MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 2007, at 7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Members Present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Duban, Public Works Director Salas, Acting Recreation Services Director Bistarky, Deputy City Clerk Giron

Mayor Perez acknowledged Television Board President Keith Cooper and Vice President Mike Williams from KCAT communication access television channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Storing.

Mike Williams informed Council that KCAT is located on channel 3 of the local cable system.

City Manager Cowley introduced City Clerk Jessica Duban.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2007 AS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

The Council presented the Proclamation to Lieutenant Victor Sotelo.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. addressed the Council regarding a local church that worked with ex-gang members and the Sheriff's Department and about his volunteer schedule.

Adele Espinoza addressed Council regarding the death of her grandson Anthony Gonzalez at the intersection of Sunkist Avenue and Temple Avenue and conveyed the need for a traffic signal.

Frank Sanchez addressed Council regarding his experience with an intoxicated driver.

B.J. Moore introduced herself as a candidate for the Hacienda-La Puente School Board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Chavez moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. D-1 through D-5; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lujan.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1212 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

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

D-2 TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2007

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's/Finance Report for the month ended July 31, 2007.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANT FOR CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR REUSE ACCOUNT FUNDING

Staff Recommendation: The Screening Committee recommends that the City Council authorize the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $20,000.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF NEW PARTICIPANTS FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (D97301-08) - FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Staff Recommendation: The Screening Committee recommends that the City Council approve the allocations and authorize the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $14,000.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 07-4638 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES AND HOURLY RATES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution rescinding Resolution 07-4638 amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the authorized positions and monthly salary ranges.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 BID AWARD FOR THE HACIENDA AND ELLIOTT INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS AND NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT AMAR ROAD AND ELLIOTT AVENUE PROJECT

Mayor Perez moved to award the contract for the construction portion of the Hacienda and Elliott Intersection Modifications and new traffic signal at Amar Road and Elliott Avenue Project to Freeway Electric in the amount of $211,211.00; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lujan.

E-2 COMMUNITY CENTER ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (PHASE I) - PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

Council Member Chavez moved a motion to: (1) accept the completion of Phase 1 of the Community Center Asbestos Abatement and authorize payment of 90% ($55,350) to be paid now and hold 10% ($6,150) as retention to be released 35 days (November 13, 2007) from October 9, 2007; and (2) authorize the City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lujan.

E-3 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN REPORT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN ANY RESIDENTIAL OR NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Mayor Perez moved to: (1) adopt and issue the written report describing the measures taken to alleviate conditions, which led to the adoption of Ordinance No. 07-867, declaring a 45-day moratorium on establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries (MMD); and (2) directed staff to schedule a public hearing for the October 23, 2007 City Council meeting for adoption of an ordinance extending the terms of Ordinance No. 07-867, for an additional 10 months and 15 days to allow for additional time to further study conditions pertaining to the establishment and operation of MMDS; monitor the issues raised by conflicting state and federal laws; and continue to investigate potential impacts of such use on the community; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lujan.

E-4 BID AWARD FOR THE TEMPLE AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM GLENDORA AVENUE TO STIMSON AVENUE

Council Member Solis moved to: (1) award the contract for the construction portion of the Temple Avenue Street Improvement Project from Glendora Avenue to Stimson Avenue to Calimex Engineering in the amount of $80,967.19; and (2) approve the resolution amending the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to appropriate $36,470 in Proposition 42 funds to complete this project; seconded by Council Member Chavez. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Chavez and Perez. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lujan.

E-5 REQUEST TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF TEMPLE AVENUE AND SUNKIST (Requested by Mayor Perez)

Mayor Perez moved to direct staff to complete a traffic study for Council to consider the installation of a traffic signal light at the intersection of Temple Avenue and Sunkist Avenue; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Storing.

Assistant City Manager Yamachika stated that the traffic study would be completed by the following City Council meeting.

City Manager Cowley clarified that the day after the accident staff gave direction to the City Engineer to perform a traffic study for that intersection. She explained that the survey study and report with options for Council to consider would be placed on the agenda for the City Council meeting of October 23, 2007. Ms. Cowley stated that staff informed the newspaper reporter that a traffic study was needed because of liability issues and the cost of the traffic light would be $220,000. Staff never made comments that a traffic light should not be installed or that the cost for a traffic light was too much.

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

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley announced the Main Street Run event on October 29, 2007, and extended an invitation to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

for Jessica Duban, City Clerk

Louis R. Perez, Mayor