MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
May 8, 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 May 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Members present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, Deputy City Attorney Duran, Acting City Clerk Giron, Community Service Manager Bistarkey, Finance Director Kim, and City Planner Arreola

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant City Manager Yamachika.

PRESENTATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF MARSHA GUZMAN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

Ms. Marcia Guzman introduced herself to Council and Staff as Supervisor Molina's liaison to the City of La Puente indicating that she was looking forward to working with the City.

Mayor Perez acknowledged Mr. Rick Meza, District Manager for Southern California Edison.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER TOM GRUETER

Mayor Perez presented Mr. Grueter with a commendation on behalf of the City Council for his service as a Planning Commissioner. Mr. Grueter thanked Council for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The City Council presented the proclamation to Mr. Farias and Mr. Velasquez from the Public Works Department.

PRESENTATION OF LA PUENTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Mayor Perez introduced the La Puente Education Committee Members; Roberta Cooper, Anita Perez, Pat Nodal, Christina Lujan, and Gilda Ochoa. The City Council and Education Committee presented the scholarship awards to the recipients.

Council recessed at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. informed Council about swimming lessons offered at the YMCA and schools. He also informed Council that he was taking courses at Mt. San Antonio College to obtain a coaching certificate. Mr. Rose then provided Council with an update of the cleanup of his back yard.

City Manager Cowley introduced Lucy Olmos, field representative for Congresswoman Napolitano. Ms. Olmos advised Council that she presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Tom Grueter for his commitment and service to the City.

Ms. Susan Reyes, Field Representative from Assemblyman Ed Hernandez's office announced that Assemblyman Hernandez would be participating in a health policy panel at the City of Hope; Council was invited if they wished to participate. She also announced a Health Fair hosted by Assemblyman Hernandez on May 19, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Performing Art Center in Baldwin Park.

Ken Medeiros addressed Council expressing his concerns regarding the Commercial and Housing Rehabilitation process and requirements.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2007

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2007; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH SPORTS SNACK BAR COMMITTEE MEETING

City Manager Cowley provided Council with a report indicating that at the Council meeting of March 27th a committee was established to review the use of the La Puente snack bar. The committee consisted of Council Member Lujan, City Attorney Casso, City Manager Cowley, and one representative from the La Puente National Little League (LPNLL) and the La Puente Girls Softball (LPGS). The committee met on April 18th and discussed the various issues regarding the use of the snack bar. Mr. Ayala provided a history of the snack bar use by the LPNLL for the past 25 years; the LPNLL contributions to improve the snack bar; and the use agreement between both sports organizations. The committee felt that the agreement between the two organizations should be left as it was. The LPNLL should continue to provide the LPGS with a sum of money annually based on the participation of the girls' softball at the snack bar. The recommendation was that the Council allow both organizations to participate in an agreement for the use of the snack bar and to receive and file the report.

Council Member Lujan indicated that the meeting was informative. He learned the history of the snack bar use. Mr. Lujan reported that the discussion focused on the need for a compromise for the use of the snack bar. It was his opinion that the agreement defined the City's rules and organizations' rules and that he was in favor of Staff's recommendation.

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the recommendation of the Snack Bar Committee and receive and file the report; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: None.

C-2 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING PURCHASING LIMITS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

City Manager Cowley gave a brief report on the ordinance which stated the purchasing procedures for professional services.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing asked if the ordinance covered janitorial services.

City Manager Cowley responded that the ordinance covered any type of professional services and did not include construction or capital improvement projects which followed the state codes.

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

C-3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

Assistant City Manager Yamachika provided a staff report indicating that the City's engineering services were provided by AAE. Their current contract was not procured under the requirements for federally-funded projects. Therefore, in the past couple of year the City has gone out to bid for engineering services for federally-funded projects. Staff was seeking a request for proposal (RFP) to have an engineer on board on a retainer basis to provide engineering services for federally-funded projects.

Council Member Solis moved to authorize staff to solicit proposals for consultant services for engineering/public works services for federally-funded projects; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Storing requested to remove an expense Check in her name under the warrant register, Item D-1. She indicated that she paid for her own expenses when she attended conferences.

Council Member Solis pulled Item D-3 for discussion.

Council Member Solis moved to approve Items No. D-1 and D-2 on the Consent Calendar; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1202 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

D-2 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT REPLACEMENT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to issue the Notice of Inviting Bids for the replacement of air-conditioning units for the Senior Center Improvements project.

D-3 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DEPOSIT OF MONEYS WITH BANK OF AMERICA

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the contract for deposit of moneys with Bank of America and authorize the Finance Director/Deputy City Treasurer to execute the contract on the City's behalf.

City Manager Cowley provided a brief report indicating that Bank of America has provided several services to the City for the past several years, but there was not a contract in place. This item was just putting a contract in place for those services already being provided.

Thereafter followed an explanation by Finance Director Kim regarding the monthly fees charged by Bank of America if the City maintained an amount lower than the minimum balance.

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the contract for deposit of moneys with Bank of America and authorize the Finance Director/Deputy City Treasurer to execute the contract on the City's behalf; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: None.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2007

City Manager Cowley informed Council that due to the majority of Council attending the International Conference of Shopping Centers during the week of May 22nd when the Regular City Council meeting was scheduled. Staff recommended that the meeting be canceled and that the Acting City Clerk post a Notice of Cancellation due to lack of quorum at that time.

Council Member Solis moved to approve the City Council's intent to cancel the regular meeting of May 22, 2007 due to an anticipated lack of quorum and direct the Acting City Clerk to post a Notice of Adjournment; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None . NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN

Mayor Pro Tem Storing indicated that she was opposed to eminent domain on both residential and commercial properties.

Deputy City Attorney Duran explained that Council was not exercising eminent domain with the adoption of this ordinance. He clarified that this ordinance was complying with a requirement that if eminent domain was exercised in the future, the city had to adopt a plan that specified the area and purpose. The voting requirement was a majority vote of the council to adopt the ordinance.

Council Member Solis moved to read the ordinance by title only and waive further reading; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: Storing.

City Manager Cowley read the title of the ordinance into the record.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING A PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE PURSUANT TO SB53

Council Member Solis moved to introduce the Ordinance for subsequent adoption; seconded by Council Member Chavez.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: None. NOES: Storing.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Lujan thanked Stephen Lee and Matthew Abretske for setting up the new City Website.

Council Member Solis indicated that he received several phone calls concerning the absence of stop signs at the intersection of California Avenue and Prichard Street. There were many kids on their way to school that wanted to cross the streets at that intersection.

City Manager Cowley informed Council that the City Engineers would perform a study in order to see if that intersection warranted a stop sign.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor