MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2008

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 May 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan.
Staff Members present:	City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Turner, Finance Director Kim, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, City Clerk Assistant Garcia, and Management Analyst Ayala.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mendoza

PRESENTATIONS

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY VANESSA RIOS AND PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Vanessa Rios sang the National Anthem. Mayor Lujan presented Miss Rios with a City of La Puente pin.

Mayor Lujan presented a proclamation to the La Puente Montessori School.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Lujan Presented a Proclamation for Public Works Week to Maintenance Supervisor Gonzales, and Lead Maintenance Worker Carrillo.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO OMAR CARO OF BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL IN RECOGNITION OF BEING SELECTED FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE ALL STAR CLASSIC TEAM

A certificate of recognition was presented to Omar Caro of Bassett High School.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO JOSE DIAZ OF LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL IN RECOGNITION OF BEING SELECTED FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE ALL STAR CLASSIC TEAM

A certificate of recognition was presented to Jose Diaz of La Puente High School.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. appeared to speak about his weight loss program, exercising, eating healthy, and his upcoming camping trip.

Judy Perez, Executive Vice President of Local Communication Workers of America Local 9400, spoke regarding High Speed Internet, gave a brief overview of their program and noted that she was available to answer questions.

P.J. Khangura, speaking on behalf of his father, stated that they are a Shell Oil Company dealer located on 1009 Hacienda Boulevard. He urged the Council to approve the Unclassified Use Permit and Development Plan Application for their site.

Hoss Farzad urged the Council to approve the Unclassified Use Permit and Development Plan Application for 1009 Hacienda Boulevard.

Larry Turner urged the Council to approve the Unclassified Use Permit and Development Plan Application for 1009 Hacienda Boulevard.

Sarah Magana Withers, speaking on behalf of the Charles Company, requested that the extension of the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the Charles Company be approved.

Ken Medeiros asked questions about development in the City and the Shell gas station.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2008 AND REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 25, 2008 and April 22, 2008; seconded by Mayor Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN ALTERNATING FRIDAY 9/80 SCHEDULE

Management Analyst Ayala presented the history of the 9/80 schedule and the impact the City might experience if City Hall were to remain open every Friday.

A discussion raised the following points: Research indicated that staying open five days a week would be difficult for employees to provide the same level of service and could result in overtime being paid. Cross training of staff is not always an option due to job classifications. Some members of the public don't like City Hall being closed on Fridays. A survey in 2006 showed that the public preferred City Hall being open longer hours over being open more days.

Council directed staff to conduct a survey of the public and report back.

With Council consensus Mayor Lujan moved forward CDC Item E-1.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL

At 8:33 p.m. Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council Meeting. At 9:29 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

With the consensus of the City Council, Item E-4 was moved forward for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-4 REQUEST TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FIVE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE SPEED MATTERS INITIATIVE (Requested by Mayor Lujan)

Judy Perez, representing Communication Workers Local 9400, gave an overview of the five key principles of high speed internet and asked Council to adopt the resolution supporting high speed internet.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Lujan moved to approve the sample resolution; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOULTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 04-4378 AND ADOPTING THE LA PUENTE PARK USER GUIDE

Recreation Director Bistarkey suggested that 60% was an appropriate percentage to determine residency of a youth sports league. He also clarified that it is okay for teams to warm up with a hard ball as long as they stay in the designated area.

Council Member Solis moved to approve: 1) a 60% resident requirement for the resident discount, 2) adopt Resolution No. 08-4708, rescinding Resolution No. 04-4378; and 3) approve the La Puente Park User Guide and adding a section to allow warming up with a hard ball only in designated areas; seconded by Council Member Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

C-3 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Council Member Solis moved to approve: 1) nomination of Council Member Solis as the alternate representative to serve on the Southern California Association of Governments; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 08-4709, appointing specific representatives to the Southern California Association of Governments; seconded by Mayor Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

C-4 CONSIDERATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO LA PUENTE RESIDENTS

Council Member Solis moved to approve the recommendation of the Education Commission and award 21 scholarships at $500 each for FY 2008-2009; seconded by Mayor Lujan. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

C-5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS OVERTURNING THE PLANNING COMMISSION/DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD'S DECISIONS TO APPROVE UUP-239/DPA-1048 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1009 HACIENDA BLVD.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that because he voted on this item as a Planning Commissioner, he would abstain from discussion and voting.

Council Member Solis moved to approve: 1) adopting Resolution No. 08-4710, overturning the Planning Commission's decision and denying Unclassified Use Permit No. 239; and 2) adopting Resolution No. 08-4711, overturning the Development Review Board's decision and denying Development Plan Application No. 1048; seconded by Mayor Lujan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: Storing. ABSTAIN: Holloway.

C-6 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO REVIEW EXISTING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Requested by Mayor Lujan and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway)

City Clerk Turner gave an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that part of the original intent was to restrict elected officials from serving on committees and to prevent a person from serving on more than

one committee at a time. City Clerk Turner responded that the summary already addresses the fact that a person cannot serve on more than one committee at a time. She suggested that a statement be added to the summary prohibiting an elected official from serving on any commission or committee. She also suggested that a section be added to Resolution No. 08-4713 affirming the fact that the Parks & Recreation Commission consists of five members.

Mayor Lujan moved to: 1) add a section to Resolution No. 08-4713 stating that the Parks & Recreation Commission shall consist of five members; 2) adopt Resolution No. 08-4713, changing the expiration dates of the Parks & Recreation Commission and Education Commission; and 3) direct staff to immediately begin a recruitment for the Parks & Recreation Commission and Education Commission with terms that would begin upon appointment and terminate on January 30, 2009; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

Mayor Lujan moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4712, rescinding Resolution No. 08-4428 and disbanding the Business Development Commission; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

A brief discussion brought Council to the consensus that the Education Commission shall attend local school board meetings and report back to the City Council.

Mayor Lujan moved to add the following requirement to the Education Commission duties: attend local school board meetings and report back to the City Council; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

C-7 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSION ON SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND SEWER RATE STUDY

Public Works Director Salas provided an overview of the staff report. Edmond Jones from Hilton Farnkopf & Hobson stated he was present to answer questions.

By consensus the City Council received the report with no added comments.

City Attorney Casso noted that the time was approaching 10:30 p.m. and suggested that the Council make a motion to continue the meeting beyond the designated stop time of 10:30 p.m. By unanimous consent it was agreed that the meeting would continue beyond 10:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Lujan moved to approve Consent Items D-1 through D-6 and Item D-8; seconded by Council Member Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1226 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4714.

D-2 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LEFT TURN SIGNAL INSTALLATION ON TEMPLE AVENUE AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE, ORANGE AVENUE AND SUNSET AVENUE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) approve the plans and specifications; and 2) authorize staff to solicit bids for the left turn signal installation project on Temple Avenue at California Avenue, Orange Avenue and Sunset Avenue.

D-3 AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF A FORD ESCAPE HYBRID TO PUENTE HILLS FORD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council: 1) Award the purchase of one (1) new 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid FWD to Puente Hills Ford for the total price of $28,205.05; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 08-4715, appropriating $2,500.00 from the AQMD fund to Line Item No. 42-4610-4484-70 for the purchase of one (1) new 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid FWD for the Public Works Director.

D-4 APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council: 1) authorize staff to submit an application to the State of California, Department of Education to participate in the 2008 Summer Food Service Program; and 2) authorize the Recreation Director to execute all Summer Food Service Program documents, including the attached agreement with Hacienda La Puente Unified School District.

D-5 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR LEAD AND ASBESTOS CONSULTING SERVICES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 07-877 for Community Development Block Grant program lead and asbestos consultant services with Global Environmental Training and Consulting for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

D-6 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR THE SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) adopt budget Resolution No. 08-4716, increasing the FY 2007-08 budget for the Senior Center Improvement Project from $105,310 to $216,389; and 2) award the contract for the roof replacement portion of the Senior Center Improvement Project to Best Contracting

Services in the amount of $88,537.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on its behalf.

D-8 ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION FOR THE HACIENDA BOULEVARD AND ELLIOTT INTERSECTION MODIFICATIONS AND NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT AMAR ROAD AND ELLIOTT AVENUE PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4717, approving the supplemental agreement with Caltrans for Hazard Elimination System funds.

D-7 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TEMPLE AVENUE TO AMAR ROAD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) approve the plans and specifications; and 2) authorize Staff to solicit bids for the Unruh Avenue Street Improvement Project Temple Avenue to Amar Road.

City Manager Cowley asked Sid Mousavi, City Engineer, to explain what the project entails.

City Engineer Mousavi gave a brief report noting that half of street is in Los Angeles County and other half in the City. In response to a question, City Engineer Mousavi reported that the project is funded through Prop 1B.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to: 1) approve the plans and specifications; and 2) authorize staff to solicit bids for the Unruh Avenue Street Improvement Project Temple Avenue to Amar Road; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF QUARTERLY CRIME REPORT PRESENTED BY LIEUTENANT BALTAZAR, INDUSTRY STATION

Lieutenant Sotelo introduced La Puente's new service area Lieutenant, James Baltazar.

Lieutenant Baltazar presented the first quarter 2008 crime statistics report.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE COMMUNITY CENTER LED SIGN

Recreation Director Bistarkey gave brief overview of the staff report.

Council agreed to change the name to the La Puente Community Complex.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A POLICY TO CONDUCT TOURS OF CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND LA PUENTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

City Manager Cowley reviewed the staff report noting that the wording on the policy would be changed from "Council Member Storing" to "Tour Guide" in order to reflect the position rather than the name.

Council Member Storing moved to approve Policy to conduct tours at City Hall Tours with changes as noted by City Manager Cowley; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

At 11:05 p.m. Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 11:24 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked to have the meeting adjourned in memory of Norman Taylor.

Council Member Solis thanked staff for their hard work and thanked his colleagues for the last two days of discussions.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway also asked to have the meeting adjourned in memory of Tom Grueter.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Attorney Casso noted that the Council would need to schedule AB1234 training by November and sexual harassment prevention training.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

CITY MANAGER

Mayor Lujan announced that due to the late hour, the closed session item would be moved to a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m. in memory of Tom Grueter and Norman Taylor.

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor