MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 28, 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 28, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Storing.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. OUTGOING REMARKS BY MAYOR RENEE CHAVEZ

Mayor Chavez thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to serve as Mayor and she thanked the public and staff for their support. She discussed the City's accomplishments during the past year, which included the Main Street Run, the City's 50th Anniversary, downtown renovations, First Street improvements, redevelopment projects, the Nature Education Center, and the Sewer Maintenance Project. She stated the experience had helped her grow as person.

2. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM -- CITY CLERK ENTERTAINS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR. CITY CLERK YIELDS GAVEL TO THE NEWLY APPOINTED MAYOR -- MAYOR ENTERTAINS NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Chavez relinquished the Chair to Deputy City Clerk Giron who opened nominations for election of Mayor.

Council Member Lujan nominated Council Member Perez for Mayor.

There being no further nominations, Council Member Lujan moved to close the nomination of Mayor; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The nomination of Louis R. Perez for Mayor was approved by the following vote: AYES: Solis, Chavez, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: Storing.

Mayor Perez opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Perez nominated Council Member Storing for Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Council Member Lujan.

There being no other nominations, Lola Storing was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

3. INCOMING MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Perez thanked Council for nominating him as Mayor. He spoke about the duties and responsibilities of a Mayor and stated it was the responsibility of the Council to set policies and give direction for City staff to follow. Mayor Perez thanked Council Member Chavez for serving as Mayor for the past year and doing a great job. He spoke about the City's future projects, the importance of the City's balanced budget, and the expenditure of City funds.

Mayor Perez reorganized the agenda to hear Item No. E-2 after the City Council reorganization.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF ELECTION FOR THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (WQA) BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING CITIES WITHOUT WATER PUMPING RIGHTS

Mayor Perez opened public comment on this item.

There being no one to speak, Mayor Perez closed the public comment period.

City Manager Ledford explained that Council would select a candidate for the position of a Board Member to the San Gabriel Water Quality Authority (WQA) representing cities without pumping rights which included the City of La Puente. The two candidates were Margaret Clark from the City of Rosemead and Michael Touhey from the City of West Covina. Staff would advise the WQA of the Council's decision by registered letter, which would be cast in the WQA's election on December 19, 2006. Mr. Ledford also explained that each city had one vote for every 10,000 in its population; therefore, the City had four votes.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to nominate Margaret Clark for Board Member to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) representing cities without pumping rights; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: Solis and Chavez.

RECESS FOR REORGANIZATION RECEPTION

Mayor Perez recessed the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

Deputy City Attorney Duran asked Council to reconsider the item of selecting the Mayor Pro Tem because the voting system was not working during the first part of the meeting and a vote was not taken for the nomination of Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion for nomination was made by Mayor Perez and seconded by Council Member Lujan. The nomination of Lola Storing for Mayor Pro Tem was approved by the following vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, Chavez, Storing, Perez. NOES: None.

Lucy Olmos, Field Representative from Congresswoman Napolitano's office presented a certificate of recognition to former Mayor Renee Chavez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. discussed sport video games, local church activities, his involvement with the Royal Rangers, and his attendance at Mount San Antonio College.

Rudy Almeida congratulated Louis Perez for being selected as Mayor and Lola Storing for being selected as Mayor Pro Tem. He wished Council Member Chavez success and stated that she made numerous improvements in the City during her tenure as Mayor. Mr. Almeida complimented Senior Center Specialist Irma Saucedo on her work with the seniors that visited the senior center.

Ken Medeiros expressed concern regarding several items on the agenda including the Municipal Code pertaining to Administrative Penalties, unallocated Community Development Block Grant monies, and the termination of the Handicap Sidewalk and Ramp Project and transfer of funds to the expansion of the Ed Butts redevelopment project.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 1, 2006; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lujan moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. D-1 through D-9; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1191 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

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

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

D-3 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN BANK CARDS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING CITY BUSINESS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 06-4579 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON CHECKS, DRAFTS, AND WARRANTS

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

D-4 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-5 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 Manger and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-6 APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1.12.010 AND 1.12.170 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES (Introduced and title read at meeting of November 14, 2006)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance as presented.

D-7 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR STIMSON AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO SAN JOSE AVENUE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for Stimson Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

D-8 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF CITY VEHICLE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to solicit bids for the purchase of a new 2006 Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid 2WD and designate December 20, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. as the deadline for receiving bids.

D-9 APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF HANDICAP SIDEWALK AND RAMP PROJECT AND TRANSFERAL OF FUNDS TO ED BUTTS FORD EXPANSION PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council terminate the Handicap Sidewalk and Ramp Project and direct staff to file a request with the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission to reallocate the funds from the project to Ed Butts Ford Expansion Project.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE SOLICITATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION SEATS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

City Manager Ledford explained that Planning Commissioners serve two-year terms and there were three vacant seats on the Planning Commission. Incumbent Charlie Klinakis requested to be re-appointed and incumbents Tom Grueter and George Gaytan indicated they were not seeking re-appointment.

Council Member Solis moved to advertise two vacant seats on the Planning Commission and to re-appoint Charlie Klinakis to the Planning Commission; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF DINNER WITH SANTA PROGRAM IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007 (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Perez)

Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of scheduling a Dinner with Santa or Breakfast with Santa. Mayor Perez stated he was in favor of Dinner with Santa after the Holiday Parade because everyone was already at the holiday festivities and they could walk over to the Senior Center. Mayor Pro Tem Storing and Council Members Chavez and Solis expressed they were in favor of scheduling Breakfast with Santa because it would not be held on a school night and would like to see attendance at a breakfast.

Council Member Chavez moved to have Breakfast with Santa for 2007; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried unanimously 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 7:45 p.m.

At 7:47 p.m. the City Council reconvened.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Council Member Solis reported on the conference he attended in San Francisco the previous week along with other Council Members and City Clerk Cowley. He stated it was a very informative conference and that he would report that information in a future agenda.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Perez reported that he also attended the conference in San Francisco. He stated he met a lot of new people and received valuable information that would be shared with the Council.

Council Member Lujan congratulated Mayor Perez and Mayor Pro Tem Storing for their nominations. He thanked Council Member Chavez for her work as former Mayor. Council Member Lujan congratulated Planning Commissioner Klinakis for his re-appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Perez congratulated and thanked Council Member Chavez for doing a great job in the past year as Mayor. He stated the City was a lot better with all her accomplishments. He stated the City was looking forward to another year and new projects.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Ledford thanked outgoing Mayor Chavez for her leadership and support. He congratulated Mayor Perez and Mayor Pro Tem Storing on their nominations. Mr. Ledford announced the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. He announced the Breakfast with Santa to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and stated the tickets for the event were available at a cost of $5.00.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Carol Cowley

Carol Cowley, City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor