MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 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: Lujan, Storing, Perez
Council Members absent: Solis (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Chavez (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Boy Scoot Troop 701.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. discussed his back yard. He stated he attended a meeting hosted by Assemblyman Ed Hernandez, which addressed gang activity in the City and surrounding communities. He stated he also attended a Los Angeles Board of Supervisors meeting. He spoke in favor of after school activity programs.

Chuck Freeman introduced Troop 701 and Pack 766. He informed Council that both organizations are united with the First Methodist Church in La Puente and offered their services to the community. He asked Council for its support in helping their organization grow by offering community services they can participate in. He provided a brief background of the community services they provided. He stated their mission was to transition from boyhood to manhood by participating in community service activities.

Ken Medeiros expressed concern regarding the sewer rate fees.

Susan Reyes, Assemblyman Ed Hernandez's office, announced a Public Safety Summit to be held on June 29, 2007, and stated it would address issues concerning crime and gangs in the community.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MARCH 13, 2007, MAY 15, 2007 AND MAY 24, 2007 AND REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2007

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings of March 13, 2007, May 15, 2007 and May 24, 2007, and the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2007; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Chavez, Solis.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING - SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 04-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING SECTIONS 10.96.010, 10.12.010, AND 10.12.880 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED UNRUH SPECIFIC PLAN ZONE - (UNRUH SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 04-02)

City Planner Arreola discussed the proposed project on Unruh Avenue that would provide housing for the senior citizen population of La Puente and surrounding areas. He gave a brief description of the layout for the proposed project, which included style of development, room availability, landscaping, and parking.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Ken Medeiros expressed concern with the details of the project.

Mayor Perez closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Council Member Lujan moved to read by title only, the ordinance for Specific Plan Amendment 04-02; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING SECTION 10.96.010 AND OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE TITLED UNRUH SPECIFIC PLAN ZONE - DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SECTION 10.12.010 TITLED ZONES AND DISTRICTS - GENERAL - PURPOSE OF ZONES - USE ZONES DESIGNATED AND SECTION 10.12.880 TITLED ZONES AND DISTRICTS - GENERAL - SPECIFIC PLAN ADOPTED (UNRUH SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 04-02).

Mayor Perez moved to introduce the ordinance for subsequent adoption; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis.

Mayor Perez moved to adopt the resolution Adopting the Negative Declaration; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. in the amount of $14,256; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. D-1 through D-9; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Storing.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1203 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THROUGH THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN (Introduced and title read at meeting of May 8, 2007)

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

D-3 APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION TO THE LA PUENTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHAPTER 4436 IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY (Commendation was presented to the Knights on June 9, 2007)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the commendation.

D-4 APPROVAL OF BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to complete and submit the City's application for Fiscal Year 2007-08 City/County Payment Program in support of beverage container recycling.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMITS FOR VETERANS GROUPS FOR THE 2007 INDEPENDENCE DAY SEASON

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the issuance of permits to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks to American Legion Post 75, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1944, and AM Vets Post 62, pursuant to all applicable code requirements.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF USED OIL BLOCK GRANT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of the City's application for the current 13th Cycle Used Oil Block Grant.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING WEST COAST ARBORIST TREE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council extend the tree maintenance services agreement for FY 2007-2008 with West Coast Arborist and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

D-8 CONSIDERATION 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 it be filed for audit.

D-9 CONSIDERATION 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 it be filed for audit.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN MICHAEL SMITH, INDUSTRY STATION

Captain Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Industry Station, presented the quarterly crime report and discussed recent personnel and command changes. He informed Council of news from the Military that a resident of La Puente was killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

Council Member Lujan moved to receive and file the report as presented; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by consensus.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF BID FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL AND THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the award bid for custodial services for City Hall and the Senior Center to Nelson's Janitorial Services in the amount of $24,480 per year and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF SOLICITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to approve the solicitation of Request for Proposals for Animal Control services; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolution recommending to the Community Development Commission adoption of the By-Laws and the resolution setting the compensation for the Community Development Commission Members and that the Community Development Commission adopt the resolution setting forth the By-Laws for the Commission ; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried unanimously the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-5 REQUEST TO AWARD GRAFFITI REWARD TO A LA PUENTE RESIDENT WHO OBSERVED THE APPLICATION OF GRAFFITI ON THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CARS ON VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD (Requested by Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis discussed the graffiti incident that occurred on September 15, 2006 with the Union Pacific Railroad cars, and stated the witness should be entitled to a reward since the men involved were convicted.

City Manager Cowley stated the name of the witness was not provided on the police report, and based on the municipal code, the witness was not entitled to the reward because the railroads were not in City limits.

City Attorney Casso clarified the municipal code and requirements for receiving a reward.

Council Member Solis moved to award a graffiti award to the resident who observed the application of graffiti on the Union Pacific Railroad cars on Valley Boulevard and Old Valley Boulevard; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, and Storing. NOES: Lujan, and Perez. ABSTAIN: Chavez.

E-6 REQUEST TO DIRECT STAFF TO ESTABLISH A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND ADVERTISE FOR MEMBERS (Requested by Mayor Perez)

Mayor Perez stated he would like a Parks and Recreation Commission formed to discuss recreation events and recreation facilities and use fees.

City Manager Cowley clarified questions and concerns that Council Members had and explained the purpose of the Commission, which would include park and recreation programs, little leagues, or park facilities usage.

Council member Lujan moved to advertise for members to establish a Parks and Recreation Commission; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis, and Storing.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The City Council recessed to the Community Development Commission at 8:13 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Council Member Chavez reported that she attended the Contract Cities Association conference in Palm Springs May 17 - 20, 2007, and also attended the International Shopping Council conference in Las Vegas May 20-23, 2007.

Council Member Solis reported he also attended the California Contract Cities Association conference and International Shopping Council conference.

Council Member Storing discussed her conference visit to Palm Springs.

Mayor Perez reported his visit to both the Palm Springs and Las Vegas conferences. He discussed the success of the Relay for Life Walk held at La Puente High School on May 19, 2007.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Chavez thanked Council on behalf of her mother-in-law for the wonderful flowers sent during her heart surgery.

Mayor Perez announced he would be adjourning the meeting in memory of Terry Lira, the sister of City employee Louie Gonzales, and Private First Class (PFC) Justin A. Verdeja, a resident of La Puente who was killed in Iraq.

Council Member Solis suggested that the Council also adjourned the meeting in memory of Sister Christina Gibbson from St. Louis of France Catholic Church.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing suggested the City flag be lowered to half staff.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley informed Council and City residents the Guadalupe Chapel Bell reception would be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting in Memory of Sister Christina Gibbson, Teresa Lira, and Private First Class (PFC) Justin A. Verdeja.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor