MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
December 12, 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 December 12, 2006, at 7:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Chavez.

City Manager Ledford introduced Assistant City Attorney Richard Pio Roda.

PRESENTATIONS

ASSEMBLYMAN ED HERNANDEZ WILL ADDRESS COUNCIL AND INTRODUCE HIS ASSEMBLY STAFF MEMBERS

Assemblyman Ed Hernandez addressed Council and introduced District Director Rob Charles and Staff Member Jorge Marquez. He indicated that during the year when he was out of session he was going to attend council, school board and water board meetings in his district. Dr. Hernandez indicated that it was his intention to build a relationship with Council. He also announced that a local government summit would be held at the West Covina City Council Chambers on January 20, 2007, to talk about bond issues. The goal of the summit was to get a consensus of what all the cities had in common so that he could look at introducing legislation to help all cities in general. He then thanked City Manager Ledford and wished him well and welcomed new City Manager Cowley.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO ANDREW BENJAMIN VARGAS FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ

Mayor Perez indicated that this commendation would be mailed.

Mayor Perez presented a commendation to City Manager Ledford for his service to the City of La Puente.

City Manager Ledford introduced Adriana Dominguez as the new Records Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. advised Council that he attended the council meeting in the City of Covina to thank them because the Color Guard won 3rd place in their city parade. He indicated that he would leave information regarding a playstation website for the City to use at the community center. Mr. Rose also informed Council that there was an article about him in the Mount. San Antonio College newspaper regarding his donations to the church he attends.

Ken Medeiros addressed Council expressing his concerns on how the City spent grant funds. Mr. Medeiros then spoke about the war in Iraq.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

None.

Mayor Perez moved Agenda Item E-1 up at the request of Council Member Solis.

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF RECONSIDERATION TO ELECT A BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTING CITIES WITHOUT WATER PUMPING RIGHTS TO THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (WQA) BOARD (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis indicated that he spoke with Michael Touhey and he requested that his name be withdrawn and that Margaret Clark be appointed to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

Margret Clark asked that her thanks be conveyed to Mr. Touhey and looked forward working with him as her alternate. She also informed Council that the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority was created in 1992 to oversee the ground water clean up of the contamination indicating that they needed assistance from the state.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS TO APPROVE UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. UUP-239 AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION NO. 1048, APPLICATIONS RELATED TO A PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT A NEW CONVENIENCE STORE, AN ADDITIONAL GASOLINE PUMP ISLAND, AND AUTOMATED CAR WASH FACILITY AT AN EXISTING SHELL GASOLINE STATION LOCATED AT 1009 HACIENDA BOULEVARD

City Manager Ledford advised Council that the appellant's attorney contacted Staff and raised several issues. Staff recommended that Council refer this item back to the Planning Commission for a new public hearing allowing for further review of this matter.

Council Member Lujan moved to send the item back to the Planning Commission for further review; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

Mayor Perez Opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

City Planner Arreola provided the staff report to Council reviewing the property site plan and the proposed construction project of a new convenience store and automated car wash. The appellant in this matter brought up issues with the outside circulation; the location of the driveways at the intersection of Hacienda Boulevard and Amar Road; and fuel pump locations. The engineering department advised Staff that the location of the driveway approaches and did not require removal or reductions. Staff was recommending that Council refer this item to the Planning Commission for further review.

Ken Medeiros expressed his concerns regarding the mix of a gasoline station and convenience store; the sale of alcoholic beverages; the concentration of a convenience stores located within the area; and the locations of the parking stalls.

Mayor Perez closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lujan moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-8; seconded by Council Member Chavez. 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. 1192 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 APPROVAL OF CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the City's Annual Financial Reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

D-3 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the City's Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

D-4 APPROVAL OF CDBG COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM B(600882-06-V0) - FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 DOWNTOWN AREA

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute the necessary documents to implement the Commercial Rehabilitation Program for the Downtown Area in the amount of $90,000.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR ROUND TWO FUNDING

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $20,000.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (DE97301-07)-FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended 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.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) BUS SHELTERS AND EIGHT (8) BUS BENCHES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the specifications and authorize Staff to solicit bids for the installation of 34 bus shelters and 8 bus stop benches at the locations specified in the exhibits.

D-8 PROPOSAL FROM THE LA PUENTE YOUTH COALITION FOR THE USE OF LA PUENTE PARK FOR A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL AND WAIVER OF FEES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the La Puente Youth Coalition Carnival, waive City fees and set the security deposit at $1,000.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-2 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS REGIONAL BOARDS

Mayor Perez made the following appointments to the various board positions: California Contract Cities Association: Mayor Perez, Delegate and Council Member Lujan, Alternate. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts 15 & 21: Mayor Perez, Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Alternate. League of California Cities: Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Delegate and Mayor Perez, Alternate. Cities Selection Committee: Council Member Solis and Council, Alternate. San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments: Council Member Lujan, Delegate and Council Member Solis, Alternate. Southern California Joint Powers Insurance Authority: Council Member Solis, Delegate and Mayor Perez, Alternate. Foothill Transit: Council Member Lujan, Delegate and Mayor Perez, Alternate. San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership: Council Member Chavez, Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Alternate. National League of Cities: Council Member Lujan, Delegate and Mayor Perez, Alternate. Mayor Perez directed Staff to bring back the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito appointment. Police-Community Relations Committee: Mayor Perez, Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem

Storing, Alternate. Business Development Commission: Mayor Perez, Delegate and Council Member Solis, Alternate.

Council Member Lujan moved to adopt the resolution appointing Council Member Lujan as the Delegate and Council Member Solis as the Alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-3 RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUENTE PRIDE COMMITTEE

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to reappoint the existing committee in total, given the stated desire and intent of the six current members to remain on the 2006-07 Puente Pride Committee ; 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-4 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO GRANT CITY EMPLOYEES ONE DAY OF LEAVE ON DECEMBER 26, 2006 (Requested by Mayor Perez and Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis moved to grant City employees one day of leave on December 26, 2006; seconded by Mayor Perez. 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 Mayor recessed the City Council Meeting at 7:49 p.m. and convened the Redevelopment Agency to conduct business.

ADJOURN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND RECONVENE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

There being no further business to come before the Agency, Chairman Perez adjourned the Redevelopment Agency meeting and reconvened to the City Council Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

COUNCIL AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Lujan reported that he attended the Congressional Cities Conference and participated in many sessions. He was appointed to the Information

Technology Committee (ITC) and the Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) Board. Mr. Lujan also hosted a session for young elected officials. He indicated that over a long term he would like to see his fellow Council Members consider a post on the National League of Cities. Mr. Lujan announced that he intended to pursue a board position with the National League of Cities. He then spoke about introducing new technology to the City to improve its services.

Council Member Chavez attended the AB 1234 Ethics training for City Council Members. The training provided by City Attorney Casso was very informative and educational.

Mayor Perez indicated that he also attended the AB 1234 training, which was informative and educational. He learned more about what elected officials can do to keep their paper work in order. Mr. Perez then thanked Staff for their hard work indicating that the Christmas Parade and Breakfast with Santa events were very successful. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Ledford expressed that working in the City had been a very interesting experience for him. There has been team effort by Council, Staff, business people and residents working together to better the community. He saw everyone continuing that process and thanked everyone for their support and help and those who attended Council Meetings. The Staff has worked hard and was dedicated. Mr. Ledford then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

City Clerk Cowley thanked Mr. Ledford for his tutelage over the past four years. She learned from him in the areas of responsibility, ethics and honor. It was a pleasure to have worked with Mr. Ledford.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Carol Cowley

Carol Cowley, City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor