MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
June 24, 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 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present:	Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan.
Council Members absent:	Solis (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
Staff Members present:	City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, Deputy Attorney Archuleta, City Clerk Turner, Finance Director Kim, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, City Planner Arreola, Management Analyst Ayala, Deputy City Clerk Giron, Grants & Housing Coordinator Beckman, Senior Management Assistant Ortega, and City Clerk Assistant Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mendoza.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

The proclamation was read and presented to the Parks & Recreation Department.

PRESENTATION BY MARK BENTHIEN OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE CENTER

Mark Benthien of the Southern California Earthquake Center introduced himself and spoke about earthquake awareness. He notified Council of the upcoming event, "The Great Shake Out" that will be held on November 13, 2008.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. spoke about a recent speech he made, a homeless outreach program he is involved in, and the problems with a local bar.

Gil Duarte updated Council on his recent request to conduct a voter registration drive at the 3rd of July event. City Attorney Casso noted that it is not legally permissible for the Democratic Party to set up a booth, but welcomed them to walk around with clipboards to register voters.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AND JUNE 10, 2008 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2008.

Mayor Lujan moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 27, 2007 and June 10, 2008 and the Special Meeting of January 24, 2008; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. 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 the November 27, 2007 minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CDBG SLURRY SEAL PROJECT

Grants and Housing Coordinator Beckman provided a brief staff report.

Mayor Lujan opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4724, reapproving the CDBG funded Slurry Seal Project for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

B-2 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 08-01 - DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Yamachika asked Council to open the Public Hearing and continue it to July 8, 2008, to allow staff time to address a request from the State of California to clarify certain aspects of the Housing Element.

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Lujan opened the public hearing and continued it to July 8, 2008.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF THE 9/80 POLICY CITY SURVEY RESULTS

Management Analyst Ayala provided Council with an overview of this project.

City Manager Cowley noted that Friday's traffic is slower than other days of the week.

Ms. Ayala explained how the surveys were collected, the questions on the survey, and the number of surveys received noting that most people use City Hall for bus passes, business licenses, passport services, and housing services.

In response to a question, Ms. Ayala noted that the survey was advertised on the City's website and in the June Spotlight Newsletter. City Manager Cowley added that people who came into City Hall were also offered the survey.

Ms. Cowley informed Council that a decrease in the total kilowatt usage at City Hall has been observed since the City adopted the 9/80 schedule. She noted that now more cities are going to a 4/10 schedule due to rising gasoline costs.

Ms. Ayala confirmed that the majority of the cities who have a flex schedule, do so due to AQMD goals. Other cities reported that when they first changed their schedule they initially received criticism, but once alternative schedules were implemented, they were well received.

Council Member Mendoza moved to keep the current operating schedule, changing open Friday hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: Storing, and Holloway.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis moved to approve Consent Items D-1 through D-9; 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. 1229 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4726.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4727, approving the City's Annual Budget and Appropriation Limit for fiscal year 2008-2009.

D-3 APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Statement of Investment Policy.

D-4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SPIN-OFF AND INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING OF TIME WARNER CABLE, INC.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4728, approving the spin-off and internal restructuring of Time Warner Cable Inc.

D-5 APPROVAL OF 10 YEAR PHASE-IN VALUATION REPORT TO FACILITATE THE FUNDING OF OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council approve (1) a 10 year phase-in funding plan to pre-fund the City's Other Post Employment Benefit costs and (2) authorize the establishment of a California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) fund with CalPERS and (3) direct staff to bring (i) a resolution approving a trust agreement with the CalPERS to provide retiree benefits trust services and (ii) a resolution regarding delegation of authority to request disbursement, and (iii) all related documents to facilitate the fund, investment management and administration of Other Post Employment Benefits for approval at a future Council Meeting.

D-6 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2007-08

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program Summary report and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-7 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT FOR CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM REUSE ACCOUNT AND ROUND 2

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the CalHome Housing Program Summary report and authorize that it be filed for audit.

D-8 CONSIDER 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 Resolution No. 08-4729, rescinding Resolution No. 07-4662 and amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the authorized positions and monthly salary ranges.

D-9 BID AWARD FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TEMPLE AVENUE TO AMAR ROAD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) award the contract to Sully-Miller Contracting, Co. in the amount of $243,344.63; and 2) authorize the City

Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount and authorize staff to reduce the scope of the work to meet the budget requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A brief staff report was given by City Clerk Turner.

Upon Council consensus, staff was directed to schedule interviews for July 8, 2008 before the regular meeting.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Assistant City Manager Yamachika presented the staff report noting that all other cities who provide social assistance use CDBG funds rather than General fund monies and that many of the organizations who apply for assistance from La Puente serve regional areas that go beyond the limits of the City.

Mr. Yamachika noted that if the assistance to the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is significantly reduced or dropped, a modification to the Housing Element would need to be made; he recommended that the entire $10,000 be given to homeless.

City Manager Cowley stated that several years ago the City adopted a policy requiring organizations who received assistance to report on a quarterly basis.

City Attorney Casso recommended that if Council chose to award the money, a formal motion should be made.

Mr. Yamachika stated that one other request was received from the First Methodist Church for their after school homework program. He noted that these services are duplicated by the school district and will also be provided by the City once the Community Center is completed.

It was noted that the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is a unique program that is not offered by any other entity in the area. Mr. Yamachika stated that the homeless coalition has been filing their required quarterly reports.

City Attorney Casso suggested that the criteria be adopted, regardless of who the money is awarded to, in order to ensure that the money used is for a public purpose.

Mayor Lujan moved to approve the criteria to use when considering financial assistance for social service organizations and to award $10,000 to the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless; seconded by Council Member Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

RECESS

Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council meeting at 8:40 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced that Carol Herrera of Diamond Bar won the elected seat on the SCAG Board. He also commented on the Jack Phillips award presentation at the COG meeting.

Council Member Mendoza noted her attendance at Assemblymember Hernandez' Transportation Congestion Reduction Caucus.

Mayor Lujan asked for two Members of the Council to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee with City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika and Finance Director Kim to research and review potential future revenue sources for the City. Council Members Solis and Storing volunteered. Upon consensus of the Council the two members were appointed.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Cowley announced the annual Fireworks show on Thursday, July 3rd beginning at 5 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would recess to closed session for a public employee performance evaluation.

At 8:48 p.m. Mayor Lujan recessed the Council to closed session.

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

CITY MANAGER

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

City Attorney Casso announced that on item F-2 the City Council took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of July, 2008

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor