

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
June 27, 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 June 27, 2006, at 7:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council and Redevelopment Agency meetings to order at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Storing, Chavez, Lujan and Perez
Council Members absent: Solis

Staff Members present: City Manager Ledford; City Attorney Casso; City Clerk Cowley; Community Development Director Yamachika; Community Services Manager Bistarkey; Finance Director Kim, City Planner Arreola; Assistant to the City Manager Lasher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Lujan.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

The Mayor read the Proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month. Council presented the proclamation to employees of the Parks and Recreation Departmental

Michelle Rojas thanked Council on behalf of the Community Services Department for the recognition and reminded everyone to come to La Puente Park on July 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Independence Day celebration.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CITY COUNCIL FROM CHIEF NIETO FOR PROVIDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AT PUENTE LANES SITE

Fire Chief Nieto introduced Ralph Shumacher the area battalion chief. He then thanked the City Council on behalf of Station 26 for allowing them to use the bowling alley property for training during the demolition of the buildings on the property. He presented Council with a framed collage of photographs taken of the practice drill. Chief Nieto introduced Captain Harrison and some the firefighters who participated in the practice drills.

Captain Harrison also thanked Council, advising them of the importance of being able to practice lifesaving techniques.

City Manager Ledford introduced Jeannette Sosa, the new Management Assistant in the Community Services Department.

City Attorney Casso introduced Ellin Davtyan one of the newest associates at Meyer, Nave. He advised Ms. Davtyan would be working in the City of La Puente handling Community Preservation/Code Enforcement and land use issues. He advised Ms. Davtyan was a graduate of U.C. Irvine and Southwestern School of Law. Mr. Casso informed Council that Ms. Davtyan was originally from Albania and came to the United States in 1992.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. advised Council that he received an award from the Royal Ranger's Headquarters' District Commander and District Council. He advised Council that his Sister Lily's bicycle was stolen last week at the gas station.

Maxine Kyker addressed Council reciting the history of the curb that was painted red in front of the educational building at Sunset Christian School. Mrs. Kiker asked what they would have to do to have the curb painted green so parents could drop off and pick up their children during school.

City Manager Ledford indicated Staff would look at the situation and have the City Engineer determine whether a red curb was necessary. If the red curb was not necessary then the change could be made. After some discussion, the City Manager was advised the issue was already brought to the attention of the engineer. City Manager Ledford advised he would then check the status and contact Mrs. Kyker.

Nancy Medeiros addressed Council expressing her deep regard to the fire department. She commented on the posture of the Council indicating that one or two individuals seem to dictate the way the City was going without regard to the public. She then expressed her understanding that it was Council's policy that current projects would not include imminent domain. She then read a newspaper article indicating developers that were buying residential homes and building multiple family homes on those lots. The article discussed a very old home on a large lot in La Puente and Mrs. Medeiros asked whether that property was being taken by imminent domain.

City Manager Ledford responded that under the Redevelopment Plan, property that was used for residential purposes, whether it was a single family home or whether it was multiple family could not be acquired through eminent domain.

Mrs. Medeiros then asked whether the person who owned the home was willing to sell the home or whether the owner was being pressured to sell.

Again, Mr. Ledford responded indicating the City was not aware of the property being referred to and indicated that developers negotiate directly with homeowners without any involvement from the City.

Ken Medeiros addressed Council regarding various issues including using the threat of eminent domain; his opposition to the investment policy being approved by the City Attorney; and his opposition to the City Clerk being given the authority to reject claims on behalf of the City. He expressed his displeasure with the City Clerk having more than one job with the City.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

- C-1 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.60, UNCLASSIFIED USES, TO PERMIT WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE OPEN SPACE (O.S.) ZONE AND AMENDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SUCH FACILITIES (MCA-120) (Introduced and title read at meeting of June 13, 2006)

Perez moved to adopt the ordinance as introduced on June 13, 2006. second by Council Member Lujan.

Council Member Storing expressed her opposition to placing a wireless telecommunications facility in the park because the park was so widely used that placing this facility in the park would reduce the area for park use.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Storing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the following Consent Calendar Items consisting of Items D-1 through D-7. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Perez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

- D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1181 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06

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

- D-2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2006

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2006

- D-3 APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Statement of Investment Policy.
- D-4 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY THAT DELEGATES BASIC TORT CLAIM HANDLING OF MINOR CLAIMS TO THE CITY CLERK AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 935.4
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution delegating the authority to handle basic tort claims to the City Clerk pursuant to Government Code Section 935.4.
- D-5 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CONTINUED NEED TO MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF AN IMMINENT HAZARD ON THE HILLSIDE BEHIND 133 AND 139 ROUNDABOUT DRIVE AND 140 AND 148 HILLCREST DRIVE
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution confirming the necessity to make emergency hillside repairs behind 133 and 139 Roundabout Drive and 140 Hillcrest and 148 Hillcrest Drive.
- D-6 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF USED OIL BLOCK GRANT
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the City's application for the 12th Cycle Used Oil Block Grant.
- D-7 APPROVAL OF BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING APPLICATION
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to complete and submit the City's application for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 City/County Payment Program in support of beverage container recycling.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF SPECIFIED LAND USE AND BUILDING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN A SPECIFIED AREA OF THE CITY PENDING APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND SPECIFIC PLAN AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO

Lujan moved to adopt the urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on the issuance of approvals or permits for development for those properties located in the affected area. Seconded by Chavez.

Council Member Storing asked to have a definition of what the moratorium was for the public and audience's benefit.

Community Development Director Yamachika advised that the moratorium would put a hold on the issuance of any building permits for new buildings or building additions to any of the properties that were within the Primestor project area. This would give the City the

opportunity to proceed with the development of a specific plan that would regulate development over that project area. He also advised that should it be adopted it would be in effect for 45 days. In 45 days, the City would hold a public hearing in which further extension of the ordinance would be considered for ten months, 15 days. Thereafter, in one year from this date, the moratorium would expire unless it was extended again following a public hearing by the Council.

The City Attorney advised that in order for the urgency ordinance to be adopted, it would require a four-fifths vote and with the absence of one council member it would need a unanimous vote.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Storing.

COUNCIL REPORTS

There were none.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Chavez welcomed City Manager Ledford back from his medical leave.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez wished the City Manager good health. He also stated that the City Attorney played a vital part in the City Council meetings. It was his job to make sure everything was done legally. He advised that it was necessary that the City Council, City Manager, the City Attorney, City Clerk and Staff participate in the council meetings.

Council Member Lujan welcomed the City Manager back. He also welcomed Jeannette Sosa and Ellin Davtyan, the new deputy attorney.

Council Member Storing also welcomed the City Manager back, stating he looked good. She thanked Community Development Director Yamachika and the rest of staff for all the hard work they did in Hal's absence, and for filling in where needed.

Council Member Storing asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of a long time member of the community who was also an attorney, Willard Netzley who passed away.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

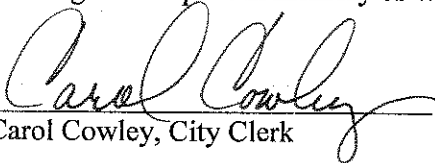
City Manager Ledford thanked the Council, staff and the community for the support and assistance while he was ill. He thanked staff for the outstanding hard work. He also mentioned the fireworks show on July 3rd would be in the park this year and not at the La Puente High School ball field because of the new turf. He also reminded everyone of the Concerts in the Park beginning Wednesday, July 5th and every Wednesday evening through August.

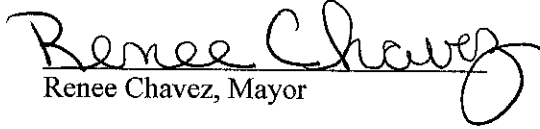
At 7:36 p.m. Mayor Chavez recessed the City Council and convened the Redevelopment Agency Board to conduct business.

The City Council reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. in memory of Willard Netzley.


Carol Cowley, City Clerk


Renee Chavez, Mayor