CITY OF LA PUENTE

REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

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A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on November 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Costea called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner/Board Members: Costea, Young, Dudley, Escalon and Perez

Commissioners present: Costea, Dudley, and Perez.

Commissioners absent: Escalon and Young.

Staff present: Development Services Director Di Mario, Assistant City Attorney Sparks, Assistant Planner Schaetzl and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Dudley.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Maria Garcia stated that she no longer lives in La Puente, however she was present on behalf on her parents who had lived in La Puente for many years. She began to give some statistics on population.

Chairman Costea asked Ms. Garcia if she would rather speak during the public hearing since that might be a more appropriate time due to the fact that the public hearing was still open.

Ms. Garcia responded yes she would.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING:

1. **Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings of October 7, 2014.**

Chairman Costea moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 7, 2014; seconded by Commissioner Perez. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES	Costea, Dudley, and Perez.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Escalon and Young.

Recess the Development Review Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

2. **REHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE** – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REPEAL TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY (INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHAPTER 10.62 (ADULT BUSINESSES), ADOPT A REVISED TITLE 10 (ZONING) AND ZONING MAP, AND AN ADDENDUM REGARDING SAME. (Continued from the meetings of July 21, 2014, August 5, 2014, September 2, 2014 and October 7, 2014.)

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a brief description of the changes made to the Zoning Code Update adding that the item was continued from the October 7, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. A red-lined draft of the Zoning Code Update had been released and was available on the City's website. Also, larger size maps have been provided for the Commissioners and the public. Staff was recommending that the item be continued to the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Chairman Costea asked when the final version would be available.

Assistant City Attorney Sparks responded that there have been some recent changes to state and federal law that the City Attorney's office was still examining with respect to the City's

ability to regulate massage parlors and wireless communication facilities. She was currently in the process of drafting new Ordinances that would comply with state and federal law; she anticipates that they would be included in the next agenda packet.

Chairman Costea called for public comment at 7:12 p.m.

Maria Garcia expressed that she was opposed to the Zone Code Update stating that there was not enough Fire or Police Officers. The hospitals in the area are over whelmed and cannot handle the growing population. She felt La Puente was an older well established city adding there was nowhere else to build. She then described some of the older homes in town. She added that the community was not in favor of the R-2 Zone and was getting the impression that no matter what was said we are going through the process and what the community wants was not going to happen. The community was supposed to dictate the direction of the City, not the City Council or the Planning Commission.

Chairman Costea stated that the state was mandating the requirements that the city must follow. This was something they did not have much control of; adding that the Commission had taken comments and requests and have made some changes that were allowed.

Development Services Director Di Mario asked Ms. Stetson from Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) to please explain the types of allowable developments that could go in under the R-2 Zone. Also, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was done which looks at all the factors a land development project would have on the environment in the area, including population, traffic, school, fire protection, and community beauty.

MIG Representative, Laura Stetson gave a brief description of the R-1 and R-2 Zones.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the City was bringing the map up to date to meet the 2004 General Plan.

Frank Sanchez stated that he was in favor of the R-2 Zone Update. He sympathized with Ms. Garcia; however, he felt that this was good for the City and the downtown area. In 2011 crime was up, currently crime had gone down. La Puente was named one of the top fifty safest Cities in California. He should have the right to add to his property if that's what he wanted to do. He then described change and how it would be good for La Puente.

John Loder stated that he wanted to know Mr. Sanchez's name and that Mr. Sanchez did not know what he was talking about and how crime had gone up.

Chairman Costea stopped Mr. Loder from his negative remarks regarding Mr. Sanchez and the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Loder then stated that if population was going to increase then so was the crime. Adding, that he was saddened that change was going to happen. He also apologized for being negative and harsh at the last meeting. He felt that it did not matter what the residents wanted this item was going to Council for approval.

Chairman Costea asked Mr. Loder not to be so negative and to remember that some changes were made after public comments or suggestions were heard.

With no other speakers, Chairman Costa stated that the public hearing would be continued to Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Chairman Costea moved; seconded by Commissioner Perez to continue the public hearing regarding the Zoning Code Update to Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES	Costea, Dudley, and Perez.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Escalon and Young.

Recess the Planning Commission

Reconvene the Development Review Board

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD: None

Reconvene the Planning Commission

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION/BOARD:

Commissioner Perez stated that he had lived in the City of La Puente for over fifty-five years and had seen many generations grow, leave and come back. Now the population had doubled or tripled. He then gave a description of residents who are renting out rooms in their homes. La Puente was the place to buy a good home at a good price. He then gave statistics of population growth and modifications to homes. Changes are going to happen; there was not much one can do about that.

Chairman Costea stated that he would like to thank staff for all their hard work and also would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that Harbor Freight Tools was now open and recommended that we all support and shop in our local city. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Perez moved; seconded by Chairman Costea to adjourn.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES	Costea, Dudley, and Perez.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Escalon and Young.

Chairman Costea adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary, Planning Commission

Chairman Costea