MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 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 July 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Storing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Solis, Lujan, Chavez, Storing
Council Member absent: Perez

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Council Member Lujan.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF AWARD TO LA PUENTE SOFTBALL SOLDIERS 12UN FOR WINNING SECOND PLACE IN THE NATIONAL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

City Manager Cowley discussed the presentation to the La Puente Softball Soldiers 12UN for winning second place in the National Softball Association State Championship.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing and the City Council presented the awards to the La Puente Softball Soldiers. Council Member Solis acknowledged the accomplishments of the team and challenging games played.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO AURELIO REYES CITY OF LA PUENTE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

City Manager Cowley provided a brief background on Mr. Reyes and his accomplishments with the City of La Puente, his involvement in closing cases that had been open since 1989, and his assisting residents of La Puente with code enforcement issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing recessed the Council meeting at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. discussed gang activity in La Puente and activities to deter gang violence.

Frank Sanchez announced that he was elected President of the Old Town Puente Association. He announced that the Association would like to help the City with the Christmas parade. He thanked the City for its help with beautifying the downtown area.

Frank Sanchez Jr. announced the upcoming Golden State Open Judo Tournament to be held in Pomona, California, and invited businesses to sponsor the La Puente Girls Judo Club.

Eric Sanchez discussed the recent success of the La Puente Girls Judo Club. He announced the various national tournaments the Club had recently participated in.

Ernesto Cerda thanked the City for its help with the beautification of the downtown area.

Ken Medeiros discussed the rehabilitation grants. He also spoke about annexation in the City of Rosemead and gang activity in La Puente.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORT FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SEWER CHARGES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.10 OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 -2008

Mayor Pro Tem Storing opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Finance Director Kim provided a history of the City's sewer system and discussed the maintenance for the system and responsible agencies. She provided financial details of the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Sewer Charges.

Pablo Perez, NBS Government Finance Group, stated his job was to apply the sewer rates each year. He discussed the process of applying the sewer charges each fiscal year.

In response to Council Member Lujan, Finance Director Kim discussed the expected sewer charge revenue and the budget.

Mr. Perez discussed the process for raising the sewer charges each fiscal year.

In response to Council Member Lujan, Finance Director Kim stated the budget would need to be adjusted to increase revenue by $3,000.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Storing, Mr. Perez stated the property owners whose square footage was originally miscalculated had noticed the mistake.

Ken Medeiros questioned what agency or company would perform the construction and maintenance on the sewer system.

Mayor Pro Tem Storing closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Council Member Chavez moved to adopt the resolution confirming the 2007-2008 Sewer Charge Pursuant to Chapter 4.10 of the La Puente Municipal Code; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF SEWER CAPACITY CHARGE/ANALYSIS PREPARED BY HILTON FARNKOPF AND HOBSON (Introduced and title read at meeting of July 10, 2007)

City Manager Cowley stated the ordinance was before the Council for second reading and it was requested the Council adopt the ordinance.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the ordinance establishing a Development Impact Fee for all new developments based on the Sewer Capacity Charge Report; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis moved to approve Item Nos. D-1 though D-7 on the Consent Calendar; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1207 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 it 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 the agenda report of the City Manager and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-4 APPROVAL OF PROJECT ACCEPTANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW BUS SHELTERS AND BENCHES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council accept the project as complete and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

D-5 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA SERVICES WITH SOUTH COAST MEDIA

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the agreement with South Coast Media for public relations and media services in the amount not to exceed $25,000.

D-6 RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENTS FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the resolution designating the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Public Works Director as designated agents to represent the City of La Puente for disaster assistance by the State of Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

D-7 ACCEPT COMPLETION OF THE CENTRAL AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (FROM MAIN STREET TO STIMSON AVENUE)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council accept the Central Avenue (from Main Street to Stimson 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 of the project retention funds due to the contractor, thirty five (35) days following the filing of the Notice of Completion.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 TREASURER'S /FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2007

Council Member Solis moved to approve the Monthly Treasurer's/Financial Report for the month ended May 31, 2007; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

E-2 TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

Council Member Solis moved to receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's/Financial Report for the month ended June 30, 2007; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE LOCAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Council Member Solis moved to approve the plans and specifications and authorize staff to solicit bids for the Local Street Resurfacing Project; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt the resolution authorizing an agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation to receive funding for the project; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (PMS)

Mayor Pro Tem Storing moved to adopt the City's Pavement Management System and authorize staff to proceed with implementation of the program; seconded by Council Member Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Lujan, and Chavez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Perez.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The City Council recessed to the Community Development Commission at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley discussed concerts in the park and announced the upcoming schedule. She announced that the movies in the park would begin on July 30, 2007.

In response to Council Member Solis, City Manager Cowley announced the employee picnic to be held on August 1, 2007.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:16 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Storing announced the City Council would recess to a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation.

City Attorney Casso announced that Council would discuss the matter of CD & C Inc., v. Pert Construction Co., Inc.

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]

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:45 p.m. the City Council reconvened to open session at which time the City Attorney announced that the Council gave direction to the City Attorney and City Manager and no further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Storing adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor