MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF
JUNE 2, 2007

A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Community Development Commission of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Conference Room of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California on June 2, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members/Commissioners present: Lujan, Storing, Perez
Council Members/Commissioners absent: Solis, Chavez (arrived at 8:07 a.m.)

Staff Members present: City Manager/Executive Director Cowley, Assistant City Manager/Assistant Executive Director Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, Finance Director Kim, Acting City Clerk/Acting Secretary Giron, City Planner Arreola, Acting Recreation Services Director Bistarkey, Grants and Housing Coordinator Beckman, Senior Management Assistant Ortega, Management Analyst Ayala, Community Preservation Supervisor Blakely

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by City Attorney Casso.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF CITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

   Finance Director Kim provided an introduction of the proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and indicated that any discussion or questions could be addressed during the budget review.

   City Manager/Executive Director Cowley discussed several issues which included illegal trash dumping, offsetting public safety costs, management of the Community Center and Youth Learning Activity Center (YLAC) buildings, healthcare benefits, and a five-year City Beautification Plan.

Council/Commission and staff reviewed the budgets by accounting funds. Council/Commission asked questions regarding the budgets to which staff responded with clarifications.

Community Services: City Manager/Executive Director Cowley explained that the Community Services Department would be reorganized into two separate departments: the Public Works Department and the Recreation and Senior Services Department. Ms. Cowley stated the increase to the personnel services fund was due to a change in allocations; however, by the elimination of the Community Services Director the personnel services fund would decrease.

Mayor/Chairman Perez recessed the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Mayor/Chairman Perez reconvened the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Transportation: City Manager/Executive Director Cowley explained that the Transportation Program would now be a part of the Public Works Department due to Prop C funding.

Public Transit Services (Prop A): City Manager/Executive Director Cowley stated that staff would research cut backs on public transit subsidies.

Community Services: City Manager/Executive Director Cowley explained that Park Services would now be included in the Public Works Department. Ms. Cowley discussed the replacement of two part-time positions for one full-time position as well as providing uniforms for Public Works employees.

Senior Services: Acting Recreation Services Director Bistarkey was directed to research the number of La Puente senior residents who utilize the senior center.

Mayor/Chairman Perez moved to bring the final budgets including $3 million in general fund contingency reserve to the Regular Meetings of June 12, 2007; seconded by Council Member/Commissioner Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Chavez, Lujan, Storing, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Community Development Commission, Mayor/Chairman Perez adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Diana Giron
Acting City Clerk/Acting Secretary

Louis R. Perez,
Mayor/Chairman