MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
February 27, 2007

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 February 27, 2007, at 07:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Lujan, Chavez, Storing, Perez
Council Members absent: Solis (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Staff Members present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, Acting City Clerk Giron, Community Services Director Adanto, Finance Director Kim, City Planner Arreola, and Community Services Manager Bistarskey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Lujan.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY ON MARCH 7, 2007

The Council presented the Proclamation to Community Services Management Assistant Jeanette Sosa.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gerard Castor advised Council that he would be video taping the Council meeting.

Ken Medeiros expressed his concerns regarding City trees that were being cut down. He also addressed Council regarding the expenditure of Redevelopment funds. Mr. Medeiros then spoke about state mandate laws and Items E-2 and E-3.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1. READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2007 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Council Member Solis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 23, 2007 and the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2007; 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 04-4390 ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS AND USE OF CITY FACILITIES

Community Services Manager Bistarkey provided a Staff report regarding the schedule of rates, fees and charges for recreational programs and use of City facilities. He reviewed the current schedule of rates and the proposed schedule of rates. He advised that Staff conducted a survey of 16 cities on how their recreation classes were provided; and reviewed the results of that survey. Mr. Bistarkey explained the current recreation classes and programs that the City offers and the benefits of providing those classes on a contractual basis versus the use of part-time Staff. Staff also conducted another survey of 11 cities regarding fees charged for rental use of City facilities by various groups and organizations. Mr. Bistarkey then reviewed the proposed new categories of groups, insurance requirements, fee waivers, and Staff recommendations.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Rodrigo Flores, President of the La Puente Junior All American Football and Cheer expressed his opposition to any fee increase. He indicated that an increase in fees would result in an increase of registration fees. Mr. Flores asked Council on behalf of the Jr. All American Football and Cheer to lower the fees for the youth sports organizations.

Ken Medeiros spoke about state code that stated that citizens were entitled to use of public facilities. He also expressed his concerns regarding the facility use fees charged to residents and non-residents.

Mayor Perez moved to close the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Thereafter followed a lengthy discussion between Council and Staff regarding the implementation of three year fee increase for use of City fields. There was additional discussion regarding the financial hardship the fees would have on youth sports organizations if the fees were increased to the amount scheduled for the third year.

Council Member Lujan moved to approve Option 2 and to adopt the resolution approving the fee schedule as outlined in Exhibit A including a reduction of fees for the youth sports organizations to one-third.; seconded by Mayor Perez. 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

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-8; seconded by Council Member Solis. 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. 1197 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

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

D-3 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 Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $36,000.

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 Manager and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-6 APPROVAL OF CDBG COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM (600882-06-V0) - FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 DOWNTOWN AREA

Staff Recommendation: The Screening Committee recommends that the City Council authorize the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement the Commercial Rehabilitation Program for the Downtown Area in the Amount of $15,000.

D-7 FINAL APPROVAL OF TRACT MAP NO. 49643 - 523 TONOPAH AVENUE (RICHARD LI)

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council (1) find that the Final Map complies with all of the conditions of approval set forth within Tentative Parcel Map No. 49643; (2) approve the subdivision agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) approve the Final Map and instruct the Acting City Clerk to endorse the face of the Final Map, the certificate which embodies the approval of said Map.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF A 2008 CHEVROLET SILVERADO HYBRID 2WD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the purchase of a new 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid 2WD to Clippenger Fleet Services for the total cost of $31,960.81, including vehicle sales tax.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 APPROVAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

City Manager Cowley advised Council that this was an ongoing agreement with the Los Angeles County that provided general maintenance services to the City.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolution approving the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF VALLEY VISTA SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE RATE INCREASE REQUEST

City Manager Cowley advised Council that this Item was pulled from the agenda and would be presented at the next City Council meeting for consideration.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF VALLEY VISTA STREET SWEEPING SERVICES RATE INCREASE REQUEST

Senior Management Assistant Ayala provided Council a report indicating that on November 25, 2002 the City entered into an exclusive agreement with Valley Vista to provide street sweeping services throughout the City. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the agreement was allowed the first year and each year thereafter over the remaining life of the agreement. The CPI used for this purpose was the Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange County area. Valley Vista has not increased their rates since inception of the contract and was now requesting a rate increase due to an increase in fuel, personnel, maintenance and landfill tipping fees. The proposed adjustment of 4.16% was based upon the change in CPI for the period December 2005 and December 2006. Ms. Ayala then reviewed the proposed increase rates.

Council Member Solis moved to approve Valley Vista Services' request for a rate increase for street sweeping services based on the documented inflationary increase in the cost to provide street sweeping services to the City of La Puente; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Perez. ABSTAIN: Chavez. NOES: None.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF I-10/605 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AND COMPLETION OF I-10 HOV LANE (Requested by Mayor Perez and Council Member Lujan)

Mayor Perez moved to adopt the resolution in support of I-605 Interchange improvements and completion of I-10 HOV Lane; 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.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The City Council recessed to the Redevelopment Agency at 7:54 p.m. to conduct business. At 7:57 p.m. the City Council reconvened.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Council Member Lujan advised that on February 16th he attended the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) education funds policy institute. They addressed topics regarding redevelopment land; what a sustainable community was and how it was incorporated in cities in the San Gabriel Valley. They also provided guidelines that each city should incorporate when going through a redevelopment project.

Mayor Perez reported that on February 23, 2007 he attended the Opportunity 2007 Conference sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. It was surprising to see many redevelopment projects in cities throughout the San Gabriel Valley. He attended the conference along with Council Member Solis, City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, and Jeff Schenkel the City's publicist. Mr. Perez also indicated that the City set up a booth and there were developers interested in the City's redevelopment project.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

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City Manager Cowley announced that the City will celebrate Arbor Day on March 7, 2007 at La Puente Park field at 10:00 a.m. The Youth Coalition Carnival will be held La Puente Park from March 8th through March 11th. Also, the Little League and Softball will have their opening day parade on Saturday, March 10th at 9:00 a.m. from Stimson Avenue to La Puente Park. Ms. Cowley also thanked the recreation staff for setting up the City's booth at the 2007 Economic Conference.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION BEING HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b) - TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ONE CASE

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Perez announced that the Council would recess to close session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) conference with legal counsel regarding one anticipated litigation case.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:49 p.m. the City Council reconvened to open session at which time the City Attorney announced that the Council adjourned to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to discuss one anticipated litigation case. Council gave direction to the City Attorney. No final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor