MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 24, 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 April 24, 2007, at 7:00pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Chavez, Storing, Perez and Solis (Council Member Solis arrived at 7:19 p.m.)
Council Members absent: Lujan

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by City Attorney Casso.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Perez took the time to acknowledge Rick Meza from Southern California Edison and the Puente Pride Committee Members: Dan Halloway, Lois Maben, Patricia Nodal, Julia Cortez, Freddy Velasquez and Gloria Ramirez.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF AWARD TO PUENTE PRIDE AWARD WINNERS: CARMEN AND LILLIAN GARCIA; BILLIE TULLAI; AND THE PEREZ FAMILY

Mayor Perez directed staff to mail the award certificates to the Puente Pride Award recipients.

City Manager Cowley introduced Stephen Lee as the new IT System Analyst.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 23 THROUGH APRIL 29, 2007 AS WEST NILE VIRUS AND VECTOR CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor Perez directed Staff to mail the proclamation to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007 AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Perez directed Staff to mail the proclamation to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Holloway addressed Council regarding the history of the Armenian genocide and other genocides. April 24th 2007 marked the 92nd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Mr. Leonard Rose Jr. informed Council regarding his interview with the City's Recreation Department. He also spoke about his sports activities and recreation experience with the Royal Rangers. Mr. Rose then advised Council that he and his siblings were in the process of fixing a notice they received from Community Preservation Division.

Sarah Magana Withers from the Charles Company advised Council that she delivered the Exclusive negotiating agreement along with a deposit check for the La Puente Lane Site Project. The Charles Company was fully committed and excited about working on this project. They will build a project the entire community will be proud of.

Manuel Maldonado thanked Assistant City Manager Yamachika for responding to a waste pick up issue. He would like the city to contact the Waste Service Company to address their waste barrel numbering system. Mr. Maldonado also asked Council to carefully review the traffic study for the La Puente Lane Site Project so that the construction would not have a negative impact on traffic.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1. READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2007

Chavez moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2007; seconded by Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF MERRILL LYNCH INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

Finance Director Kim gave a history of Merrill Lynch's proposal to serve as the City's custodian of investments and investment advisor. She explained that Staff researched their proposal and made two recommendations. The first recommendation was to leave the surplus cash with Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) because the two funds recommended by Merrill Lynch were not rated and were not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The second recommendation was that the City solicits bids or quotations for custodial services. At the City Council meeting of April 10th the Merrill Lynch Representative offered to waive a monthly fee for custodial services and Staff was directed to research Merrill Lynch's offer. Staff contacted the California Municipal Treasurer's Association (CMTA) and confirmed that the Merrill Lynch offer was not in compliance with the California Government Code and their offer should have not been presented to the City. Mrs. Kim also advised Council that LAIF was not rated because it was a fund provided by the State of California. Under federal law, the State of California cannot declare bankruptcy so LAIF was secure. She then reviewed questions posed to Merrill Lynch that remained unanswered.

Financial Representatives from Merrill Lynch provided a power point presentation on their proposal to serve as the City's custodian of investments.

City Manager Cowley pointed out to Council that Merrill Lynch had yet to answer Staffs' question, as to how Merrill Lynch could propose that the City invest in a fund that was illegal for the City to invest in.

Perez moved to direct Staff to leave its surplus cash with LAIF and not to transfer any LAIF deposits into the funds offered by Merrill Lynch; and to solicit bids or quotations for its custodial bank services and investment advisor services and contract with the most responsible proposer pursuant to the La Puente Municipal Code; seconded by Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Chavez moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-6; seconded by Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1201 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 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 if be filed for audit.

D-3 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 agenda report of the City Manager and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-4 APPROVAL OF DISPOSING OBSOLETE CITY COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: (1) declare the listed computer equipment obsolete and without any substantial value; and (2) authorize the City Manager to initiate the disposal of the obsolete computer equipment at her discretion with Valley Vista Services' E-Waste collection program.

D-5 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD TESTING SERVICES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to issue the Request for Proposals for the asbestos and lead testing services.

D-6 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CENTRAL AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM MAIN STREET TO STIMSON AVENUE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award a contract in the amount of $218,293.30 to Gentry Brothers, Inc. for the Central Avenue Reconstruction Project from Main Street to Stimson Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2007 AND MARCH 31, 2007

Chavez moved to approve and file the Financial Reports for the months ending February 28, 2007 and March 31, 2007; seconded by Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF SPONSORING A TABLE FOR TEN AT THE SAN GABRIEL POMONA VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS "HEROES CELEBRATION 2007"

Perez moved to approve a sponsorship in the amount of $500 for the San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross; seconded by Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF PURSUING A JOINT USE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES WITH THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Service Director Adanto provided a staff report informing Council that the Joint Use Agreement was a result of conversations between the staffs from the City and the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District. The discussions took place during the negotiations for a piece of land that would be incorporated into the Puente Creek Nature Education Center. They also discussed possible options for consideration of a Joint Use Agreement between the City and school district for the use of city and school district facilities for recreational programs. Ms. Adanto also discussed the advantages of the Agreement. Staff was seeking direction to proceed with further exploration of this type of agreement with the school district. The recommendation was that City Council direct Staff to proceed further with research and discussion with the school district and to direct the City Attorney to review the Joint Use Agreement for facilities.

Council expressed their concerns regarding funding for the maintenance of the school facilities; public safety issues; staffing for the recreational programs; and the location of school facilities being located within the city limits.

Further discussion regarding the issues commenced.

Perez moved to receive and file the report to pursue a Joint Use Agreement for the use of facilities with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District; seconded by Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO LA PUENTE RESIDENTS

City Manager Cowley advised Council that there were 22 scholarship applications; only 20 applicants qualified for the scholarship. The Education committee recommended that 20 scholarships be awarded.

Solis moved to authorize Staff to award 20 scholarships at $500 each for FY 2007-08; seconded by Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-5 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PURCHASING PROCEDURES

Finance Director Kim addressed Council reviewing the purchasing policy of supplies and equipment that was established in 2004. However, the policies for professional services had not been reviewed or updated since 1980. The City was in need of specific procedures for purchasing limits relative to professional services. Mrs. Kim reviewed staff's recommendation and policy procedures.

Perez moved to read the ordinance by title only and waive further reading; seconded by Chavez.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 2.20 OF TITLE 2 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE REVISION OF PURCHASING LIMITS RELATIVE TO THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Perez moved to introduce the Ordinance revising the purchasing limits relative to the award of contracts for professional services; seconded by Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-6 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING TWO ASSEMBLY BILLS AND ONE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL REGARDING THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY (WQA)

Storing moved to approve the support of two assembly bills and one house of representative bill regarding the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA); seconded by Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-7 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING ALL MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

Council Member Solis expressed his concern regarding the cost increase and asked if staff could solicit requests for proposal.

City Manager Cowley responded that staff could solicit a request for proposal. This Item was brought to Council because it was included in the public safety portion of the budget.

Solis moved to direct Staff to solicit proposals for school crossing guard services; seconded by Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

E-8 REQUEST TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1657 (RUNNER AND TORRICO) (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis indicated that Council supported Assembly Bill 1657 last year and provided a brief description of the Bill.

Solis moved to approve the support of Assembly Bill 1657 (Runner and Torrico). ; seconded by Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Lujan. NOES: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The City Council recessed to the Redevelopment Agency at 8:13 p.m. to conduct business. At 8:18 p.m. the City Council reconvened.

AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Perez would like to adjourn the meeting in memory of PFC Jason M. Morales and Charlie Vindiola.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley announced the Cinco de Mayo festival at La Puente Park, Saturday, May 5, 2007. Ms. Cowley also advised Council that the broken water pipe that caused the road closure of Hacienda Blvd. and Amar Road has been repaired and the road has been reopened.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council the Mayor adjourned the meeting in Memory of PFC Jason M. Morales and Charlie Vindiola at 8:20 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor