

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2008**

A Special 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 January 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan

Staff Members present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, Finance Director Kim, Acting City Clerk Giron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Mendoza.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A-1 STATUS OF COMMUNITY CENTER/YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER PROJECT

City Manager Cowley and City Attorney Casso presented the staff report. They outlined the historical background of the Community Center/Youth Learning Activity Center Project, the City's litigation with PERT Construction, the hiring of a consultant to determine the status of the project, and previous Council actions. She also introduced Mr. Nakasone, the City's Project Manager Liaison and noted the presence of representatives from Chevron Energy Solutions.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Lujan, City Attorney Casso estimated that the litigation evolved over the course of two (2) years.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, City Attorney Casso noted that the City did receive good references regarding Pert Construction's activities from other cities prior to the award of the contract.

City Manager Cowley continued to brief Council on the status of funds available, the delay of architectural submissions, proposals submitted by Chevron, and financing options available to the City Council for completion of the project. City Manager Cowley noted the City's commitment to completion of the project through recent reductions in operational costs proposed for this fiscal year.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Finance Director Kim clarified revenues, expenditures, transfers, and deficits related to the City's five (5) year financial forecast.

Mr. Ken Casey, Chevron Energy Solutions, presented a brief report on their services related to the project.

In response to inquiries from Mayor Lujan and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, City Manager Cowley and Mr. Casey provided cost estimates per square foot and security/lighting standards for the project.

Chevron staff noted that demolition work is complete, plan check is in progress, and permits for construction have been granted.

City Manager Cowley advised Council that they received a status update in their mailboxes today, and that they will receive regular updates from the Project Manager liaison. She closed by noting that City staff are pleased with the services provided by the Chevron staff.

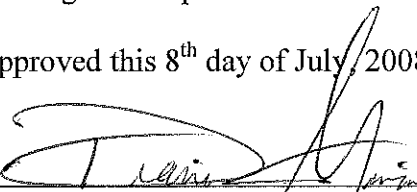
Mayor Pro Tem Holloway and Council Member Mendoza commended the staff for their professionalism in outlining the project status.

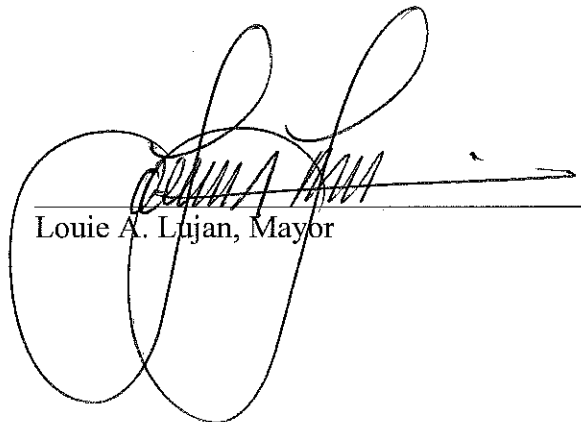
Solis moved to receive and file the report related to the status of the Community Center/Youth Learning Activity Center Project; seconded by Storing. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan. NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2008


Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk


Louie A. Lujan, Mayor