MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 24, 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 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Storing, Lujan, Perez, Chavez

Council Members absent: Solis (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

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, City Planner Arreola, and Community Services Manager Bistarkey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Perez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bill Roe announced that in April Mayor and Assemblyman Chavez were awarded the SGIUSA Justice Award, but he had not presented them the award due to conflicting schedules. The event was sponsored by the Japanese Prefecture Federation of Southern California; the Tokushima Federation; the Fukushima Federation; International Committee of Artists for Peace; and the SGIUSA. He indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Chavez always supported the peace and cultural events that these organizations put together.

Grace Barrios read the SGIUSA Justice Award and presented it to Mayor Chavez.

David Wood, Board Member of the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity presented City Manager Ledford with a plaque and thanked him for participating in the City Managers' Build Day. Mr. Wood also announced that Jimmy Carter was expected to visit Los Angeles County in October 2007 for his final build and invited the City of La Puente to participate.

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about a camping trip he went on and the activities that he participated in. He indicated that he took CPR First Aid training and received a first aid certificate. Mr. Rose also spoke about the Neighborhood Watch Program indicating that he had two crime prevention books from the City of Covina that the City of La Puente could use for ideas. He then spoke about a drunk driving accident that occurred in front of his house.

Rudy Almeida addressed Council regarding Proposition 83 - Jessica's Law indicating that the City of West Covina had adopted a resolution supporting Proposition 83. Mr. Almeida asked Council to consider adopting a resolution in support of Proposition 83.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 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 BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN INTERIM ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON SMOKE SHOPS IN LA PUENTE

After a brief staff report, Mayor Chavez opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. There being no one to speak, Mayor Chavez closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

City Attorney Casso explained that the correct action would be to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to adopt the Urgency Ordinance extending the moratorium on "smoke shops" for 10 months, 15 days; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

B-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 123, A PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.74, SIGNS AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW PYLON-SUPPORTED FREESTANDING SIGNS AND AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO HEIGHT, NUMBER AND SIZE OF FREESTANDING SIGNS

After a brief staff report, Mayor Chavez opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. There being no one to speak Mayor Chavez closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to read the ordinance by title only, waive further reading and introduce the Ordinance for subsequent adoption; seconded by Council Member Lujan.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.74 AMENDING CHAPTER 10.74, SIGNS AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW PYLON-SUPPORTED FREESTANDING SIGNS AND AMENDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO HEIGHT, NUMBER AND SIZE OF FREESTANDING SIGNS (MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 123)

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to introduce the Ordinance for subsequent adoption; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR CURB ADDRESS NUMBER PAINTING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Council gave direction that curb address numbers be painted on all residential homes. Residents should only make a donation on a voluntary basis without any pressure from the organization painting the addresses.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to award the proposal for curb address number painting services throughout the City to Canning Hunger in conjunction with Delhaven Community Center; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis moved to approve the following Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-10; seconded by Council Member Lujan. 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. 1189 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

D-2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 31, 2006

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the unaudited Monthly Financial Report for the month ended August 31, 2006.

D-3 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the unaudited Monthly Financial Report for the month ended September 30, 2006.

D-4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN BANK CARDS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING CITY BUSINESS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-4484 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND WARRANTS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting the resolution designating City Staff authorized to sign bank cards.

D-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DIRECTING DEPOSITORIES FOR CITY FUNDS TO HONOR INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-4483

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting the resolution directing depositories to honor investment transactions on the order of designated City Staff.

D-6 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE INVESTMENT OF CITY MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-4482

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider adopting the resolution authorizing City Officers to deposit/withdraw City monies to/from the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

D-7 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY (PSM) REPORT FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2006-07

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the agenda report of the City Manager and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-8 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY (PSM) REPORT FOR CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ROUND 2

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the agenda report of the City Manager and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-9 APPROVAL OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CALHOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR ROUND TWO FUNDING

Staff Recommendation: The Screening Committee recommends that the City Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $40,000.

D-10 APPROVAL OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (D97301-07) - FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Staff Recommendation: The Screening Committee recommends that the City Council approve the allocations and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $5,000.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 86 - THE TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to adopt the resolution supporting Proposition 86 - The Tobacco Tax Act of 2006; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The City Council recessed to the Redevelopment Agency at 7:30 p.m. to conduct business. At 7:32 p.m. the City Council reconvened.

COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Chavez adjourned the meeting in memory of former Planning Commissioner Bill Maxey. He served on the Planning Commission from 1996 to 1997.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Ledford announced the Main Street run on Sunday, October 29th; the Halloween Festival at the park on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and the Veteran's Day ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:34 p.m. the City Attorney announced that the City Council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to discuss public employment of the City Manager.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT - CITY MANAGER

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. the City Council reconvened to open session, at which time the City Attorney announced the City Council had recessed to closed session on Item No. F-1. The City Council gave direction to the City Attorney on a 5-0 vote. No further action was taken. There was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting in memory of Bill Maxey at 8:51 p.m.

Carol Cowley
Carol Cowley, City Clerk

Renee Chavez
Renee Chavez, Mayor