MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 26, 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 26, 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, Perez

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Storing led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

City Manager Cowley read the proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month.

Mayor Perez and Council Members presented the proclamation to members of the Recreation Services Department.

Mayor Perez discussed annual recreation events put on by the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. stated he attended a County Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss youth outreach programs. He discussed the concerts in the park program. He invited the Council to visit his home to see recent upgrades.

Alma Barrera, American Cancer Society, presented a certificate of appreciation to the City of La Puente for its contribution and sponsorship of the 4th Annual La Puente Relay for Life.

Marty Paz discussed the La Puente High School graduation and traffic and parking problems resulting from the event. He requested information on how to contact the Community Preservation Officers after City Hall business hours.
Mayor Perez discussed the event and stated it was a one night occurrence.

Mr. Paz discussed the 4th of July event to be held on July 3, 2007, and questioned whether parking would be an issue.

City Manager Cowley stated the Sherriff's Department had an action plan for the 4th of July event and that parking enforcement would be present.

Ken Medeiros discussed the City Clerk position description as adopted by the City of La Puente versus the Government Code's position description. He questioned the job titles and descriptions of various other City positions.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 8, 2007

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT 06-01 - A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LA PUENTE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN TO CHANGE SPECIFIC PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

City Planner Arreola presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Assistant City Manager Yamachika discussed property tax that would be generated from this property.

Mayor Perez discussed the lack of property taxes the City receives.

Council Member Lujan stated although the City receives a small portion of property taxes from the County of Los Angeles, new residents would bring additional sales tax for the City.

In response to Council Member Solis, City Planner Arreola discussed the square footage, density, and size details of the project.

In response to Council Member Solis, City Planner Arreola clarified the City's development standards.

Council Member Lujan discussed the Environmental Impact Report for the project.
Mayor Perez opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Ken Medeiros questioned certain details of the project including location and size.

Marty Paz questioned why he was not able to build two story homes one block from the location of this project, but it appeared this project would be approved.

Mayor Perez closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Council Member Lujan moved to read the ordinance by title only waiving further reading; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis and Storing.

City Manager Cowley read the ordinance title for the record.

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS AND APPROVING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 06-01 AMENDING THE LA PUENTE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN BY AMENDING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR THE SUBJECT SITE LOCATED AT 16029 MAIN STREET, WHICH IS MADE UP OF LOTS 5-9, BLOCK 6, TOWN OF PUENTE, M.R. 7-86-87, FROM SUB AREA 7 (COMMUNITY SERVICE) TO SUB AREA 15 (RESIDENTIAL) AND ESTABLISHING A SET BACK ON FIFTH STREET WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN (APPLICANT: CITY INITIATED)

Mayor Perez 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. NOES: Storing.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 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 TITLE 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) (Introduced and title read at the meeting of June 12, 2007)

Council Member Lujan moved to adopt the ordinance enacting Unruh Specific Plan No. 04-02; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: Solis, and Storing.

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Council Member Chavez moved to adopt the resolution approving the City's annual budget and Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Item Nos. D-1 through D-8; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTERS NO. 1204 AND NO. 1205 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 ACCEPT COMPLETION OF THE STIMSON AVENUE STREET (CENTRAL AVENUE TO SAN JOSE AVENUE) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council accept the Stimson Avenue (from Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue) Street Improvement Project as complete, authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and authorize the release for the project retention funds due to the contractor, thirty five (35) days following the filing of the Notice and Completion.

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

D-4 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-5 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING AGREEMENT NO. 03-731 WITH E & L LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 03-731 with E & L Landscaping, Inc. for landscaping services in the amount not to exceed $44,500 for FY 2007-2008.

D-6 APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION TO THE LA PUENTE VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY (presented to the Women's Club on June 21, 2007).

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

D-7 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT REPLACEMENT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the bid to Air Flow Mechanical in the amount of $64,852.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Air Flow Mechanical or air conditioning unit replacement at the Senior Center.

D-8 APPROVAL OF EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS (JAG) APPLICATION AND EXPENDITURE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize Staff to complete and submit the City's application for Fiscal Year 2007 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in support of the purchase of an Automatic License Plate Recognition devices (ALPR).

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED APRIL 30, 2007

Council Member Chavez moved to receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's/Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2007; 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-2 APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Mayor Perez moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Statement of Investment Policy; 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 RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolutions and direct the Acting City Clerk to forward certified copies, as appropriate: Resolution No. 1 holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, for the election of certain officers required by the laws of the state of California relating to general law cities; Resolution No. 2 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, with the School Election; and Resolution No. 3 adopting regulations for candidate for elective office pertaining to candidate statements submitted to the voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-4 BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

In response to Council Member Lujan, City Manager Cowley stated this year's applicants were the same as last year's with the exception of Meals on Wheels and Choices, who did not apply this year.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, City Manager Cowley stated Meals on Wheels and Choices were the only organizations who would not comply with requirements last year, and reiterated that they did not apply for funding assistance this year.

In response to Council Member Solis, City Manager Cowley stated the organizations to receive funding would be submitting quarterly reports for review before the check is issued.

In response to Council Member Lujan, City Manager Cowley clarified that all organizations would receive the same amount of funding they did last year with the exception of the First Church of La Puente, who will receive $10,000.

In response to Council, City Manager Cowley stated she was unsure whether the Church would apply for funding assistance next year.

Mayor Perez moved to determine funding levels for social organizations at an amount not to exceed $27,600; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion carried unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-5 ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDR) COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WDR COMPLIANCE AUDIT PHASE II

Council Member Lujan moved to adopt the Waste Discharge Requirements Compliance Audit Report and its findings and authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of Phase II; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-6 CONSIDERATION OF SEWER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

City Engineer Mousavi presented the staff report.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the La Puente Sewer System and direct staff to move forward with developing plans and specifications for the 2007-2008 projects and the issuance of bonds; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-7 CONSIDERATION OF SEWER CAPACITY CHARGE/ANALYSIS PREPARED BY HILTON FARNKOPF AND HOBSON

City Engineer Mousavi presented the staff report.

Council Member Solis moved to (1) receive and file the Sewer Capacity Charge report; and (2) schedule a public hearing for July 10, 2007, to establish a Development Impact Fee for all new development based on the Sewer Capacity Charge Report; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-8 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolution supporting the expansion of the San Gabriel Valley Water Recycling Program; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

E-9 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 07-4614 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES AND HOURLY RATES

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolution amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the authorized positions, and monthly salary ranges; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. NOES: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The City Council recessed at 8:04 p.m.

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Storing congratulated the City and staff for the Guadalupe Chapel Bell reception.

Council Member Lujan thanked staff for guiding the Council through the budget process. He also thanked staff and the Engineering department for their work on the five-year sewer plan.

Mayor Perez stated he would be adjourning the meeting in memory of Rodolfo Alvarez, brother of City employee Raul Alvarez.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley reminded the Council and residents of the fireworks festival to be held on July 3, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. at La Puente Park.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:10 p.m. City Attorney Casso announced that the Council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(e), public employee performance evaluation of the City Manager.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(e) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION CITY MANAGER

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:29 p.m. City Council reconvened to open session at which time City Attorney Casso announced that the Council recessed to a closed session for public employee evaluation of the City Manager. He announced that Council extended Carol Cowley's contract and passed her probationary period. Ms. Cowley was asked to stay as City Manager.

Mayor Perez stated she passed her probation period and she had his complete support.

Council Member Lujan stated he supported City Manager Cowley and appreciated the team building strategic planning for Council and staff. He thanked her for all her hard work.

Council Member Solis stated City Manager Cowley was doing a good job.

City Attorney Casso said Council made a great choice and Ms. Cowley was a wonderful City Manager to work for.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting in memory of Rodolfo Alvarez at 8:31 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor