MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
October 10, 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 October 10, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Solis.

PRESENTATIONS

DEMONSTRATION OF NEW INKAVOTE PLUS VOTING SYSTEM BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office was unable to make a presentation.

PRESENTATION BY CHIEF NIETO OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Chief Nieto addressed Council reminding everyone that this was Fire Prevention month. This year's theme was kitchen fires and safety around children in the kitchen.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Touhey, Mayor Pro Tem from the City of West Covina, addressed Council indicating that he was seeking their nomination to the Water Quality Authority (WQA). Mr. Touhey also pointed out to Council that he was experienced with issues that concerned the WQA, including Toxic Waste, integrated waste management, and Environmental Protection Agency issues at both the state and federal levels.

Mayor Chavez acknowledged Margaret Clark from the City of Rosemead.

Margaret Clark addressed Council indicating that she was seeking their support for nomination to the WQA. She served on the WQA for many years and would like to continue her work on the Board. They have done a lot of clean up, but there was still a lot to be done. Water contamination was caused by several sources and they needed more state and federal funds to continue their efforts in cleaning up the contamination.

Rudy Almeida addressed Council indicating that he would miss City Manager Ledford when he left the City. He also spoke about Proposition 83 on the ballot for the election on November 7th and indicated that it was endorsed by the Sheriff's Department, Governor Schwarzenegger and the Tribune.

Tiffany Lao introduced her new beauty salon business, Tiffany's Hair, on Second Street indicating that she was expecting to open for business during the month of October.

Ken Medeiros addressed Council regarding a newspaper article about redevelopment issues. He also expressed his concerns regarding the ministerial application process in the Planning Department. Mr. Medeiros then indicated that he would prefer that his oral communication time be shortened so that he could speak during the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency meetings.

Mayor Chavez acknowledged Rick Meza with the Edison Company.

Mayor Chavez asked that Agenda Item No. E-2 be moved up as the first item to be considered. Council agreed.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION FOR THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (WQA) BOARD MEMBER

ACTION: Council Member Solis moved to nominate Mike Touhey for the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board; seconded by Mayor Chavez. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, and Chavez. NOES: Storing, and Perez. Abstain: Lujan.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1. READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 AND OCTOBER 2, 2006 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

ACTION: Council Member Lujan moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 13, 2006 and October 2, 2006 and Regular Meeting of September 26, 2006; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Council Member Solis moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-9; 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.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1188 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.12, SECTION 10.12.1130 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15738 CADWELL STREET FROM R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL) - ZONE CHANGE NO. 326 (Introduced and title read at meeting of September 26, 2006)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 10.12, Section 10.12.1130 of the La Puente Municipal Code.

D-3 ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.44 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS (Introduced and title read at meeting of September 26, 2006)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3.44 of the La Puente Municipal Code relating to the public safety and morals.

D-4 AWARD OF BID FOR 15TH ANNUAL MAIN STREET HALLOWEEN RUN T-SHIRTS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the purchase of Main Street Run event t-shirt to Ruggles Apparel for the cost of $10,842.32, including sales tax.

D-5 AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF A 2007 FORD ESCAPE HYBRID FWD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the purchase of a new 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid FWD to Ed Butts Ford for the total cost of $26,522.42.

D-6 APPROVAL TO CHANGE INVESTMENT BROKERAGE FIRM

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Cantela & Co., Inc. for the City's investment transactions.

D-7 AWARD OF BID TO SOUND IMAGE, INC. FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO SYSTEM AND MICROPHONES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the bid to Sound Image in the amount of $10,823.64, and include a 10% contingency for any unforeseen costs.

D-8 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STIMSON AVENUE FROM SAN JOSE AVENUE TO CENTRAL AVENUE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to appropriate $140,000 from the City's Proposition 42 funds and $320,000 from the City's Proposition C funds for the reconstruction of Stimson Avenue from San Jose Avenue to Central Avenue and add the Stimson Avenue Reconstruction Project to the City of La Puente Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

D-9 PROJECT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF GLENDORA AVENUE AND HILL STREET

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council accept the Installation of Traffic Signals at the Intersection of Glendora Avenue and Hill Street Project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) UNALLOCATED RESERVE TO THE ED BUTTS FORD EXPANSION PROJECT

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to direct Staff to post the City's intent to request the application of $170,500 from the City's unallocated CDBG reserve to the Ed Butts Ford Expansion Project; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF INSTALLING BUS BENCHES OR SHELTERS ON TEMPLE AVENUE FOR LINK BUS STOPS (Requested by Council Member Storing)

ACTION: Council Member Storing moved to approve installing bus benches or shelters if the City receives grant funds and directed Staff to research the best locations to install the bus benches or shelters; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Chavez reported that she attended a Contract Cities conference in San Diego where homeland security issues were discussed. She brought back her brochures to share. Ms. Chavez advised that Assistant to the City Manager Lasher would provide a presentation regarding the City's emergency plan in the event of a crisis.

Council Member Storing indicated that she also attended the same conference as Mayor Chavez. At the conference many cities shared that they were not prepared for an event of a disaster crisis. It was important for everyone to get involved with emergency preparedness programs. She indicated this City has already begun this type of program.

Assistant to the City Manager Lasher provided Council with information regarding the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Program. He gave a brief history of how the program was started. Every full-time city, county, state and federal employee across the country was required to take the NIMS course before September 30, 2006. Staff trained internally and Council adopted the NIMS ordinance before that deadline. Mr. Lasher also informed Council that the City's emergency operation plan was submitted in 2005 and was awaiting the state's review. On September 11, 2006 there would be a county drill and the City would participate in a computer simulation.

Council Member Solis reported that he attended a conference regarding redevelopment. He attended a ground breaking ceremony for a shopping center that was built on land that was previously a dump. Mr. Solis added that J.C. Penny department stores were finding a new market in Hispanic areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez advised that he attended the ICSC conference in Palm Springs. He attended a meeting called "The Real Estate Bubble - Is It Going To Burst." Mr. Perez then spoke about the real estate market indicating that it was going to pick up again.

Council Member Lujan attended the HELO (Hispanic Elected Local Official) Conference which was a subdivision of the National League of Cities and the Public Policy Conference. The HELO Conference offered courses that were a continuation of the Leadership Conference that he previously attended. The topics discussed were education and redevelopment with the main emphasis on homeland security. Mr. Lujan also participated in courses that lead him toward the certificate of achievement. At the Public Policy Conference one of the main issues was business and economic development. He participated on one of the panels and shared some of the things the City was doing with mix use. There was also a youth component led by Congresswoman Napolitano. Mr. Lujan said that he was very impressed by the young people that he was introduced to indicating that they were very talented individuals that would become our future leaders. He then announced that there were openings on some of the committees of the National League of Cities and the HELO Organization Board. He applied for the National League of Cities' Steering Committee and encouraged Council Members to also apply to one of the committees.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Chavez adjourned the meeting in memory of Margaret Perez, the sister of Mayor Pro Tem Perez.

Council Member Storing asked to also adjourn in memory of Josephine Loya, the mother of Roberta Cooper.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Ledford addressed Council regarding his resignation indicating that he loved this community and that this was a great City and City Council. He pointed out that Council was always concerned with what was in the best interest of this community and the citizens could be proud of that. Mr. Ledford will be moving to Ireland in January. Until then, he will continue to work hard. He then thanked Council, Staff and the community for their support.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

At 7:42 p.m. the City Attorney announced that the City Council would recess to the Redevelopment Agency at 7:42 p.m. to conduct business. At 7:47 p.m. the City Council reconvened in joint session with the Redevelopment Agency.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:42 p.m. the City Attorney announced that the City Council would recess to close session pursuant Government Code Section 54957 to discuss public employment of the City Manager. City Council would also conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT - CITY MANAGER

F-3 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION D&C INC. v. PERT CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., CITY OF LA PUENTE, ET AL. - LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COUNTY COURT CASE NO. BC328044 AND CONSOLIDATED CASES

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 10:33 p.m. the City Council reconvened to open session at which time the City Attorney announced City Council had recessed to closed session. As to Item F-2, the City Council provided direction to the City Attorney. No further action was taken. As to Item F-3, the City Council provided direction to the City Attorney. No final action was taken. There was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Margaret Perez and Josephine Loya at 10:33 p.m.

Carol Cowley

Carol Cowley, City Clerk

Renee Chavez

Renee Chavez, Mayor