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MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 9, 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, Lujan
Council Members Absent: Solis (arrived at 7:14 p.m.)

Staff Present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, Deputy City Attorney Archuleta, City Clerk Turner, Public Works Director Salas, City Planner Arreola, Recreation Director Bistarkey, City Clerk Assistant Garcia, Management Analyst, Management Analyst Ortega

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Management Analyst Ortega gave a brief presentation on emergency preparedness. She announced that the City will be participating in the 2008 Golden Guardian Exercise. The drill will take place at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2008.

Council presented Mrs. Ortega with the proclamation.

CERTIFICATES OF AWARD TO PUENTE PRIDE AWARD WINNERS: Anthony & Aidee Franco, Salvador & Ana Herrera, Myron & Donna Stevenson

Mayor Lujan invited the Puente Pride Committee Members Lois Maben and Julia Cortez to stand to be acknowledged for their work.

Council presented the Puente Pride Award Certificates Myron & Donna Stevenson. Mayor Lujan noted that the certificates would be mailed to Anthony & Aidee Franco and Salvador & Ana Herrera.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Storing read a statement to clarify her vote on the municipal medical marijuana ordinance considered on August 12, 2008. Ms. Storing indicated that she inadvertently voted against the ordinance that would have regulated where medical marijuana dispensaries could operate in the City. When she realized that she had made a mistake on her vote it was too late to reconsider her vote. Council Member Storing requested that the record reflect that she is opposed to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries to locate within the City of La Puente and that her vote on August 12th was inadvertently cast in opposition to the ordinance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE:

a. REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2008
b. SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Council Member Solis moved to waive reading of the minutes and approve as presented; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

Council Member Storing abstained from voting on the minutes for the Special Meeting of September 2, 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested that Consent Calendar Item D-2 be pulled for individual consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-3, and D-4; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1234 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007-08 and 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4748 allowing certain claims, demands and direct payables in the amount of $272,154.63.

D-3 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM ON GLENDORA AVENUE BETWEEN HACIENDA BOULEVARD AND NELSON AVENUE

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) accept the Sewer System on Glendora Avenue between Hacienda Boulevard and Nelson Avenue Project as complete; and 2) authorize the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858(D) PERTAINING TO MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the written report describing the measures taken to alleviate the conditions which led to the adoption and extension of Ordinance No. 07-867.

D-2 APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR THE ANNUAL CITYWIDE CALENDAR AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH QUEEN BEACH PRINTERS, INC.

Recreation Director Bistarkey gave an overview of the staff report.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to: 1) award the bid to Queen Beach Printers, Inc.; and 2) authorize the City Manager to sign the Service Agreement on behalf of the City; 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 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PARKING PENALTIES FOR FREQUENTLY VIOLATED CODE SECTIONS

Assistant City Manager Yamachika provided an overview to the staff report.

A discussion ensued regarding the rationale used to determine the average violation fee in surrounding cities and why the fee has been lowered for parking large vehicles.

Consensus was obtained to direct staff to recalculate fees by expanding the radius of cities, eliminating the City of La Puente from the calculation and eliminating the high and low figures.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Cowley reported that on August 27th Professional Contracts Ad Hoc Committee met and noted that Management Partners will be sending a revised report evaluating city contracts to the City Manager that will be reviewed by the Department Heads. Once that review is completed Management Partners will make final revisions and present the report with their findings to Council for approval. It is anticipated that the report will be presented at the first Council meeting in October.

Mayor Lujan suggested appointing an Ad Hoc Committee for the process to hire a new City Manager. He suggested that he would like the committee to: 1) propose criteria for qualities and characteristics for City Manager role and 2) propose a framework of questions to ask of the consulting firm and City Manager candidates. Mayor Lujan asked that he and Councilmember Solis be appointed to the committee. There were no objections from Council.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Lujan reconvened the City Council meeting.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Archuleta announced that the City Council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to discuss Public Employment for the position of City Manager.

Mayor Lujan recessed the meeting to closed session at 7:51 p.m.

F-3 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

CITY MANAGER

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:12 p.m.

At 9:12 p.m. Deputy City Attorney Archuleta announced that City Council recessed to closed session regarding Item No. F-3. Direction was given to legal counsel. There was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor