MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 10, 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 July 10, 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: Chavez, Lujan, Storing, Perez
Council Members Absent: Solis

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Lujan.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. discussed his courses taken at Mount San Antonio Community College towards his coaching certificate, and informed the Council that he visited La Puente High School to address issues regarding violence on television and gang prevention. Mr. Rose suggested to Council that it provide fundraising to help with community services activities.

Marty Paz questioned the price of the removal of asbestos and lead from the Community Center. Mr. Paz also expressed his concerns regarding rebuilding the Community Center.

City Manager Cowley informed Council and Mr. Paz that replacing the current buildings would be out of budget and informed Council that there was no need to replace the buildings.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2007

Mayor Perez welcomed and acknowledged the reporter from the San Gabriel Tribune Valley, Tania Chatila.

Council Member Lujan moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2007; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN AWARD OF AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE TAXICAB SERVICE IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Assistant City Manager Yamachika reported on taxi cab services within the City of La Puente. He stated a request for proposals had been sent out and three proposals were received. He discussed the proposals and stated staff was recommending the franchise agreement be awarded to the Yellow Cab Company.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Assistant City Manager Yamachika discussed Yellow Cab Company's office locations and stated there would be no issue with response times. He discussed a protest regarding the taxi cab franchise agreement by Mid-Valley Cab.

Anabell Amante, Mid-Valley Cab Company, thanked the Council for the opportunity to submit a proposal for the project.

Julian Cardenas, Yellow Cab Company, thanked the Council for the opportunity and stated the company would work closely with Community Preservation to ensure La Puente residents were receiving quality service.

Maria Lacetina, Mid-Valley Cab Company, discussed past issues between the company and the City of La Puente. She expressed desire to form a new positive working relationship with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to direct staff to negotiate and return to Council for approval, a final agreement with Yellow Cab Company of San Gabriel Valley to provide exclusive taxi service in the City of La Puente in conformance with the terms set forth in the Request for Qualifications and the proposal submitted; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

B-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SANITARY SEWER CAPACITY CHARGE BASED ON SEWER CAPACITY CHARGE/ANALYSIS PREPARED BY HILTON FARNKOPF AND HOBSON

City Engineer Mousavi discussed the sewer capacity fees and staff's recommendation.

Council Member Lujan moved to (1) read by title only and waive further reading of the ordinance adding Chapter 4.14 of the La Puente Municipal Code establishing a Sanitary Sewer Capacity Charge to be imposed upon new and expanded connections to the City's Sanitary Sewer System; and (2) introduce the ordinance for subsequent adoption; consented by the Council.

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

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing and with no speakers coming forward the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Perez moved to adopt the resolution imposing a sanitary sewer capacity charge; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 06-01 - A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LA PUENTE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN TO CHANGE TO SPECIFIC PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (Introduced and title read at meeting of June 26, 2007)

City Manager Cowley stated at the June 26, 2007 City Council meeting, the ordinance was introduced and the title was read. She stated City Planner Arreola was available to answer any questions.

Council Member Chavez moved to adopt the ordinance enacting the Downtown Business District Specific Plan Amendment No. 06-01; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Item Nos. D-1 though D-3 on the Consent Calendar; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT; Solis. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1206 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07

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

D-2 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ASBESTOS/LEAD TESTING CONSULTING SERVICES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Community Development Block Grant asbestos/lead-testing consulting services with Global Environmental.

D-3 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC GATE OPENERS AT THE LA PUENTE SENIOR CENTER

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council award the bid to California Automatic Gate and Door Enterprise in the amount of $13,035.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement with California Automatic Gate and Door Enterprise for gate operator installation at the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, City Manager Cowley discussed the process for recruitment, qualification and appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Perez moved to adopt the resolution establishing the La Puente Parks and Recreation Commission and direct staff to advertise the appointment of Commission members; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND REQUEST BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS AND LEAD AT THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Member Chavez moved to approve the authorization for staff to advertise for bids for asbestos/lead containing building material abatement at the La Puente Community Center; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A TRAFFIC STUDY TO INSTALL RED LIGHT CAMERAS

City Engineer Mousavi discussed the proposed traffic study to install red light cameras throughout the City of La Puente. He stated the study included intersections to be considered based on the number of accidents, type of accidents, traffic volume and red light citations.

Council discussed the concerns of the officers patrolling the City, the cost of the study and privacy for the residents of La Puente.

Council Member Lujan moved to authorize staff to proceed with the recommended traffic study; seconded by Mayor Perez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF SENDING A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1020

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, City Manager Cowley discussed the details of Senate Bill 1020.

Mayor Perez moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 1020; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Lujan, Chavez, and Perez. ABSENT: Solis. NOES: None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Perez announced he would be adjourning the meeting in memory of retired City employee and longtime resident of La Puente, Manuel "Chief" Ramirez, and Madeline Phelps Otero, a resident of La Puente.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley announced Concerts at the Park, which would be held on Wednesday nights from July 11, 2007 to August 29, 2007. She thanked Recreation staff, Maintenance staff and the Sheriff's Department for their work on the success of the 4th of July celebration held on July 3, 2007.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:52 p.m. City Attorney Casso announced that the Council would recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956(a) and 54956.9(b) to discuss existing and anticipated litigation.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION BEING HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) -- TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION CD & C INC., V. PERT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., ET AL LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. BC328044 [AND CONSOLIDATED CASES]

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION BEING HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b) - TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ONE CASE

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:14 p.m. City Council reconvened to open session at which time the City Attorney announced that direction was given to City Manager Cowley in the existing litigation case and no further action was taken. He announced that direction was given to the City Attorney's Office in the anticipated litigation case and no further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor