

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND
LA PUENTE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MAY 30, 2006**

A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on May 30, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council/Board Members present: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Perez, Chavez

Staff Members present: Acting City Manager/Executive Director Yamachika; City Attorney Casso; City Clerk/Secretary Cowley; Finance Director Kim, Community Services Director Adanto, Assistant to the City Manager Lasher, City Planner Arreola, Community Services Manager Bistarkey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Chavez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Medeiros advised that there were no copies of the budget at the library. He expressed his concerns regarding the budget.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Council/Board Member Lujan to approve Items D-1 and D-2, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Perez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

A-1. CONSIDERATION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1179 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

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

A-2 CONSIDERATION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION
APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. RA83 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Agency Board adopt the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF CITY AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGETS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

Finance Director Kim provided Council with a report of the new budget format, goals and objectives.

Acting City Manager Yamachika reviewed the Budget Summary and the five year expenditure projection indicating that the projection would allow for strategic planning.

Under the Revenue Summary it was explained to Council/Board Member Storing that Account No. 11-3119 was revenue from the franchise fee charged to the City of Industry for the water line running through Old Valley Boulevard, Glendora Avenue, and Temple Avenue. Mr. Yamachika explained Account No. 11-3788 was revenue from Cingular Wireless to lease property from the City to establish a monopole at the park.

Mr. Yamachika pointed out a correction to be made under Expenditure Detail indicating that the automobile allowance would be increased by 10% due to the rising price of gasoline.

Mr. Yamachika answered questions about various accounts for Council/Board as they reviewed the budget.

Council/Board Member Storing asked what the Special Events Services were, under Public Safety.

Assistant to the City Manager Lasher explained that the Special Events Services provided for law enforcement for the Main Street event, fireworks show, Christmas parade and other festival events. Mr. Yamachika pointed out that the major changes were the increases in the contract with the Sheriff's Department. A community service officer was also included in the budget.

Council/Board Member Solis suggested the City think about implementing a fee on prisoners arrested within the City limits.

Mr. Yamachika responded that Staff would have to research the issue and look at other jurisdictions. He noted that the individuals arrested in the City were kept at the City of Industry station.

Council/Board Member Solis asked why the expenditure for helicopter services was higher than the budgeted amount.

Assistant to the City Manager Lasher responded that the City had opted out of the mandatory helicopter services, but still maintained helicopter services in the event of an emergency. He explained the City was auditing the helicopter services for erroneous charges related to unincorporated areas. Those errors have been corrected and the City will be credited for those charges. Mr. Lasher then described the Special Programs and the Star Program funds for Council/board Member Storing.

Under Emergency Preparedness, supplies and equipment Mr. Lasher explained that Fiscal Year 2006/07 did not reflect three satellite phones. In the event of a major earthquake there would be cell phone service and satellite phones would backup that system.

A brief discussion ensued regarding cell phone towers throughout the City with various wireless companies co-locating at one existing tower.

Under Public Works Services Mr. Yamachika clarified that Staff was talking about replacing one CNG truck with a hybrid truck and the Community Services Director's truck with a hybrid sports utility vehicle. The funds would come out of the air quality funds.

Under the Public Transit Services (Prop A) Mr. Yamachika indicated that there had been several adjustments to the service because of rise and demand with the gasoline prices. Any increases by the MTA or Foothill Transit were passed on to the customer. The City did not absorb any of the cost increases, but because the City offered a subsidy there was an increase demand for this service. He advised Council that Staff would revisit the subsidy program for the subsidy level in the future. A brief discussion ensued regarding residency qualifications policy for customers. Mr. Yamachika also advised Council that under the other equipment fund \$130,000 reflected new bus shelters, but the City was in the process of applying for a grant from Foothill Transit for bus shelters

Under Housing/Community Services Mr. Yamachika advised Council that this past year the City did not have a Commercial Grants and Loan Program to finish three projects. Staff was proposing to reintroduce the program for the next fiscal year. Mr. Yamachika also spoke about personnel under Housing and Community Services indicating the City was in the process of moving forward with the Grant Coordinator position. There was concern expressed about filling two full-time positions. He explained that the Bush Administration was reducing the Community Development Block Grant funds and this year they were pushing to reduce another 25%. Staff was concerned about how they would fill the Grant Coordinator position and Grant Specialist position. Staff was recommending postponing the Rehabilitation Specialist position due to concerns over long-term funding for both positions. Staff recommended that Council not move forward with filling the Rehabilitation Specialist position. Staff also recommended that Council continue with services from MDG consultants for the same amount of money and reduce the amount of time. City Council concurred.

Under Community Promotion Services there was a brief discussion regarding fund allocation for social service organizations. Mr. Yamachika indicated that Meals on Wheels had not submitted their insurance documents and therefore did not receive the funds. With Council's permission it would be a requirement for Meals on Wheels to submit insurance documentation in order to receive funds next year.

Under Recreation Services, Community Services Director Adanto responded to inquiries made by Council Members regarding the special events fund explaining that the fund was divided and used for the 50th Anniversary event and the remainder of the money would be used for other city events. Money was also carried over from the 2005-06 budget to the 2006-07 budget for the 50th Anniversary event. Council/Board Member Storing felt that nine concerts in the park were too many concerts and asked Staff to look at cutting back on the number of concerts next year. There was discussion regarding the breakfast expense for Main Street Run and profits from the event for the Scholarship Grant Program. Ms. Adanto indicated that next year Staff would look at recuperating costs for the event through corporate sponsorship.

Under Capital Improvements a brief discussion ensued regarding potholes on streets throughout the City. Acting City Manager advised that some streets fell within the county jurisdiction. Kara Bouton with AAE pointed out the Puente, Amar, Tonopah, Street Reconstruction Project would carry over from this fiscal year's budget to the next fiscal year budget.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL/AGENCY BOARD

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

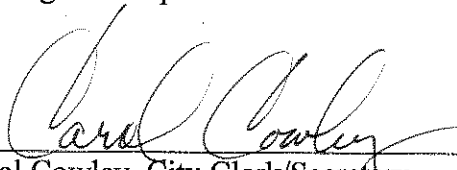
Acting City Manager Yamachika reported that City Manager Ledford would return to work the following week. He also announced the public meeting on the sewer system project.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Perez thanked staff for putting together a good budget.

Council/Board Member Solis asked about a propane tank that exploded at the park. Community Services Director Adanto explained that there was a report of gas odor at the park, but the CNG tank located at the park did not have a leak and did not explode.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted the Mayor/Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.


Carol Cowley, City Clerk/Secretary


Renee Chavez, Mayor/Chairwoman