

**MINUTES**  
**HUNTINGTON PARK CITY COUNCIL**  
**A Regular Meeting held in the City Council Chambers**  
**6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California**  
**Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Perez led the assembly in the invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Vice Mayor Macias.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Recognition to the following City of Huntington Park Police Employees:**

- **Officer of the year, Anthony Rendon**
- **Dispatcher of the year, Luisana Candelario**
- **Volunteer of the year, Jesse Banda**
- **Explorer of the year, Antonio Lopez**
- **New Officer: Christopher Spindola**
- **New Reserve Officers: Hankil Lee and William Smith**

Following a brief presentation, Chief of Police Cisneros proudly announced the recognition of Police Department employees who bring safety to the community.

Lieutenant Alfred Martinez provided a brief background of each recognized employee and presented the recipients with Certificates of Appreciation.

**Presentation of City Council meeting rules of decorum**

City Attorney Isabel Birrueta presented a PowerPoint on the rules of decorum for Council meetings. She stated that in addition to compliance with state law, the rules followed guidelines established by the Huntington Park Council Handbook, Ethics Handbook, Brown Act, and the Municipal Code as they relate to Council meetings. Ms. Birrueta stated that a consensus of the Council was necessary for staff to be clear on direction given by Council. Ms. Birrueta reviewed the time limitations on public speaking and stated individuals have three minutes to speak on a given item during 1) Public Comments prior to the business portion of the agenda; 2) following public hearings for the specific item only; and 3) prior to Closed Session only on Closed Session items. Ms. Birrueta stated that individuals were limited to three minutes only unless waived by the City Council. After further discussion, Ms. Birrueta conceded that audience members were allowed up to nine minutes to address the Council (as an example given, three minutes for each: i) during public comments, ii) following public hearings, and iii) prior to Closed Session, if they so choose to address Council for each). However, if there are no public hearings or closed session items, individuals will be allowed to speak three minutes only during Public Comments. Ms. Birrueta added that the public is entitled to criticize and disagree with City policies and procedures as well as express their personal opinions; however, personal attacks that have nothing to do with the agenda or City business are not permitted.

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Ms. Birrueta reviewed the expected decorum by Council members and stated that they should refrain from inappropriate behavior and derogatory comments. Ms. Birrueta added that the Chief of Police or designee can confront people speaking out of turn and if necessary escort them out of the meeting. Ms. Birrueta further reviewed additional issues related to City policy-making, communication between Council Members and staff, placement of items on agenda per Council's request, and disclosure of information by Council to the media. Ms. Birrueta stated that a presentation on Closed Session would be made at the next Council meeting.

**Unveiling of new City sign on Florence Ave.**

Interim City Manager Morales stated that this item would be held at the next Council meeting and in its place a presentation by the Los Angeles County Bomberos would be held.

**Presentation by Ben Hernandez, President of Los Angeles County Bomberos Association**

Mr. Ben Hernandez informed Council that the Los Angeles County Bomberos Association is a non-profit organization that offers training to firefighters ("bomberos") from Mexico and Latin American countries with limited training resources. Mr. Hernandez stated that this past June with the help of sponsors, and particularly Huntington Park Mayor Perez, a 7-day free training session was offered to firefighters from different areas of Mexico. On behalf of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Bomberos Association, Mr. Hernandez presented an award of recognition to Mayor Perez for her support of the Bomberos Association.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY) - None**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to California Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9,

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Name of Case: Yadira Lopez, Case No. WCAB No. ADJ9167991

Interim City Manager Morales noted that Closed Session would not be held, as the attorney for the item was in court. Mr. Morales added that the item would be held at future meeting.

**END OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Morales recommended the following deviations to the order of the agenda by moving the below listed items to the beginning of the Agenda, immediately following Closed Session:

- i) Item 9 (Solid Waste Franchise Agreement), Regular Agenda
- ii) Item 3 (Athletic Facility use and allocation policy and fees), Consent Calendar; and
- iii) Item 10 (Interview of City Manager recruiting firms), Regular Agenda

Council Member Gomez directed that comments from community members be heard (hold Public Comments first) prior to conducting City business, specifically Item 10, and that Items 9 and 3 be presented out of order.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (continued)

Enrique Murillo (president of AARP, local chapter), stated that the Parks and Recreation Department wanted “to stop us” (senior citizens) and requested that the Director of Parks and Recreation be transferred to another department. Mr. Murillo asked the Council for help in preserving services to senior citizens.

Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, stated that Mayor Perez constantly interrupts other Council Members during meetings. Ms. Orozco shared that she received an award of excellence by Reynoso’s Hit and Walk for her service in the area and that her recent medical test results came back “good.” Ms. Orozco stated that she attended Senator Lara’s open house of his Huntington Park City Hall office and added that it was good that he’s here to help the community.

Martin Delgado (Huntington Park Library), reported that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors had recently approved a new library schedule starting September 2, 2014, which includes new library hours on Mondays. Mr. Delgado distributed informational material on the various programs and workshops provided to students and the community and invited community members to visit the library.

Balle Machuca stated that for the past five to six years he has been trying to raise awareness of the public parking issue in the City. Mr. Machuca stated that parking is available for businesses but that the residents have been forgotten. Mr. Machuca stated that a group was being formed and asked what could be done to bring this item back on the agenda because the problem has not been fixed.

City Attorney Birrueta responded that Council Members could give direction to staff to place the item on the agenda.

Melissa Rosales spoke regarding “Restaurant Week” and stated that several restaurants had not been notified about the event and were unable to participate. Ms. Rosales stated that it would be a good idea to permit restaurants and local small businesses to be introduced during the upcoming street fair. Ms. Rosales stated that a “push” from the City would be beneficial to the businesses.

Cecilia Percival addressed Council in support of the Tiny Tots Program. Ms. Percival stated that she was advocating for the children of Huntington Park who need a program which incorporates essential values in education. Ms. Percival requested that the Tiny Tots Program not be eliminated.

Beatriz Rubalcava requested the continuance of the Tiny Tots Program. Ms. Rubalcava stated that children are our nation’s future in need of this valuable program and that budget cuts should be made in other projects. Ms. Rubalcava added that she communicated with “Josette” who was very aggressive. Ms. Rubalcava further added that the City should provide bilingual staff to better communicate with the large Hispanic community.

Edgar Gordillo stated that the Tiny Tot Program was a very good program for the community and “begged” the City Council to not eliminate the program. Mr. Gordillo asked that the City offer more educational programs to the community and that it bring a capable person to work with the community and fight for the programs. Mr. Gordillo added that it is a shame that so much water is being wasted at the water well on Slauson (Avenue) by the high school. Mr. Gordillo stated that the spilled water is running off in the gutter when it could be used to irrigate homes or grassy areas at the park.

Susana Hernandez, representing the parents of the Tiny Tots Program, stated that they had communicated with Josette and (former City Manager) Rene Bobadilla about the need for the program and that nothing has been resolved regarding the potential cuts. Ms. Hernandez stated that they hoped to continue to have “Ms. Sonia” as their teacher, but they had been told that she would no longer be teaching. Ms. Hernandez asked that the program be continued for the benefit of the children. Ms. Hernandez added that

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (continued)

program fees were too high compared to other cities. Ms. Hernandez further added that Josette was unprofessional and disrespectful in her communication and that they did not want her as Director of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Hernandez stated that they need a director who is creative in bringing more programs for the children and bilingual. Ms. Hernandez thanked the Council for listening and stated that they hoped Council would listen to their requests.

Virginia Salazar spoke in support of the Tiny Tots Program and stated that education for the children should be a priority and that educational programs should not be cut. Ms. Salazar spoke highly of "Ms. Sonia", stating that Ms. Sonia is patient and gives each child her time and effort. Ms. Salazar "begged" that the program not be terminated. Ms. Salazar asked her young son if he liked Ms. Sonia and he replied that he "really, really, really, really," liked Ms. Sonia.

Edmundo Perez spoke regarding the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency and existing Successor Agency debt. Mr. Perez stated that bankruptcy court was the solution to protect the interests of the City and offered his financial services at no cost to the City.

Rodolfo Cruz stated that residents should "be first" for the City Council. Mr. Cruz commented on i) water running "three weeks, 24-7" (water run-off), ii) his opposition to marijuana dispensaries in the City; iii) the awarded trash company is not suitable for Huntington Park; and iv) bankruptcy is the answer. Mr. Cruz stated that Council lets things "go out of hand" and that is the reason why Public Comments takes too much time, and asked the Council to "do something right."

Interim City Manager Morales stated that staff would come back at a future meeting for discussion of the water run-off issue.

Linda Caraballo stated that censorship will bring more people against Council. Ms. Caraballo further stated that Council should not prohibit public criticism and read from a government code pertaining to public comments and debates between Council Members. Ms. Caraballo added that Council could not ask for documentation from people who want to address Council. Ms. Caraballo spoke regarding campaign contributions and political corruption and stated that if the Council approves the trash hauling contract with UPW, the public will ask the State Attorney General's Office to look at the RFP's policies. Ms. Caraballo stated that the RFP was handled by Council in a "dirty" way.

City Attorney Birrueta clarified that she did state in her presentation that the public is entitled to criticize policies, rules, and procedures, and that the City is not here to censor anyone.

Ric Loya, former Mayor, stated that he had heard from three former Council Members regarding the waste hauling proposal process and awarding of the contract. Mr. Loya stated that there was a deadline to accept proposals and that a late proposal was accepted. Mr. Loya suggested changing water (irrigation) times to 7 a.m. as opposed to 6 a.m. Mr. Loya stated that he agreed with the former speaker regarding opposition to the pot (marijuana) dispensaries in the City.

Mayor Perez called for any other public comments, and hearing none, declared Public Comments closed.

Mayor Perez announced that copies of the UPW trash contract were available at the podium for anyone interested in reviewing the contract.

**RECESSED** At 8:16 p.m. Mayor Perez called for a 15-minutes recess. Council concurred

**RECONVENED** At 8:44 p.m. meeting reconvened with all Council Members present except Council Member Gomez, who returned to his seat at 8:47 p.m.

Interim City Manager Morales stated that Regular Agenda Item No. 9 would be held followed by Consent Item No. 3.

**REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ITEM NO. 9**

**9. Consideration of evaluation of United Pacific Waste’s (UPW) legal actions and discussion and consideration of solid Waste Franchise Agreement with UPW**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive the evaluation of UPW’s legal actions (Attachment A).
2. Determine whether or not to rebalance UPW’s service rates to reflect across-the-board savings to all ratepayers or to accept the UPW rate schedules as proposed.
3. Determine whether or not to use refurbished carts at a savings of \$1.25 per household per month.
4. Determine whether to allow collection start times to commence at 6:00 a.m. versus 7:00 a.m.
5. Approve the form of the solid waste franchise agreement that incorporates United Pacific Waste’s proposal (Attachment B).
6. Adopt the Resolution (Attachment C) authorizing the Mayor to execute the solid waste franchise agreement with UPW.

Patrick Muñoz, Special Counsel, Rutan & Tucker LLP, provided a thorough summary of the analysis/evaluation conducted of UPW’s legal actions and disclosure requirements as outlined in the RFP. Mr. Muñoz stated that they searched legal actions associated with UPW in Los Angeles and Orange Counties within the past 10 years (RFP requirement is “within the last five (5) years”) and found that UPW was named a party in 77 cases, 33 of which were not within the relevant period, i.e., five years. Mr. Muñoz stated that none of the cases met the criteria for disclosure nor fell within the “material legal actions” RFP definition. Mr. Muñoz stated that based on the review and evaluation they find that UPW is in compliance with the requirements of the RFP.

Mr. Muñoz reported that UPW’s proposal included a 2-year rate freeze and that the current \$22.69 residential monthly rate would be reduced by \$7.35 using the proposed reduced rates and refurbished carts. Mr. Muñoz explained details of the proposed rebalancing of commercial rates, whereby rather than having a 20 percent across-the-board rate reduction for all customers, the rebalancing would result in all commercial customers sharing a 17.1 percent reduction.

Mr. Muñoz reviewed key points of the terms of the agreement, and highlighted the changes that were made to the agreement since it was approved by the Council for circulation with the RFP so as to reflect the UPW proposal, and in particular noted:

- i) the term of the agreement is 7½ years (7 years from July 2015) with three 1-year extensions at the Council’s option at the end of the term;

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- ii) franchise fees are increased from 5 to 15 percent which is expected to increase City revenue by \$250,000 to \$300,000 in franchise fees (Mr. Morales added that the calculation was based on FY2012-13 numbers);
- iii) 20 percent senior citizen discount will be provided instead of the current 10% discount;
- iv) the franchise agreement cannot be sold or transferred to anyone without the Council's approval, which is subject to the Council's sole discretion, and any proposed changes to the contract must be approved by Council;
- v) UPW will provide \$5 million of insurance, as well as a \$500,000 surety bond for the term of the agreement; plus a \$200,000 surety for the first year of the term if they are in complete compliance, which the City may require remain in place for up to two years under certain circumstances;
- vi) an organics program (food waste recycling) at no additional charge, unlimited e-waste collection and portable toilets at City events;
- ix) UPW will guarantee to recycle 31 percent of all materials it collects to ensure the City will remain above the 50 percent diversion goal required by State Law; and
- x) UPW will coordinate with the City's street sweeper to provide efficient collection routes and schedules.

Mr. Muñoz stated that he saw more transparency in this RFP than in most and added that all the deal points were discussed and approved by the Council in public meetings. Mr. Muñoz further stated that he was comfortable with Council moving forward in approving the agreement.

Following continued discussion, Council Member Amezcua stated that it was not fair to be asked to approve a revised contract that Council has not had time to review.

Vice Mayor Macias also expressed concern over being asked to approve a revised contract which no one has read. Ms. Macias stated that Council was supposed to perform due diligence (in awarding the contract) and that Council did not know the changes that had been made to the contract.

At the recommendation of City Attorney Birrueta, individual motions were made on the six action items under consideration as follows:

1. **Receive the evaluation of UPW's legal actions** (Attachment A).

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez to approve staff's recommendation to receive the evaluation of UPW's legal actions, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 4 to 1 (Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcua, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

2. **Determine whether or not to rebalance UPW's service rates to reflect across-the-board savings to all ratepayers or to accept the UPW rate schedules as proposed.**

Laith Ezzet, HF&H Consultants, (City's consultant for the RFP) stated that the rebalancing applied to all commercial rates for in-service customers and would decrease the rate by approximately 17 percent making the cost more equitable to commercial customers.

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**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to rebalance UPW's service rates to reflect across the board 17.1% savings to all ratepayers to include commercial services rates, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 4 to 1 (Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**3. Determine whether or not to use refurbished carts at a savings of \$1.25 per household per month.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve use of refurbished carts at a savings of \$1.25 per household per month, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion carried 4 to (Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**4. Determine whether to allow collection start times to commence at 6:00 a.m. versus 7:00 a.m.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to allow collection start times to commence at 6:00 a.m., seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 4 to 1 (Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**5. Approve the form of the solid waste franchise agreement that incorporates United Pacific Waste's proposal (Attachment B).**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve the form of the solid waste franchise agreement that incorporates UPW's proposal, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 3 to 2 (Council Member Amezquita and Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita and Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**6. Adopt the Resolution (Attachment C) authorizing the Mayor to execute the solid waste franchise agreement with UPW.**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-27, awarding an exclusive franchise agreement to United Pacific Waste to provide solid waste handling services and authorizing the Mayor to execute it on behalf of the City, seconded by

Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 3 to 2 (Council Member Amezcuita and Vice Mayor Macias, NO) by the following vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ITEM NO. 9** (continued)

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita and Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

Following a vote on the 6 action items, Council Member Amezcuita made the following additional motion:

**Motion** by Council Member Amezcuita, to (1) amend the solid waste franchise agreement approved by the preceding, motions of the Council so as to reduce residential cart service rates by \$0.50 with a rebalance of commercial rates to make this cost neutral to the hauler, (2) authorize the Mayor to execute the solid waste agreement, as so amended, with United Pacific Waste (UPW), and (3) adopt Resolution No. 2014-28, which amends Resolution No. 27, awarding an exclusive franchise agreement to United Pacific Waste to provide solid waste handling services, seconded by Council Member Gomez. Motion carried 4 to 1 by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez  
NOES: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**REGULAR AGENDA – CITY MANAGER ITEM NO. 10**

**10. Interview of City Manager recruiting firms**

Interim City Manager Morales suggested that Council present three basic questions to the recruiting firms for the recruitment of the City Manager.

City Council conducted interviews of:

- 1) Bob Murray & Associates: Mr. Bob Murray introduced the firm and stated that he had 30 years of recruitment experience. A dialogue was held. Mr. Murray provided the following suggestions and responses to Council's questions:
  - i) Hire recruitment company in January-February 2015
  - ii) Screen candidates and appoint permanent City Manager after Council elections in March
  - iii) Perform at least a state-wide search; broader searches are more difficult
  - iv) His firm has contacts for interim city manager position and can assist in the recruitment of the Finance Director and Public Works Director positions
  - v) Average longevity of City Managers appointed through his firm is over five years worked

Mr. Murray encouraged Council to call him if they had further questions and wished Council well in their recruitment process.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 10:28 p.m. and returned at 10:29 p.m.

- 2) Norm Roberts: Mr. Norm Roberts stated that his firm has recruited 300-500 city managers. Mr. Roberts stated that he focuses in California and has worked in every area of local government. Mr. Roberts provided the following suggestions/responses:

i) His firm recruits City Managers for at least a 5-year stay with the city  
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- ii) Average severance for City Manager position is six months  
iii) City Council may want to wait on the appointment until after the March election  
iv) His firm can assist in the recruitment for the Directors of Finance and Public Works  
v) The new City Manager may want to bring his own team and recommended appointing the two Director positions after the City Manager appointment

Mr. Roberts thanked the City Council.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**1. Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:**

- 1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, July 21, 2014  
1-2 Special meeting held Wednesday, July 23, 2014  
1-3 Regular meeting held Monday, August 4, 2014

#### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**2. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated August 18, 2014**

**Motion** by Council Member Hernandez, to approve Items 1 and 2 of Consent Calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approve Athletic Facility Use Allocation Policy and Fees**

Gustavo Hernandez, Recreation Supervisor, displayed a PowerPoint presentation which included a summary of the proposed rental rates for each athletic facility and the order of priority given to user groups. Mr. Hernandez stated that the new policy and fee schedule included maintenance of facilities and would allow for equitable and efficient management of the athletic facilities. Mr. Hernandez requested that Council approve the athletic facility use and allocation policy and fees.

Mayor Perez acknowledged former Council Members Elba Guerrero and Andy Molina for their efforts in starting the Salt Lake Park Soccer Field Project.

Council Member Amezcua gave credit to the City of Vernon for their funding assistance in the successful completion of the Soccer Field Project.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve the athletic facility use and allocation policy and fee, seconded by Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**4. Activity in Public Places Permit for the Annual “Sabor de Mexico Lindo” street festival**

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, reported a 20 percent increase in fees for this year’s event and requested the City’s support and co-sponsorship of the event.

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(continued)

Mayor Perez questioned the high increase of the Public Works Department. Interim City Manager Morales stated that the amount was the true cost of services and that staff would work on reducing the amount.

Chief of Police Cisneros discussed the police services and costs associated with the event.

Interim City Manager Morales reported that the City would be able to use Measure R funding for traffic control measures which could be used at City co-sponsored events.

Council Member Amezcua expressed his concerns with the venue given that businesses are hurting and suggested that “we should try a different venue.”

Art Resendez, Vice President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that they had talked to over 50 business who indicated they wanted more and not less events to “help the Boulevard.”

Council Member Gomez suggested that fee waivers and/or discounts be given to businesses participating in the event.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual “Sabor de Mexico Lindo” Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard, between Florence Avenue and Randolph Street, on October 3-5, 2014, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 4 to 1 by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Hernandez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): Council Member Amezcua

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**5. Resolution fixing Pension Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015**

Interim City Manager Morales presented the item and recommended approval of the recommendation.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-26, fixing the rate of taxed to pay the cost of the Public Employees Retirement System for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and levying taxes for said retirement system to the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 5 to 0 by the following vote.

**5. Resolution fixing Pension Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 (continued)**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez, Vice Mayor Macias  
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**REGULAR AGENDA** (continued)

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**6. Review and approve proposed restructure of Tiny Tot Program**

Jessica Perez, Management Analyst, presented the item and stated that staff was doing everything to best serve the community.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 11:41 p.m. and returned at 11:42 p.m.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve the Tiny Tot Program to be restructured into a hybrid class where instruction is divided among a full-time and part-time employee, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 5 to 0 by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez, Vice Mayor Macias  
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**7. Authorization to renew contract agreement with Trittech Software Systems**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to approve the service agreement for I.Q. and Analytics with Trittech Software Systems, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion carried 5 to 0 by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez, Vice Mayor Macias  
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**8. Authorize the Chief of Police and City Attorney to secure a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez, to authorize the Chief of Police and City Attorney to develop and secure a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations for the purpose of the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Huntington Park Police Department in providing resources to participate in on going, joint, major narcotics investigations, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion carried 5 to 0 by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Gomez, Hernandez, Vice Mayor Macias  
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

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ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

City Attorney Birrueta advised that agreements for consideration by Council be included in agenda packets for the review by Council prior to Council meetings.

Morales stated City Clerk's Office is dramatically understaffed and that he would present for Council consideration a recommendation for an interim appointment of the City Clerk position at the next Council meeting.

Director of Parks and Recreation Josette Espinoza announced that the grand opening of the Salt Lake Park soccer field will be held on September 6, 2014 and invitations to the event were forthcoming.

Mayor Perez directed staff to provide an update of the new soccer field to Mayor McCormick and Vice Mayor Davis of the City of Vernon.

Council Member Amezcua stated it is good practice to have contracts available for review prior to taking action on the item.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS** – (continued)

Council Member Gomez requested to agendaize marijuana dispensaries on a future agenda for discussion.

Mayor Perez directed the City Attorney to look into and report back on other city ordinances regulating the closure of marijuana dispensaries.

City Attorney Birrueta stated the City Attorney's office and staff would work on a staff report outlining what other cities have done in the regulation of marijuana dispensaries and provide options for the City to pursue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Huntington Park City Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m. to a Special Budget Meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Rosa E. Perez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Yesenia Gomez, Acting Jr. Deputy City Clerk