within the City's Business Improvement District.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct a public hearing, and hearing none.
2. Closed the public hearing and consider all public testimony and staff's analysis.
3. Approve for First and Final Reading Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 926-NS extending for an additional one-year period Urgency Ordinance Nos. 904-NS and 907-NS which established moratorium on the issuance of any permits to subdivide any 10,000+ square foot commercial building/structure into smaller tenant spaces within the City's Business Improvement District was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 926-NS for first and final reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 926-NS be approved for first and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 8.2 **Resolution expressing the City Council's intent to grant a 10-year franchise extension to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation for use and maintenance of a certain 12-inch pipeline.**

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-56 expressing its intent to grant a ten-year franchise extension to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, its successors and assigns, for the use and maintenance of a certain twelve-inch pipeline in, under, and along the easterly forty feet of Santa Fe Avenue in the City of Huntington Park, California was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-56 and 2. set a public hearing to hear any objections to the granting of said franchise extension on January 6, 2014, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

8.3 Professional Service Agreement with Enviro Communications, Inc. for Public Policy Strategy and Advocacy Services in support of Transportation Grant Funding Opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a professional services agreement with Enviro Communications, Inc. for public strategy and advocacy services in support of transportation grant funding opportunities.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve a professional services agreement with Enviro Communications, Inc. for public strategy and advocacy services in support of transportation grant funding opportunities and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

8.4 Purchase Orders for the repair of Well No. 16 and the removal of sand sediment from the storage tank at Well No. 16.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Purchase Order with General Pump Company for well inspection and testing services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$58,330.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute.
2. Approve a Purchase Order with Pacific Titan, Inc. for the removal of sand sediment from a water storage tank for a not-to-exceed amount of \$29,959.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve a Purchase Order with General Pump Company for well inspection and testing services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$58,330.00 and a Purchase Order with Pacific Titan, Inc. for the removal of sand sediment from a water storage tank for a not-to-exceed amount of \$29,959.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 9.1 Lease Agreement with the Senate Rules Committee of California for the lease of office space at City Hall to Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33rd Senate District.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Lease Agreement with the Senate Rules Committee of California for the lease of office space at City Hall for use by Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33rd Senate District.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to approve a Lease Agreement with the Senate Rules Committee of California for the lease of office space at City Hall for use by Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33rd Senate District; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

- 9.4 Receive and file a report on the implementation of an annual inspection program for the compliance of active Conditional Use Permits (CUP) with the conditions of approval presented by Senior Planner Albert Fontanez.**
- 9.5 Presentation of a video regarding a Strategic Transportation Plan (STP).**

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

12.2-1 Adopt Resolution No. 2013-57 supporting the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program was presented. Motion by Macias, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-57, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita

12.5 Council Member Karina Macias

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – (Continued)

12.5-1 Discussion and/or action regarding a letter of support for the order of abatement as a result of emissions from Exide Technologies. Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to approve a letter of support for the order of abatement as a result of emissions from Exide Technologies, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following:

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (2)

13.2 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581

13.3 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Names of Cases: 1) Eugene Lee v. City of Huntington Park, et. al., Case No. CV13-07004-JFW(DTBx); and 2) Addison Weeks, Kenneth Chan and Brian Sloma v. City of Huntington Park, et. al., Case No. EDCV13-1257

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:44 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:04 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action on the following closed session items: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation: (2); 2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581; and 3) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of Cases: a) Eugene Lee v. City of Huntington Park, et. al., Case No. CV13-07004-JFW(DTBx); and b) Addison Weeks, Kenneth Chan and Brian Sloma v. City of Huntington Park, et. al., Case No. EDCV13-1257.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk