

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 13, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 E. Main Street, La Puente, California on March 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Council Members Present: Chavez, Storing, and Perez
Council Members Absent: Solis, Lujan

Staff Members Present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, and Acting City Clerk Giron

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Storing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

A. NEW BUSINESS

A-1 PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

Mayor Perez confirmed the attendance of the Planning Commission applicants Henry Hernandez, Nadia Mendoza, and Mal Rigin.

Mr. Hernandez provided a brief background on himself indicating that he has resided in the City for 40 years. He has worked for the Federal Government for 25 years as a Quality Assurance Representative and had experience reviewing government contracts, plans, blue prints and performed source inspections for aerospace companies. Mr. Hernandez indicated that his knowledge and expertise enabled him to contribute to the Planning Commission when reviewing contracts, proposal, business licenses and building permits. He also expressed that the City already had more than enough bars. Mr. Hernandez was not in favor of moving senior citizens from their homes or relocating established businesses through the use of eminent domain.

Nadia Mendoza addressed Council and provided her background indicating that she was a new resident in the City and had professional experience in public education reform at California State University, Los Angeles. Mrs. Mendoza indicated that the City had a lot of potential for its residents and businesses and would like to offer her professional experience to ensure the integrity of the City. She indicated that she was a team player willing to work with the other Planning Commissioners. She expressed that she was not in favor of permitting new bars

in the City and preferred to see new business establishments such as coffee shops and bookstores. She would also like to see the City promote what it has to offer to encourage more people to come into the City. She became aware of the open seat on the Planning Commission at a City Council meeting. Mrs. Mendoza also advised Council that she took three years of drafting courses in high school and was able to read blue prints. Redevelopment in the City was good if it worked towards maximizing the potential of the City. She then indicated that she could bring new ideas to the Planning Commission from her perspective as a new resident and first time homebuyer.

Mal Riginit addressed Council providing a brief background and answering several questions posed by Council Members. He worked for Earl Scheib Auto Paint for 30 years and had experience with local government requirements in various states, construction projects, and reading blueprints. Mr. Riginit has lived in the City since 1972. He also spoke about his experience as a member of the Board of Directors for Rancho La Puente Homeowners Association. Mr. Riginit expressed that the City already had enough bars and that he was in favor of redevelopment in the City. He felt that he was qualified as a Planning Commissioner because he had a broad range of work experience. Mr. Riginit then indicated that this City could use new businesses that would stay in the city.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

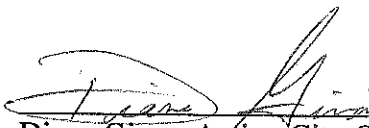
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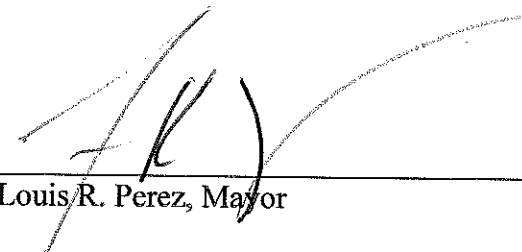
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk


Louis R. Perez, Mayor