MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 10, 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 June 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, 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, Senior Management Assistant Ortega.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway.

PRESENTATIONS

Lieutenant Baltazar of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department presented the City with a framed collage of patches representing the activities provided for the children through the Youth Activity League.

PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FROM GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

City Manager Cowley announced that this is the first year La Puente has received this distinguished award and commended Finance Director Kim and Senior Accountant Leung for a job well done. Mayor Lujan presented the award to Finance Director Kim.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO GUSTAVO LOPEZ, CITY OF LA PUENTE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mayor Lujan recognized the May Employee of the Month, Gustavo Lopez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Omar Maloof, representing Bannaoun Engineers, stated that his company was the lowest bidder on the May 21st bid opening and expressed deep concern that the City will award the contract to a higher bidder. Mayor Lujan clarified that Mr. Maloof was referring to Item D-5. Assistant City Manager Yamachika explained that staff is recommending award of bid to Kormx, Inc. whose bid was higher than Bannaoun Engineers because federal guidelines require any bidder that has been certified as a Section 3 Business Concern receive a 7% advantage over bidders that have not been certified. Assistant City Manager Yamachika stated that confirmation had been received from the Los Angeles County CDC that Kormx, Inc. is a certified Section 3 Business Concern and that Bannaoun Engineers is not.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. appeared to speak about the value of an aerobic workout, an upcoming class he will be attending, and ways to be healthy.

Nancy Medeiros asked questions about the proposed budget.

Gil Duarte appeared to request permission to set up a booth at the July 3rd event to conduct a voter registration drive. He confirmed that it would be a non-partisan event and that all registrations would be submitted to the county. Council asked Mr. Duarte to work with staff on his request.

Arman Gabay of the Charles Company appeared to speak and agreed to hold his comments for the Community Development Commission meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF AUGUST 28, 2007; OCTOBER 9, 2007; OCTOBER 23, 2007; AND MAY 27, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2006.

Mayor Lujan moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 28, 2007, October 9, 2007, October 23, 2007, and May 27, 2008 and the Special Meeting of November 20, 2006; 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 Pro Tem Holloway and Council Member Mendoza abstained from voting on all minutes except May 27, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis moved to approve Consent Calendar items D-1 through D-6; 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.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1228 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4721, allowing certain claims and demands in the amount of $246,947.39 for the check register and the amount of $576,561.58 for the direct payables register for a total amount of $823,058.97.

D-2 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF USED OIL BLOCK GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4722, authorizing the submittal of the City's application for the 14th Cycle Used Oil Block Grant.

D-3 APPROVAL OF CITY/COUNTY PAYMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to complete and submit the City's application for Fiscal Year 2008-09 City/County Payment Program in support of beverage container recycling.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT LA PUENTE PARK

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council accept the new playground equipment at La Puente Park as complete and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion and release of payment to Landscape Structures.

D-5 BID AWARD FOR THE HANDICAPPED RAMPS AND SIDEWALKS - GROUP 2 (CDBG # 601096-07)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council 1) award the contract to Kormx, Inc. in the amount of $333,653.00 and, 2) authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount if necessary.

D-6 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON TEMPLE AVE AT SUNKIST AVENUE PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council 1) award the contract to C T & F Inc. in the amount of $166,908.00 and 2) authorize City Manager to approve change orders in the amount not to exceed 10% of the bid amount.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A REVISED RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR RETIREE ELIGIBILITY OF CONTINUED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

City Manager Cowley reviewed the staff report and confirmed that a surviving spouse of a retired employee would continue to receive medical benefits. She also noted that adoption of this resolution would reduce funding liability in the future due to GASB 45 funding requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4723, rescinding Resolution No. 07-4671 and establishing a health benefit vesting requirement for future retirees under Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. 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 7:55 p.m. Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting at 9:22.

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

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council will be adjourning to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 for a Public Employee Evaluation of the City Manager.

Mayor Lujan reconvened the City Council Meeting at 10:15 p.m. City Attorney Casso reported that during closed session no action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Council Member Solis reported on the Contract Cities Annual Municipal Seminar he attended in Palm Springs.

Council Member Storing reported on the same conference.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Mendoza expressed concern about vacant homes and mosquito problems associated with abandoned swimming pools. She asked staff to place an article in the next Spotlight asking the community to report problems associated with vacant homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced that an earthquake presentation will be presented at the next Council Meeting; the approaching SCAG district meeting; and the upcoming gang summit.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of June, 2008

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor