

CITY OF LA PUENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 6, 2015

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition*, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapueente.org

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 October 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Mendoza, Perez, Costea, Dudley, and Escalon.

Commissioners present: Mendoza, Perez, Dudley, and Escalon.

Commissioners absent: Costea.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairperson Mendoza.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

1. Reading of the Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of August 4, 2015.

Chairperson Mendoza moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2015; seconded by Vice Chairman Perez.

The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION: None

NEW BUSINESS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

**2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW STATE REQUIREMENTS
PERTAINING TO MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE**

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced Assistant Planner Schaetzl.

Assistant Planner Schaetzl presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELLO).

Commissioner Escalon asked if there were any programs in place to help install water resistant landscaping.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that the City does provide services for construction repairs under the “Housing Rehabilitation Grants and Loan Program” for low to moderate income homeowners; we can revisit the state and federal “Community Development Block Grant” (CDBG) funds for irrigation or landscaping type of work. Residents may also check with their local water companies for available programs.

Chairperson Mendoza asked for clarification on the timeframe of the report to be submitted the state.

Assistant Planner Schaetzl responded the time frame is from November 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

Vice Chairman Perez thanked Assistant Planner Schaetzl for the PowerPoint presentation. He then asked where residents get their water resources from and if local wells for water were cleaned up and out of service.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that there are three water companies in the City. Two are private; Suburban Water and San Gabriel Valley Water and one was County; La Puente Valley County Water District. Regarding ground water wells, they are monitored regularly and just to note they are not drinking water wells.

Action Taken: The Planning Commission received and filed the report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION: None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for November 3, 2015 will be moved to the next business day due to the Elections. The Water Landscape Ordinance will probably be heard at the November meeting. The December meeting will consist of annual reviews for Conditional Use Permits (CUP) and updates from the state regarding Message Ordinances. Also, the Housing Element was scheduled for consideration at the next City Council meeting and to prepare for review or comments at the state level. Now would be the appropriate time for the Commissioners to submit any questions to staff regarding the Housing Element. And lastly, McDonalds in the Sunkist Shopping Center was going up fast; they hope to open before Thanksgiving. The former Pizza Hut building on Hacienda Boulevard and Francisquito has been demolished and the Aldi Market construction should begin in the next few weeks. Jersey Mikes Sandwiches is coming to the City and is preparing to pull building permits; they will be located in the El Super Center next to Starbucks. Also, WSS Shoes will be moving into the same shopping center next to Harbor Freight Tools.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Mendoza moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Escalon. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

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

With no further business, Chairperson Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Secretary, Planning Commission

Chairperson Mendoza