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HUNTINGTON PARK CITY COUNCIL
A Regular Meeting held in the City Council Chambers,
6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California
Monday – July 7, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Perez led the assembly in the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Angelica Acosta, 5th grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita
Vice Mayor Karina Macias
Council Member Ofelia Hernandez
Mayor Rosa E. Perez

Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Mayor Perez noted that the meeting this evening, will be adjourned in memory of Robert Case Sr., father of Robert Case, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park and in memory of Juan Ruiz, Jr., brother of Annie Ruiz, Acting Director of Finance for the City of Huntington Park.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to student who led the flag salute: Angelica Acosta.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Angelica Acosta for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting July 7, 2014.

Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Public Works Director/City Engineer James Enriquez for his achievements and improvements in the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Perez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Public Works Director/City Engineer James Enriquez for his achievements and improvements in the City of Huntington Park. Members of Council commented positively on Mr. Enriquez's work and efforts in the City and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Enriquez expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Interim City Manager Julio Morales thanked Mr. Enriquez and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Interim City Attorney Litfin announced that City Council will recess into Closed Session at this time 6:17 p.m. to discuss the items listed in the Closed Session agenda.

Mayor Perez opened public comments on Closed Session items. Seeing and hearing no speakers, Mayor Perez closed public comments on Closed Session items.

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CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957;
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: Lieutenant

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957;
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: City Manager

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: (1)

City Council reconvened at 7:02 p.m. with all Council Members present except Council Member Gomez.

Interim City Attorney Todd Litfin reported that, during Closed Session, City Council gave direction but no reportable action was taken.

END OF CLOSED SESSION

It was noted that the minutes for the City Council meetings of June 16, 2014 are not available at this time and that due to staffing reductions there will be a delay. Mayor Perez noted that the minutes have been late in the past, even with a full staff.

Interim City Attorney Litfin noted receipt of a communication from the City of Vernon dated July 7, 2014, regarding the soccer field in the Soccer Circle at Salt Lake Park adding that it was received after distribution of the agenda and that the matter needs to be addressed in a timely fashion. He requested adding the matter as Item No. 20.5 under the City Manager agenda, on an emergency basis.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to add Item 20.5 to the agenda for consideration, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Perez opened public comments, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Claude Bilodeau, Public Works Superintendent, commended the Chief of Police and his departments on the handling of the recent World Cup celebration. Additionally, he thanked James Enriquez for his leadership and efforts in the City's Public Works Department and congratulated him on his new position.

Sandra Orozco, Maywood, local activist, commented on information from the FPPC regarding officials who have failed to report endorsements, a recall in the City of Maywood, stickers on poles and stated that the City of Huntington Park is missing a budget.

Interim City Manager Julio Morales noted that the City's budget is posted on the City website and is available for public review.

Rodolfo Cruz commented on the recent World Cup celebration and complained of vandalism, illegal fireworks and increased trash. He asked regarding the number of related citations issued and stated that the problems are increasing as the City has not acted to resolve them.

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Francisco Aguilar complained of litter and debris at bus stops. He commented on the need for increased Code Enforcement as this is not just a city, it is his home. He urged Council to direct staff to follow up on the matter in order to make a positive difference in the City. He added that he would like the opportunity to meet with the Mayor at a future date.

Discussion followed regarding the extent of discussions that can be had between Council Members and the public during the public comment period of the meeting.

Mayor Perez called for any other public comments, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1. **Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated July 7, 2014.**

CITY ATTORNEY

2. **Adopt Resolution 2014-20 adopting an order of business at City Council meetings.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

3. **2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$38,771
2. Authorize the Chief of Police to sign required documents as "Authorized Grantee Official"
3. Authorize the Finance Department to establish appropriate accounts to facilitate acceptance of funds and expenditures if grant is awarded

4. **TRITECH ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE INVOICE**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the purchase order in the amount of \$40,954.97.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

5. **Resolution Approving Support for a Sub-Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Application.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt the Resolution approving support for a sub-regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP) grant application; and

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2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Huntington Park in support of the application for the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Round 2.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

HEARING

6. Public hearing to consider a zoning ordinance amendment to Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 2 of the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to consider comment.
2. Close the public hearing and include any comments received during this hearing.
3. Approve for First Reading Ordinance No. 931-NS.

Interim City Manager Julio Morales introduced the item and noted that a Council Member requested having a red-line version of the changes. He deferred to staff for a report.

Public Works Director/City Engineer James Enriquez noted that the most significant changes to the Code relates to convenience stores, grocery stores and liquor stores and defines what constitutes those uses. The biggest change relates to gas stations that have mini marts. In an effort to encourage existing gas stations to remain in town there are provisions to allow expansion of alcohol sales in terms of distances to sensitive receptors. In addition, staff is recommending removal of a limit of five (5) gas stations with mini marts to encourage new gas stations coming into town for the convenience of residents.

Housing and Community Development Manager, Manny Acosta commented on changes to language to clean up the ordinance for consistency.

Discussion followed regarding changes to the wording, allowances for existing mini marts and changes relative to the expansion of alcohol use.

It was noted that the requirement for the amount of square footage for alcohol-related sales will remain.

Mayor Perez noted that the requirement needs to be made clear.

It was noted that there is a cap in terms of the sales of alcohol.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to address City Council, Mayor Perez closed the public hearing.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve for First Reading Ordinance No. 931-NS, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

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7. Public hearing regarding adoption of a youth employment plan for the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Field Project

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments;
2. Close the public hearing; and
3. Adopt the Youth Employment Plan for this project pursuant to requirements of Los Angeles County for projects funded through the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funding Program.

Public Works Director/City Engineer James Enriquez presented details of the staff report noting that youth employment is a requirement of Los Angeles County's funding source. He addressed employment plans noting that they meet the County's requirement and commented on plans for the soccer field.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to address City Council, Mayor Perez closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hernandez commented on background checks.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez explained that youth will be employed through the Recreation Division and that they will go through a background check process.

Council Member Amezcuita commented on the possibility of youth doing other jobs and learning other trades.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez reported that the grant is specific to the project and that other opportunities would need to be reviewed to employ youth for other purposes.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to adopt the Youth Employment Plan for this project pursuant to requirements of Los Angeles County for projects funded through the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funding Program, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Macias, to reconsider the Consent Calendar specifically as it relates to Item No. 2, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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2. Adopt Resolution 2014-20 adopting an order of business at City Council meetings.

Council Member Amezcuita suggested changing the subject resolution to allow Mayor and Council Member comments/responses after Public Comments and before Closed Session.

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Interim City Attorney Litfin stated that brief comments can be made in response to public comment or to report on Council Member or Sub-Committee activities.

Interim City Manager Morales noted that the first opportunity for Public Comments is only for Closed Session items.

Council Member Amezquita stated he would like the opportunity to discuss or respond to comments by the public.

Mayor Perez noted that opportunity is provided as part of Council Communications and believed that the proposed suggestion would be in violation of the Brown Act.

Council Member Hernandez stated she would feel more comfortable keeping comments at the end of the agenda.

Interim City Attorney Litfin stated that under the law, City Council is entitled to briefly respond to comments, report on activities in the community and make announcements on community events. He added that there is no need for an item on the agenda to do so and that it is at Council's discretion.

Council Member Hernandez indicated she will not support the recommended action as Council is not allowed to engage the public on comments made.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to change the agenda to reflect Mayor and Council Member comments/responses after Public Comments and before Closed Session, failed as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias; Noes: Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Perez; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Mayor Perez suggested moving Presentations and Announcements prior to Closed Session.

Council Member Amezquita stated that is a good idea and indicated his support of Mayor Perez's suggestion.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to move Presentations and Announcements prior to Closed Session, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin listed the order of the agenda, going forward, for clarification.

Interim City Manager Morales asked to hear Item No. 9 at this time.

Item No. 9 was heard at this juncture.

8. Public hearing regarding adoption of a youth employment plan for the Trees for a Better Environment Project

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments;
2. Close the public hearing; and
3. Adopt the Youth Employment Plan for this project pursuant to requirements of Los Angeles County for projects funded through the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funding Program.

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Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez provided a brief staff report noting that grant funds will be directed at employee at-risk youth through a contract with the Long Beach Conservation Corps.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing.

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to address Council, Mayor Perez closed the public hearing.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to adopt the Youth Employment Plan for this project pursuant to requirements of Los Angeles County for projects funded through the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and Supervisorial District Competitive Excess Funding Program., carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY ATTORNEY

- 9. Approve for First Reading Ordinance No. 930-NS repealing Ordinance No. 928-NS (moving the date of the City of Huntington Park General Municipal Election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years beginning in 2015).**

Interim City Manager Morales presented details of the report noting the need to repeal Ordinance No. 928-NS. He added that a resolution will be presented at a later date stating that the City would like the County to manage its elections.

Mayor Perez opened public comments.

Dean Logan, Registrar Recorder, Los Angeles County Clerk, apologized for miscommunications on this matter in terms of the County's ability to conduct an election on behalf of the City and offered to respond to Council questions. He added that the County Registrar's Office is available to assist the City on whatever date the election is held.

Mayor Perez expressed her appreciation noting that the matter caused confusion and stressed the importance of transparency in the process.

Mayor Perez directed staff to generate a resolution to have the County manage the City's election in the future.

Council Member Amezquita commented on the possibility of the County offering the City a discount.

Mr. Logan noted there is a price differential and benefits to the City as there are other districts running elections. Running an election in November is less expensive, for the City, than running it in March.

Interim City Manager Morales thanked Council and commented on the integrity of the election process. Ultimately, the objective is to have all elections run on a November cycle and the public is best served by having the County administer same.

Seeing and hearing no others wishing to address Council, Mayor Perez closed public comments for this item.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, to move approve for First Reading Ordinance No. 930-NS repealing Ordinance No. 928-NS (moving the date of the City of Huntington Park General Municipal Election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years beginning in 2015), carried as follows: Ayes: Council

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Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Item No. 8 was heard at this juncture with the rest of the agenda heard as scheduled.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

10. Approve Professional Service Agreement for continued Financial Management services

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the professional service agreement with Brent Kuhn of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company for financial management services.
2. Approve the professional service agreement with Mazyck Advisors LLC for financial management services.
3. Authorize the interim city manager to execute the professional service agreements.

Interim City Manager Morales provided details of the report noting that with his move from being Finance Director/Treasurer to Interim City Manager, several vacancies have resulted. He expressed concerns regarding maintaining management continuity with the City. Additionally, he commented on the City budget and reported on the need for professional service agreements as listed in the report. The first, Brent Kuhn of Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company, is familiar with the City's finances. He provided information regarding Mazyck Advisors LLC, and commented positively on their qualifications. He addressed the cost structures, recommendations and terms of the contracts and noted that there will be no impact on the City's budget.

In response to Council Member Amezquita's question regarding the continuation budget, Interim City Manager Morales explained that Council had to come up with a solution to the structural deficit. The budget was a working, line-item budget but Mr. Morales stated he wanted the public and Wall Street to be aware of the structural deficit and that Council intended to solve it. He added that the budget is on the City's website and available for public review. He added that rating agencies prefer that the City have a balanced budget with no structural deficit.

Discussion followed regarding structural deficits, terms of the agreements and subsequent steps.

Interim City Manager Morales addressed goals and noted that the State Department of Finance has a lot to do with the City's structural deficit. Additionally, he noted the need for the subject professional services agreements to ensure that the work gets done without interruptions to City services for the next six (6) months.

Council Member Hernandez commented on termination provisions.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve the professional service agreement with Brent Kuhn of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Company for financial management services; approve the professional service agreement with Mazyck Advisors LLC for financial management services and authorize the interim city manager to execute the professional service agreements, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

11. Update on FY 14-15 General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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1. Update on FY 14-15 General Fund Budget

Acting Director of Finance Annie Ruiz provided details of the report addressing FY 13-14 revenue performance, expenses by Department and changes in revenues and expenses. She added that the FY 13-14 is expected to result in a \$2 million deficit. She provided information regarding the FY 14-15 budget including baseline, costs incurred by the City, FY 14-15 budget adjustments and critical financial issues in the near term.

Interim City Manager Morales addressed legislative actions expected and noted that not much can be done until August 4, 2014. He commented on the importance of pension legislation and resolving pension tax issues which will positively impact the City's structural deficit.

Mayor Perez commented on the importance of keeping people employed and also of minimizing decreases in essential public services.

Interim City Manager Morales noted that the budget will be similar with a number of other elements as what was presented relates only to the General Fund. He added that the situation will need to be reassessed after ninety (90) days.

Discussion followed regarding impacts to the City's credit rating and it was noted that the rating agencies are mainly concerned with not having a solution to the deficit. Mr. Morales stated that the City is making steps toward a solution and that the City will communicate with the rating agencies regarding same.

Jan Mazyck, Mazyck Advisors LLC, reported that rating agencies take structural issues seriously, including their view of management and their willingness to make difficult decisions. She added that it is time to contemplate developing a permanent solution.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

12. Agreement with Lorraine Mendez and Associates in connection to consulting services for HUD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Award a professional services contract to Lorraine Mendez & Associates (LMA) for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$155,000 to provide services related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Lead-Based Paint programs
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract

Housing & Community Development Manager, Manny Acosta presented details of the report addressing the RFP process, source of funding and fees.

Interim City Manager Morales commented positively on the work of Lorraine Mendez & Associates.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the availability of Ms. Mendez to address Council.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to award a professional services contract to Lorraine Mendez & Associates (LMA) for an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$155,000 to provide services related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Lead-Based Paint programs and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

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13. Approve the Commercial Rehabilitation Project using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds and Art in Public Places Funds at 7148 Pacific Boulevard (El Gallo Giro)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the use of CDBG funds not to exceed \$50,000 and Art in Public Places funds in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 for façade renovations for El Gallo Giro Restaurant located at 7148 Pacific Boulevard.
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager or designee to execute all necessary grant Agreements.

Interim City Manager Morales introduced the item and provided a brief report. He addressed the rationale for choosing El Gallo Giro, a description of the project, recommended enhancements, outdoor dining, project funding, the possibility of asking El Gallo Giro to upgrade their restrooms, and El Gallo Giro contributions. He provided information regarding the proposed mural and Artist Miguel Mejia and L.A. landmarks and icons.

Brief discussion followed regarding availability of funds, the possibility of a sculpture or statue, consistency of the artwork, the outdoor dining area and permanent shade structures. It was noted that the mural will be inside and protected and that matching tiles will be implemented outside.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve the use of CDBG funds not to exceed \$50,000 and Art in Public Places funds in the amount not to exceed \$10,000 for façade renovations for El Gallo Giro Restaurant located at 7148 Pacific Boulevard and authorize the Interim City Manager or designee to execute all necessary grant Agreements, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Mayor Perez called for a recess at 8:45 p.m. The assembly reconvened at 8:50 p.m. with all Council Members present, except Council Member Gomez.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

14. Facility Use Fee Waiver Application for “El Grito” Event.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion and/or action regarding a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds for the “El Grito” event.

Interim City Manager Morales introduced the item and deferred to staff for a report.

Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa presented details of the staff report including the total amount of the requested fee waiver.

Mayor Perez opened public comments.

Mr. Morales invited Council Members to the upcoming event.

Interim City Manager Morales added that El Grito representatives will have the opportunity to provide a formal presentation to Council in the near future.

Seeing and hearing no others wishing to address Council, Mayor Perez closed public comments.

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Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds for the “El Grito” event, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

15. Facility Fee Waiver Application for the “Movimiento de Misioneros Catolicos” Event

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Senior Park for the annual picnic event for “Movimiento De Misioneros Catolicos”.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa presented details of the staff report including the total amount of the requested fee waiver.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, to approve a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Senior Park for the annual picnic event for “Movimiento De Misioneros Catolicos”, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

16. Facility Use Fee Waiver Application for the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Huntington Park Community Center and Senior Park for the GFWC Women’s Club of Huntington Park’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa presented details of the staff report including the total amount of the requested fee waiver.

Council Member Hernandez commented positively on last year's event.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to approve a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Huntington Park Community Center and Senior Park for the GFWC Women’s Club of Huntington Park’s Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

17. Authorize 30-Day Pilot Summer Swim Program

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City to enter into agreements with LAUSD and USA Pools in order to implement a summer swim program.
2. Authorize the use of excess CDBG after school program funding in the amount of \$16,000 and use of proceeds from the sale of surplus vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to fund a summer swim program.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa presented details of the report noting that the City is working with Los Angeles Unified School District and USA Pools to implement a summer swim program at the Linda Marquez High School. Details are still being worked out and Ms. Espinosa provided an overview of the thirty (30) day pilot program.

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Discussion followed regarding authorizing funding and entering into an agreement and the possibility of employing local lifeguards for the program. It was noted that USA Pools will be managing recruitment.

Interim City Manager Morales noted this is a small pilot program and that staff is looking for funding for a similar program next year.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to authorize the City to enter into agreements with LAUSD and USA Pools in order to implement a summer swim program and authorize the use of excess CDBG after school program funding in the amount of \$16,000 and use of proceeds from the sale of surplus vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to fund a summer swim program, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

18. As-Needed Engineering Services for the Vacant Office of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the current professional services agreement with Transtech for as-needed engineering services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$50,000.00 and term of six months; and
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the current professional services agreement with AIM Consulting Services for as-needed construction management and project management services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000.00 and term of six months; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Evans Brooks Associates for professional services in support of the administration of Metro Local Return Funds and other transportation grant funds for a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000.00; and
4. Increase the purchase approval authority of the Superintendent of Public Works to \$5,000 while the position of Director of Public Works/City Engineer remains vacant.

Interim City Manager Morales introduced the item and provided recommendations as stated in the report.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez commented on the three consultants recommended and noted the importance of continuing services and maintaining consistency and continuity.

Interim City Attorney Litfin commented on a lawsuit that has been filed with the County but stated that they have not responded.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the current professional services agreement with Transtech for as-needed engineering services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$50,000.00 and term of six months; authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an amendment to the current professional services agreement with AIM Consulting Services for as-needed construction management and project management services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000.00 and term of six months; authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Evans Brooks Associates for professional services in support of the administration of Metro Local Return Funds and other transportation grant funds for a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,000.00; and increase the

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purchase approval authority of the Superintendent of Public Works to \$5,000 while the position of Director of Public Works/City Engineer remains vacant, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

19. Authorize to enter into Agreement for Street Sweeping Services with Nationwide Environmental Services

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate street sweeping contract with Nationwide Environmental Services.

Interim City Manager Morales introduced the item and noted Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez's help in negotiating a solution.

Mr. Enriquez provided details of the report including a comparison of existing and proposed services.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the possibility of changing routing.

Interim City Manager Morales stated that the expectation is that the City negotiate once and include a provision that if and when a revised route is negotiated, it will be extended to a five (5) year term. He addressed savings and noted that in the budget, it is assumed that the City will have a revised route structure as staff recommends that the City consider other options possible adding those to this contract, going out to a different vendor or providing them in-house. Staff will need to determine what would be most cost-effective for the City.

Mr. Enriquez stressed that savings are for street-sweeping services and that additional services have been left out of the agreement.

Discussion followed regarding costs related to changing signage and providing outreach to the community.

Council Member Amezcuita reported speaking with Nationwide representatives and discussing with other City colleagues who commented positively regarding Nationwide's services. He noted concerns from some of the residents and asked regarding the possibility of going through a formal bid process for these services.

Mayor Perez stated that going through a bid process at this time would not be equitable as Nationwide's prices are already known.

Interim City Attorney Litfin stated that the City could go through an informal bid process if Council so desires.

Interim City Manager Morales reported he does not have the internal staff needed to go through a formal bid process. He added that savings could be reduced by going through the process.

Mayor Perez noted that Council provided direction on this matter several times in the recent past.

Discussion followed regarding potential additional savings through steam-cleaning and vacuuming services.

Interim City Manager Morales stated that the recommended term of the contract is five (5) years and that a revised route can be negotiated within the next six (6) months.

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Discussion followed regarding challenges with longer-term contracts and Council's fiduciary responsibilities. It was noted that Council has discussed the matter in Closed Session for several months.

Mayor Perez invited a representative from Nationwide to address Council.

Nejteh Der Bedrossian, Operations Manager, offered to respond to Council questions and stated that the options presented were developed to save the City as much money as possible. He addressed a re-design of the street-sweeping route at no charge to the City and stated that negotiations have lasted a long time. Additionally, he stated that going through an RFP process at this time would be unfair as his numbers have been exposed. He added that further negotiations can be held in the future.

Council Member Amezquita agreed that Nationwide's numbers have been exposed.

Interim City Manager Morales commented positively on the company's reputation and stated that in an ideal world, the City would have gone through an RFP process.

Council Member Amezquita claimed that the City should have gone through an RFP process.

Mayor Perez noted that the item is time-sensitive and stressed the need to be fair and equitable.

Council Member Amezquita commented on vacuuming and steam-cleaning services and suggested having a minimum of three bids for the service.

Interim City Manager Morales stated that staff will conduct an in-depth analysis and present results to Council.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate street sweeping contract with Nationwide Environmental Services with a five (5) year term, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

CITY MANAGER

20. Update on Interim City Clerk Services

Interim City Manager Morales provided a brief update on Interim City Clerk Services noting that City Clerk Management Services has been retained to help with Clerk services during Council meetings and produce meeting minutes. Staff has been producing internal agendas and another proposal will be provided to City Council, in August for alternate services.

20.5 Consideration of a communication received from the City of Vernon regarding the installation of artificial turf on the soccer field in the Soccer Circle at Salt Lake Park

Interim City Manager Morales referenced a letter received from the City of Vernon dated July 7, 2014, related to field renovations at Salt Lake Park and the joint cooperation with the City of Huntington Park to install artificial turf on the soccer field. He noted that the City was able to find additional funding through their community fund. The City of Vernon requests concurrence in naming the field in recognition of the leadership and contributions of a notable public official. He added that it is imperative to act on this matter as the actual field is currently being ordered.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezquita, to concur with the City of Vernon, as requested in the letter dated July 7, 2014, to name the new soccer field at Salt Lake Park in honor of the notable public official named in said letter, carried as follows: Ayes:

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Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Amezquita encouraged interested parties to consider sponsoring a Huntington Park City Pool.

Interim City Manager Morales noted that the challenge is not finding funds for a Capital Project but rather for subsequent operations and maintenance.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez provided an update on a recent leak in the main at the intersection of Seville and Saturn.

Police Chief Jorge Cisneros provided an update on the World Cup celebration noting area collaboration, additional resources and stating that enforcement was part of a mutual aid system at no cost to the City. He acknowledged crowd issues and problems. Additionally, he addressed the matter of illegal fireworks, related ordinances and fees, calls for service and actions taken. He added that the Fire Department is a key component in dealing with issues related to the Fourth of July. Chief Cisneros indicated that it takes an entire community to deal with quality of life issues and commented positively on the participation of Mounted Police Officers.

Brief discussion followed regarding the effect of the media.

Council Member Hernandez thanked the City's Police Department and those from neighboring cities who helped during the World Cup celebration and the Fourth of July.

Direction was given to Chief Cisneros to note in his letters of appreciation to the various agencies that appreciation is also extended on behalf of the entire City Council and the City's residents.

Council Member Amezquita suggested developing a strategic plan, prior to events, which is welcoming and positive for the City.

Brief discussion followed regarding the learning process and issues related to Plaza Mexico.

Interim City Manager Morales commented on the benefits of cameras and the need for community-focused solutions. He stated that he will continue to work with the Chief of Police regarding future events and thanked City Council for its continued support.

Council Member Hernandez thanked Interim City Manager Morales for his efforts in moving the City forward. She thanked Public Works Director/City Engineer Enriquez for his service and Chief Cisneros for his efforts during the World Cup celebration and the Fourth of July. She commented positively on the collaboration with neighboring cities.

Council Member Amezquita commented on the status of the trash hauling service. In response to his inquiries regarding the status of invoices owed to the City, Interim City Manager Morales reported that staff can return with a report regarding the viability of audit findings.

Council Member Amezquita referenced trash pick-up proposals and asked that all Members of Council receive copies of all proposals to facilitate review.

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Interim City Attorney Litfin commented on distribution protocol and the possibility of leaking proprietary information. He added that proposals should not be widely distributed over a long period of time.

Council Member Amezquita asked that the Interim City Attorney provide legal advice on this matter in a memo.

Interim City Attorney Litfin commented on maintaining the integrity of the bidding and review process.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa for her efforts in the Fourth of July celebration and commented positively on the event. She commented on a hearing in the City of Lynwood on July 9, 2014, and reported that the City of Bell just passed an Art Walk that will be held on August 2, 2014.

Council Member Hernandez requested a memo from the Interim City Attorney regarding whether it is legal to respond to comments from the public.

Mayor Perez thanked City staff for its efforts and reported she was unable to attend the Fourth of July celebration due to an illness. Additionally, she commented on the City's representation on the Gateway City's COG and reported they had a recent election where she was elected as the Vice President of the organization and is on the Sub-Committee on Transportation. She spoke regarding taking pride in the community.

Council Member Amezquita commented on concerns voiced by a public speaker regarding promotional flyers and noted he is willing to provide language for an ordinance addressing the matter.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported that the Code currently prohibits promotional flyers and that it is a matter of enforcement.

Mayor Perez requested a report from Chief Cisneros addressing concerns voiced by the public speaker regarding vandalism and illegal fireworks. She noted that the City is doing what the law allows it to do in terms of enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Huntington Park City Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m. in memory of Robert Case Sr., father of Robert Case, Equipment Mechanic Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park and Juan Ruiz Jr., brother of Annie Ruiz, Acting Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Huntington Park.

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MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Rosa E. Perez, Mayor

Yesenia Gomez, Acting Jr. Deputy City Clerk