

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MARCH 13, 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 March 13, 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, Storing, Holloway, Lujan
Council Members absent: Solis

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

**A-1 INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANT FIRMS WHO
SUBMITTED STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PERFORM A
REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
CONTRACTS**

City Manager Cowley presented a brief report to Council pertaining to the review and evaluation of City professional service contracts.

Jerry Newfarmer with Management Partners introduced himself, Lynne Barrette and Jennifer Thomas. Mr. Newfarmer gave a brief presentation and an overview of the services they would provide to staff. He provided a history background and qualifications of Management Partners Inc.

In response to a question, Mr. Newfarmer reviewed the number of employees, the number that will be assigned to this project, and reviewed salaries of those employees.

Lynne Barrette introduced herself and gave a brief background of her education, past work experience and her current position with Management Partners, Inc.

Jennifer Thomas introduced herself and gave a brief background on her education and her past work experience.

In response to questions from the City Council the following statements were made by Mr. Newfarmer: Best Practices are industry standards based on the International City/County Management Association from the Center for Performance Measurements. Processing mapping would not be needed for this project. Management Partners is willing to work with the Ad Hoc committee regarding any problematic issues and would privately address the responsible City official. Data collection would require a daily presence. Once completed, Management Partners would only contact departments as needed either by email or phone. Any recommended suggestions to improve the quality of work would be given to the City. Any concerns from staff regarding their work performance, would be addressed by Management Partners to make the staff feel comfortable. Recommendations given to other cities have varied from big policy issues to small administration situations. Management Partners final report would be a combined report from all Management Partners staff that worked on the process and would include graphs and offer recommendations.

Mayor Lujan called for a short recess at 8:01 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m. to interview Del Terra.

Mr. Louis Rojas with Del Terra introduced himself and Dell Benson, Director of Finance Services. He gave a brief background on the firm and stated that they were withdrawing from consideration for this project.

Following a brief discussion Mayor Lujan directed staff to set up a meeting with the Ad Hoc committee and Management Partners to review the process to be used.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that Council would recess to closed session at 8:25 p.m. to address Item B-1 Public Employee performance evaluation, and Item B-2 Anticipated Litigation.

Mayor Lujan requested that Item B-1 be continued to an agenda where Council Member Solis would be present.

B-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

CITY MANAGER

B-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

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:01 p.m.

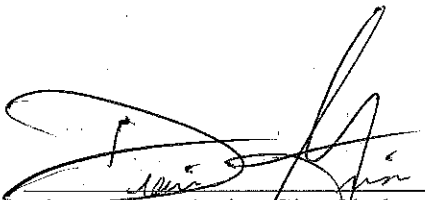
City Attorney Casso announced that for Item B-2 only direction was given to the City Attorney. No further action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

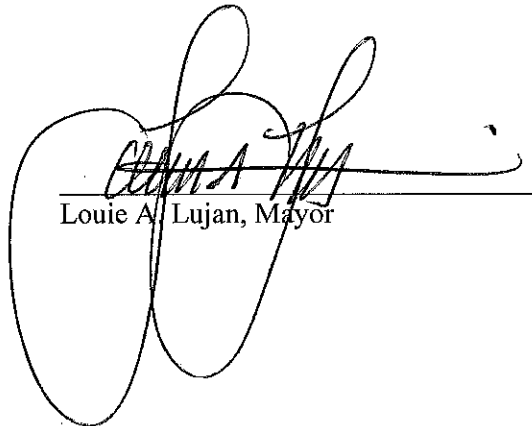
Mayor Pro Tem Holloway directed staff to schedule Item B-1 when all Council would be present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2008



Diana Giron, Acting City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor