Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 21, 2008.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero presented flowers and a plaque of recognition to Business Improvement District (BID) Manager Jeannette Marquez for her outstanding service and dedication to the BID in the City of Huntington Park. Ms. Marquez informed City Council of the various programs offered by the BID. Ms. Marquez thanked City Council, the community, and City staff for working with her in the past, especially Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Housing and Community Development Manager Manny Acosta and Senior Planner Albert Fontanez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a closed session pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION; Name of Case: Lidia Leon, as Guardian Ad Litem for Joshua Leon, a minor, individually, and as successor in interest to Juan Sanchez Jr., deceased, Juan Sanchez Sr., Berta Sanchez vs. City of Huntington Park, Officer Miguel Navia, Case No.07-6569-VBF (JTLx). Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:36 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:56 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Ms. Chown, Teacher at Henry T. Gage Middle School, informed City Council that she is organizing an educational fieldtrip to the Bowers Museum for the Terra Cotta Warrior Exhibit on September 19, 2008. Ms. Chown stated that the admission for 19 students is $720 and asked City Council for financial support.

Norma Montero, Librarian at Huntington Park, introduced the new children’s librarian Yolanda Alaniz. Ms. Alaniz introduced herself to City Council and informed everyone of upcoming events.

Members of the Huntington Park Women’s Club addressed City Council in support of Council Member Hernandez during her absence due to health reasons and presented her with flowers in appreciation for all the support she has given to the Huntington Park Women’s Club.
Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider public comment regarding amending the zoning ordinance and General Plan and adoption of a Negative Declaration associated with the amendments establishing the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan (DTSP). The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.


Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 828-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 828-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Deny claim filed by Federal Express, Date of Incident: August 14, 2007 and refer to insurance administrator.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 7, 2008.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 7, 2008.

Approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated July 21, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on Independent Cities Association 48th Annual Seminar held July 10-13, 2008 in San Diego, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez to discuss and/or take action regarding the framing of the official photo of former Mayor Jessica Maes. There being no objection, Mayor directed staff to frame the official photo of former Mayor Jessica Maes in a distinctive frame with a plaque commemorating her as the first...
female mayor in the City of Huntington Park.

City Clerk Ramirez requested approval of Third Amendment to Claims Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and NovaPro Risk Solutions, L.P., for a period of one (1) year ending July 1, 2009. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve the Third Amendment to Claims Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and NovaPro Risk Solutions, L.P., for a period of one (1) year ending July 1, 2009, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Agreement for Employment Director of Field Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Gene Viramontes. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the Agreement for Employment Director of Field Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Gene Viramontes, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval to refund business license penalty fees in the amount of $375.60 to Laura’s French Banking Company due to financial hardship. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the refund of business license penalty fees in the amount of $375.60 to Laura’s French Banking Company, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-15 to Church of the Nazarene of Huntington Park in order to conduct a “5K Run/Walk Against Obesity” on October 25, 2008, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and applicant submittal of full payment for costs associated with this event. Otto Hernandez, representing Dicarno, LLC/Church of Nazarene, addressed City Council to request the following: 1) waiver of City fees associated with this event; 2) use of the Community Center building; and 3) permission to install banners, distribute flyers to the community, and announce this event on the City’s reader boards. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-15 to Church of the Nazarene of Huntington Park in order to conduct a “5K Run/Walk Against Obesity” on October 25, 2008, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and applicant submittal of full payment for costs associated with this event, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Amendment No. 1 to 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan and Amendment No. 2 to the Community Development Housing Organization Reservation Agreement by and between the Community Development Commission and the Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation-IV. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve Amendment No. 1 to 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan and Amendment No. 2 to the Community Development Housing Organization Reservation Agreement by and between the Community Development Commission and the Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation-IV, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of an open Purchase Order No. 000428 to Southern Counties Oil for the purchase of gasoline for distribution at the City Yards fuel pumps for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve an open Purchase Order No. 000428 to Southern Counties Oil for the purchase of gasoline for distribution at the City Yards fuel pumps for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes requeste approval of Amendment No. 6
to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System between City of Huntington Park and ECO Resources, Inc. by and among the City of Huntington Park and SWWC Services, Inc. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System between City of Huntington Park and ECO Resources, Inc. by and among the City of Huntington Park and SWWC Services, Inc., carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of a purchase order to VisionAir for software and maintenance support in the amount $37,615.04. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve a purchase order to VisionAir for software and maintenance support in the amount $37,615.04, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-51.  A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY’S GANN LIMIT 2008-2009 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-51, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported that in closed session regarding Conference With Legal Counsel–Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Lidia Leon, as Guardian Ad Litem for Joshua Leon, a minor, individually, and as successor in interest to Juan Sanchez Jr., deceased, Juan Sanchez Sr., Berta Sanchez vs. City of Huntington Park, Officer Miguel Navia, Case No.07-6569-VBF (JTLx), City Council on a 5-0 vote agreed to afford legal representation for Officer Navia in this matter with reservation of rights.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m., in memory of Julietta Lang, mother-in-law of Gregory D. Korduner, City Manager for the City of Huntington Park.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk