

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 19, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Carlos Reyes, 6th grade student at Nimitz Middle School. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: None.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Carlos Reyes for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting May 19, 2014.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Teresa Rivas, Teacher from Lucille Roybal-Allard School, for being recognized as the Honor Los Angeles Unified School District Teacher of the year.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Plaque to Jose Zepeda of El Aviso Magazine for his 20 years of service to the community and for being the YMCA 2014 Legacy Award Recipient. Mr. Zepeda thanked City Council for the recognition.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Key to the City and Certificate of Recognition to Jackeline Cacho, an international award winning journalist and founder of "Jackeline Cacho presents triunfo Latino", a television show broadcast on Vme TV network. Ms. Cacho thanked City Council and the City of Huntington Park for the recognition. Carlos Sorea briefed City Council regarding Ms. Cacho's involvement and contributions to the community. Pilar Avila, Chief Executive Officer of New America Alliance, addressed City Council in support of Ms. Cacho's work and dedication to giving back to the community.

Mayor Perez recessed the meeting at 6:44 p.m. and resumed at 6:55 p.m.

Lisa Davis, Principal of Libra Academy within Linda Esperanza Marquez High School, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the academic standards, including CST and API scores for Libra Academy. Betty Davis thanked Mayor Perez and City Council for supporting Libra Academy and briefed City Council regarding different classes that will be offered at 1:30 p.m.

Rosaisella Rowan, representing Urban Associates, Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding Californian's Energy Crisis. Ms. Rowan asked City Council to support a proposed comprehensive energy plan and to join their coalition.

Mayor Perez 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.

Antonio Padilla informed City Council that the City of Los Angeles recently received a grant to fix their theatres and inquired about the theatres in Huntington Park, especially the Warner theatre located on Pacific Boulevard.

Jerry Torres presented a schedule of neighborhood meetings and invited City Council to attend. Mr. Torres addressed concerns regarding police response time for call for crimes.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking in the City.

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

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar with noted changes in the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 5, 2014 to include a verbatim statement made by Council Member Amezcuita regarding a proposed audit on trash services and request for proposals for Solid Waste Collection Services; and removed from Consent Calendar, Item No. 6.5, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Continued)

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:
- 6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, May 5, 2014.
 - 6.1-2 Special meeting held Monday, May 12, 2014.
- 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 May 19, 2014.
- 6.4 **City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file the City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.5 **Professional Services Contract to conduct a Fiscal Planning Community Survey.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract to conduct a Fiscal Planning Community Survey for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000.

Following a brief discussion by City Council, motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract to conduct a Fiscal Planning Community Survey for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

7. HEARING

- 7.1 **Public hearing regarding the collection of delinquent rubbish charges pursuant to Section 6-2.205 of the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.

Jerry Torres addressed concerns to City Council regarding the City assessing delinquent rubbish charges unto property owners when in some cases the responsibility falls on the tenants.

2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-18 authorizing and directing the County Auditor-Controller to include delinquent refuse collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.52 Waste Management Fee).

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

8.1 Professional Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Local Committee for the preparation of a Complete Street Plan.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Local Committee for the preparation of a Complete Street Plan.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Local Committee for the preparation of a Complete Street Plan, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8.2 Facility Fee Waiver request from Coach Art.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Facility Fee Waiver request for use of the Salt Lake Park gymnasium, baseball diamond and club room for Coach Art's "All Star Games" event.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Amezcuita, to approve Facility Fee Waiver request for use of the Salt Lake Park gymnasium, baseball diamond and club room for Coach Art's "All Star Games" event, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Hector, Program Supervisor for Coach Art, informed City Council regarding the mission of their organization and thanked City Council for approving the facility fee waiver.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

8.3 Purchase of mobile digital computers/Justice Assistance Grant Funding.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

1. Approve the purchase of five Panasonic Toughbook computers from ProcureIT in the amount of \$19,735.19 using 2011 Justice Assistance Grant program funds and the General Fund.
2. Authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to facilitate the purchase of this equipment and services.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Gomez, to approve the purchase of five Panasonic Toughbook computers from ProcureIT in the amount of \$19,735.19 using 2011 Justice Assistance Grant program funds and the General Fund; and authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to facilitate the purchase of this equipment and services, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Macias, to establish the following as "subsequent need" items: 1) 8.4 Approve Change in work for the City-wide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Streelight Retrofit and Upgrade Project; 2) 8.5 Approve Changes in work for the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Field Project; and 3) 13.5 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, Title: City Manager, as these items arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

8.4 Approve Change in work for the City-wide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Streelight Retrofit and Upgrade Project.

1. Find that the requested Change in Work has no significant effect on the environment and approve the change and an increased construction contract amount of \$50,425.62. The contract amount with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. increases from \$832,812.84 to \$883,238.46.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Gomez, to find that the requested Change in Work has no significant effect on the environment and approve the change and an increased construction contract amount of \$50,425.62. The contract amount with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. increases from \$832,812.84 to \$883,238.46, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.5 Approve Changes in work for the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Field Project.

1. Find that the requested Changes in Work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the reallocation of project funds and revisions to the construction contract amount totaling \$52,141.60.
2. Approve the Revised Total Project Budget.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Macias, to find that the requested Changes in Work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the reallocation of project funds and revisions to the construction contract amount totaling \$52,141.60; and approve the Revised Total Project Budget, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 9.1 Discussion and/or action regarding a proposed amendment to the Huntington Park Municipal Code regarding outdoor advertisement and displays of merchandise throughout the City. City Manager Bobadilla pulled and tabled this item until June 2014.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Mayor Rosa E. Perez

- 12.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding changing the order of business and time for City Council meetings.** Following a brief discussion by City Council, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to approve addressing the closed session section of the City Council agenda at 6:00 p.m. and authorized staff to report back to City Council with a revised ordinance, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita; Absent: None.

12.2 Vice Mayor Karina Macias

12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita

- 12.4-1 Discussion and/or action regarding a proposed amendment to the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection Services.** Christopher Viramontes addressed City Council regarding the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection Services process and inquired about the deadline for submittal. Council Member Amezcuita presented recommended changes to the RFP for Solid Waste Collection Services, including the lowest cost deal for the City, percentage of franchise fee, and revenue sharing. Mayor Perez recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and resumed at 8:25 p.m. Following a discussion by City Council, motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to reject any amendments to the proposed amendment to the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection Services, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita; Absent: None.

12.4-2 Discussion and/or action regarding moving the date of the City of Huntington Park General Municipal Election and approving the County of Los Angeles to conduct said elections. City Manager Bobadilla stated for the record that as a City Manager, he does not care when the City holds their election and read an e-mail sent from the LA County Registrar-Recorder's Office to Senior Deputy City Clerk Martinez regarding the City's inquiry to possible have the County of Los Angeles run the City's elections and request for price quotes for having the County run said elections on March vs. November. Following a discussion by City Council and City staff, motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to uphold the previous decision to change the date of the City's General Municipal Elections to November of odd-numbered years and to approve the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder's Office to conduct said elections. Amended motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Gomez, to uphold the previous decision to change the date of the City's General Municipal Elections to November of odd-numbered years and to approve the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder's Office to conduct said elections; authorize the City Attorney to look into legally forgoing City Council salary; and authorize the City Manager to obtain a quote from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office to hold the City's elections on March odd-numbered years, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Abstain: Vice Mayor Macias; Absent: None.

12.5 Council Member Mario Gomez

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, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1)

13.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1)

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

Name of Case: Patient Benefits Association, Inc. v. City of Huntington Park, Case No. VC063215.

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

Name of Case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323.

13.5 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: City Manager

Mayor Perez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:47 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 10:45 p.m. Present: Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that City Council unanimously voted to initiate litigation in closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Perez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Rosa E. Perez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Senior Deputy City Clerk