

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 14, 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 November 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Perez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Lujan, Storing, Perez

Council Members absent: Chavez, Solis (arrived at 7:16 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 Storing.

PRESENTATIONS

**PRESENTATIONS OF PRIZES TO THE HALLOWEEN PHONE HOME CONTEST
GRAND PRIZE**

Awards for the Halloween Phone Home Contest were awarded to Sarai Fraiss, Michael Perfecto, and Vanessa Aceves.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S CUP TO LILLIAN AYALA WINNER OF THE
MAIN STREET RUN**

Mayor Pro Tem Perez presented the Main Street Run Mayor's Cup to Lillian Ayala, one of our City employees.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO SPONSORS FOR THE MAIN STREET RUN

Education Commissioners Christina Lujan and Pat Nodal were introduced. Education Commissioner Lujan gave a brief history of the Main Street Run and how the Education Commission was established.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the following sponsors of the Main Street Run: Ed Butts Ford, A Mi Hacienda de La Puente, Meyers Nave Silver & Wilson, Ensenada Market, R Ranch Market, Fallas Paredes, and Ralph's Food 4 Less Foundation. Mayor Pro Tem Perez also announced the names of other sponsors.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. discussed his fence and displayed pictures. He thanked the City of Industry Sheriff Station for the open house event. Mr. Rose stated he had applied for the Neighborhood Watch Program and discussed how cameras can help deter crime.

Elizabeth Garcia discussed unsafe driving conditions and accidents that have occurred on Abbey Street and requested that a barrier be installed. Ms. Garcia provided pictures for the Council.

City Manager Ledford addressed the traffic issue and stated the City of La Puente was working with the County of Los Angeles on price quotes for a guard rail.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1. READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2006

Council Member Lujan moved to waive the reading and moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Chavez.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Storing pulled Item No. D-8.

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1190 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) 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 \$21,000.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CALHOME HOUSING 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-4 APPROVAL OF A COMMENDATION TO BOB J. ARCHULETA PRESENTED AT THE VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2006

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the commendation previously presented to Bob J. Archuleta for his participation at the Veteran's Day ceremony.

D-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE LA PUENTE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS, DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 04-4431 AND 04-248

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolutions amending the Conflict of Interest Codes for the City of La Puente and the La Puente Redevelopment Agency.

- D-6 ADOPTION OF 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 (Introduced and title read at meeting of October 24, 2006)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 10.74 of the La Puente Municipal Code relative to freestanding pylon and pole-supported signs and electronic message board signs.

- D-7 PROJECT ACCEPTANCE PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION OF TEMPLE AVENUE/WILLOW AVENUE/MAIN STREET PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council accept the Pavement Reconstruction of Temple Avenue/Willow Avenue/Main Street Project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Clerk Recorder.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF "NO RECEIPT" EXPENSE FORM SUBMITTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER

Council Member Storing expressed her concern regarding reimbursements without receipts and indicated that she was opposed to this item.

Council Member Storing moved to deny the consideration of "no receipt" expense forms submitted by a Council Member; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, and Perez. NOES: Solis, and Lujan. ABSENT: Chavez.

NEW BUSINESS

- E-1 CONSIDERATION OF QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN MICHAEL SMITH, INDUSTRY STATION

Captain Smith introduced new Sergeant Jason Wolak. Captain Smith provided Council with a brief report regarding the quarterly crime statistics and responded to questions posed by Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to receive and file the Quarterly Crime Report; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by consensus.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATES TO THE 2006 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC) CONGRESS OF CITIES

Mayor Pro Tem Perez moved to appoint Council Member Lujan as the delegate to the 2006 National League of Cities (NLC) and Mayor Pro Tem Perez as the alternate. The motion carried by consensus.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.12.010 AND 1.12.170 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Community Development Director Yamachika explained that the ordinance would allow the City to issue multiple citations for the same building violation and allow the City to collect all costs involved in pursuing a case.

Council Member Lujan moved to read the ordinance by title only and waive further reading; seconded by Council Member Storing.

City Manager Ledford read the ordinance title for the record.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING SECTION 1.12.010 OF TITLE (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CITATIONS AND AMENDING SECTION 1.12.170 OF TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CITATIONS

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

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HANDICAP SIDEWALK AND RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Community Development Director Yamachika provided a report and stated Council approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 in January. He indicated the project would address three neighborhoods. He stated once the proposals were received and reviewed, staff would present them to Council for consideration of the award of contract.

Council Member Storing moved to direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services for the Handicap Sidewalk and Ramp improvement Project ; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Chavez.

E-5 CONSIDERATION OF LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ABBEY STREET SLOPE (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis moved to direct staff to research the cost to landscape and irrigate the slope on the Abbey Street; seconded by Council Member Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Chavez.

City Manager Ledford stated it would take some time for staff to assess the issue and return to Council.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:47 p.m., City Attorney Casso announced that the Council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to conference with legal counsel existing litigation.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, EXISTING LITIGATION

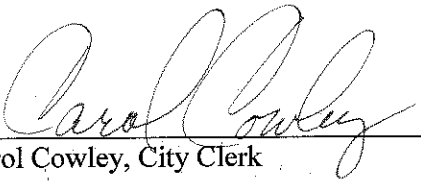
CD&C INC. v. PERT CONSTRUCTION CO. INC., CITY OF LA PUENTE, ET AL. - LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COUNTY COURT CASE NO. BC328044 AND CONSOLIDATED CASES

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

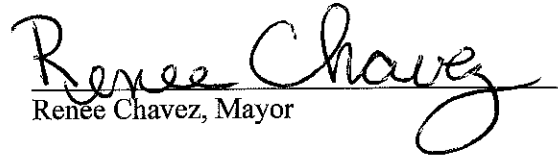
At 9:00 p.m., the City Council reconvened to open session at which time the City Attorney announced that the Council recessed to a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation. He stated direction was given to the City Attorney's office and no final action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Perez adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.



Carol Cowley, City Clerk



Renee Chavez, Mayor