

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
April 11, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on April 11, 2006, at 07:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present:	Solis, Storing, Lujan, Perez, Chavez
Staff Members present:	Acting City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Cowley, Community Services Director Adanto, Finance Director Kim, City Planner Arreola, Assistant to the City Manager Lasher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Solis led pledge.

PRESENTATIONS

**PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO THE LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL FROM
STEVE REMIGE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES
DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Steve Remige gave a brief presentation expressing gratitude to City Council and Staff for the high priority they give to public safety services for residents and businesses in this community. Mr. Remige presented a plaque to the City Council for their ongoing support of quality safety services provided by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE BISHOP
AMAT LANCERS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS FOR WINNING
CIF-SS DIVISION III-A CHAMPTIONSHIP**

Certificates to be presented at City Council meeting of April 25, 2006.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Marty Paz addressed Council regarding his son being denied a home business license because of an ongoing vehicle violation on his property. He advised that he was trying to clear the violation and asked if his son could obtain the license without being harassed. He also expressed his concerns that his tenant was harassed by Staff after he came to City Hall. He expressed his concerns on the manner in which the City was addressing these issues and his feelings that he and his tenant were being harassed by the City.

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. addressed Council regarding the summer sports program at Covina Park. He indicated that he would speak about the Youth Learning Activity Center at the upcoming Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' meeting. Mr. Rose then addressed Council regarding a letter he received from Senator Feinstein; and announced this week's activities at the church he attends.

Nancy Medeiros addressed Council regarding an incident in which residents from the Covina area were being sold false newspaper subscriptions. She felt that this type of activity might be taking place here in the City reciting a similar situation she experienced.

Ken Medeiros addressed the City Council regarding various issues relating to trash pickup and parking issues related to trash pick up. He also expressed his concerns about the sewer rate study that was on the agenda.

Acting City Manager Yamachika responded to the public comments. He addressed Mr. Paz's concerns indicating that he had spoken with Mr. Paz earlier that day and a citation was not issued to Mr. Paz because he disposed of the vehicle and his son's business license was approved by the Planning Department. Mr. Yamachika explained the circumstances relating to the citation issued by the Sheriff's Department to Mr. Paz' tenant, indicating he would look into the matter.

Mayor Chavez asked Mr. Paz if he wanted to address his neighbor's ticket. Mr. Paz gave ticket to staff who made a copy. Mrs. Chavez asked Mr. Yamachika if anything could be done regarding the Mrs. Medeiros's concerns regarding kids soliciting residents.

Mr. Yamachika responded that staff would talk to the Sheriff's Department to find out if they were aware of any potential scam going on in the area and would also run articles in the Spotlight newsletter making residents aware of these scams taking place.

Council Member Solis requested Staff look into the issue of people who go around painting addresses on curbs then require payment from the property owners for this service.

Mr. Yamachika responded that the issue has been brought to staff's attention. Code enforcement contacted that contractor on a number of occasions and they were advised to cease the curb painting activity.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2006

Council Member Lujan moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HILTON FARNKOPF AND HOBSON FOR A THE SEWER RATE STUDY

Community Services Director Adanto provided a staff report indicating that four firms responded to Council's approval for distribution of a Request for Proposal to five firms for the completion of a sewer rate study. The proposals were evaluated by a team comprised of a Los Angeles County Public Works engineer, City Staff, and a representative from E. J. De La Rosa's firm. She provided Council with a brief summary of the interview process and Hilton Farnkopf's proposal. She advised that the cost of the study could be recovered from future sewer connection fees if it was approved. She indicated that Staff was recommending that \$82,500 be allowed for this project; \$75,000 for the study plus a 10% contingency.

Thereafter followed a lengthy discussion regarding the study, what was included as part of the study in Hilton Farnkopf's proposal, the concerns expressed regarding the inequities of the previous study and the importance of public outreach and what steps Hilton Farnkopf proposed to take as part of their public outreach.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to approve the Agreement with Hilton Farnkopf and Hobson and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the following Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-2; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

D-1. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1176 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

D-2. REJECTION OF CLAIM FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE - CARLOS GARAVITO

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council reject the claim of Carlos Garavito and direct the city clerk to send a rejection letter to claimant.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF TAKING A POSITION IN FAVOR OF AB 2923 (Calderon) INCREASING DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION PENALTIES FOR MINORS AND ADULTS CONVICTED OF GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis explained that if passed, AB 2923 would allow the cost of eradicating graffiti to be added to the vehicle registration fee of a minor who was found guilty of writing graffiti. If the minor did not own a vehicle then the bill would be added to the registration fee of the minor's parents.

Thereafter followed a brief discussion regarding the bill and the effects of this type of enforcement.

Council Member Solis moved to support AB 2923; seconded by Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 4437 AMENDING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis addressed the issue expressing his view that the City should oppose this bill and send letters to the House of Representatives in opposition.

Council Member Solis moved to send a letter to the House of Representatives in opposition of House Resolution 4437 amending the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of immigration laws; seconded by Mayor Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Solis wished everyone a happy Easter.

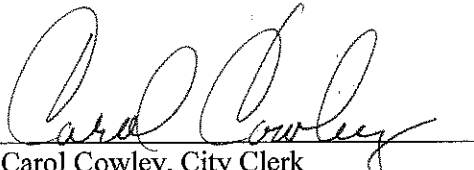
Council Member Storing announced the Easter event on Saturday, April 15, 2006, and invited everyone to attend the event at La Puente Park.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Carol Cowley, City Clerk


Renee Chavez, Mayor