

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on September 13, 2006, at 7:30pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Solis, Storing, Perez and Chavez

Council Members absent: Lujan (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

Staff Members present: City Manager Ledford, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Cowley, Community Development Director Yamachika, City Planner Arreola

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by City Attorney Casso.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ken Medeiros addressed Council regarding the smoke shop ordinance and expressed his concerns regarding the location of the shop.

NEW BUSINESS

A-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTED AS AN URGENCY MEASURE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 MAKING FINDINGS AND ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON "SMOKE SHOPS"

City Attorney Casso provided a report to Council explaining that the retail establishment provision in the zoning ordinance did not specifically address the issue of smoke shops. This ordinance would put a moratorium on any issuance of licenses for any new smoke shops so that Staff could study impacts of such uses and establish reasonable zoning regulations and standards for development. This ordinance would also examine the impact these types of shops would have within the community and surrounding uses. If the ordinance was adopted it would impose a 45-day moratorium and at that point there would be a public hearing to take public testimony on the moratorium. City Council could then vote to extend the moratorium for another 10 months and 15 days.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the interim urgency ordinance pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858 Making Findings and Establishing a Moratorium on "Smoke Shops"; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez.

Thereafter followed a discussion regarding existing uses and how to restrict the sales of paraphernalia.

Council Member Lujan arrived at 7:45 p.m.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: None.

City Manager Ledford read title of the ordinance into the record.

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RECESS TO THE LA PUENTE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The City Council recessed to the Redevelopment Agency at 7:47 p.m. to conduct business. At 8:11 p.m. the City Council reconvened.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

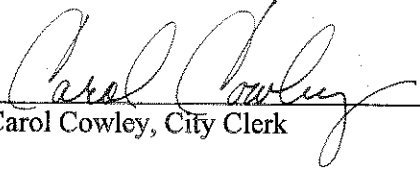
None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.


Carol Cowley, City Clerk


Renee Chavez, Mayor