MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Mendoza, Storing, Holloway and Lujan
Members absent:	Solis. (Solis arrived at 7:17 p.m.)
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 Planner Arreola, Deputy City Clerk Giron, City Clerk Assistant Garcia, and Management Analyst Ayala.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY JILL DOLAN REPRESENTING FRIENDS OF MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE REGARDING MEASURE RR (RETROFIT OF MT. SAC)

Jill Dolan, President Manuel Baca and student Win Win Wang explained Mt. Sac's Measure RR that will appear on the ballot in November and asked for Council's endorsement.

PRESENTATION BY SYLVIA JUAREZ OF SOUTHERN CAL ALUMNI COALITION AND WENDY DURAN-ALLI OF THE LA PUENTE GEARUP PROGRAM, REGARDING UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA APPLICATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 26, 2008 FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Sylvia Juarez and Wendy Duran-Alli explained their program and asked for volunteers to help read the student's personal statements.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO ADRIAN GARCIA CITY OF LA PUENTE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Council presented Adrian Garcia with the Employee of the Month certificate of recognition.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Junior shared the places he has recently given speaches, talked about the food pyramid, awards he will soon receive, and classes he is planning to take.

Marty Paz expressed appreciation for City Manager Cowley, stated that the next City Manager should be required to live in the City, shared that other cities have community centers that can be rented to the public and alcohol is allowed to be served, and asked that the same policy be allowed for La Puente's Community Center.

In response to a question, City Attorney Casso stated that the City cannot require City Manager applicants to live in the City but an incentive could be offered if they were to move to La Puente.

Fred Velasquez expressed concern over apparent code violations.

Staff was directed to look into the apparent code enforcement issues brought forth by Mr. Velasquez.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Council Member Solis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 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 stated that he would like to see more discussion placed in the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE PARKING PENALTIES FOR FREQUENTLY VIOLATED CODE SECTIONS

Assistant City Manager Yamachika gave an overview of the staff report.

A discussion ensued about overweight vehicles and whether the fee should be reduced. City Attorney Casso noted that the resolution could be revised by deleting the last sentence of Section 1 of the Resolution.

Council Member Solis moved to delete the last sentence of Section 1 and adopt Resolution No. 08-4749 amending the Parking Violation Penalty Schedule to increase the violation amounts of selected violation sections; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Requests were made to pull Consent Calendar Items D-3, D-7, and D-8.

Council Member Solis moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1 through D-2 and D-4 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1235 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4750.

D-2 APPROVE PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF FAMILY DAY - A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN (mailed to CASA Family Day on September 10, 2008)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the proclamation for Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children that was mailed to CASA Family Day on September 10, 2008.

D-4 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM FY 2008-09

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

D-5 APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT FOR CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ROUND 4 FUNDS

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-6 APPROVAL OF NEW PARTICIPANT(S) FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (D97301-08) - FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended by the Screening Committee that the City Council approve the allocations and authorize the Assistant City Manager to execute the necessary documents to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of $12,000.

D-3 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS, DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 06-4584 AND 06-4585

In response to a question raised about the inclusion of travel payment as part of income, City Clerk Turner explained that the wording was added per the request of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). Any travel benefits received are required to be reported under income. She further clarified that travel income does not include travel received from the City.

Upon request from Council, City Clerk Turner noted that she would periodically send any FPPC updates to the Council.

Mayor Lujan moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4751, rescinding Resolution numbers 06-4584 and 06-4585 and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of La Puente; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

D-7 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

City Manager Cowley provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Lujan moved to: 1) approve the appropriation adjustments in the amount of $231,930 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, and 2) accept the department-to-department appropriation adjustments made by the City Manager; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: None.

D-8 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ZONES 6 AND 7 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT (CDBG NO. 601133-08)

Assistant City Manager Yamachika gave a brief overview of the staff report.

In response to a question, Assistant City Manager Yamachika explained that it takes 4-6 weeks to receive approval of additional funds and that if Prop 42 funds were received, they would not be utilized until after the rainy season.

City Engineer Mousavi confirmed that before beginning the slurry seal project he would ensure that no sewer work or Verizon installations were scheduled for the area.
Mayor Lujan moved to 1) award the contract to Pavement Coatings in the amount of $274,087.70 and 2) authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount; 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.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.04.020 AND 3.68.026 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DRINKING IN PUBLIC PLACES AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

Recreation Services Director Bistarkey provided an overview of the staff report.

A discussion ensued regarding rental fees, liability insurance, screening of rental applicants, whether alcohol should be allowed to be served in the Community Center and Youth Learning Activity Center, how security will be handled and whether deposits would be collected.

Upon consensus of the City Council, staff was directed to bring back the item and include the City of Walnut's policy.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO APPOINT A "TRANSITION MANAGER" TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE HIRING OF A FULL TIME CITY MANAGER (Requested by Mayor Lujan)

Mayor Lujan noted that he requested this item to ensure the smooth transition to hiring a full-time City Manager.

Mayor Lujan moved to authorize the City Attorney to enter contract negotiations with Frank Tripepi of Willdan Financial Services to serve as Transition Manager; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Solis, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: Storing.

E-3 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANT, FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009

Public Works Director Salas provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Jeff Duhamel from Waste Systems Technology, Inc. representing the City of Industry answered questions regarding the program.

Council Member Solis moved to approve Resolution No. 08-4752 authorizing the City of Industry to submit a regional application for the Local Government Household Hazardous Waste Grant, Fiscal Year 2008/2009, on behalf of the City of La Puente; 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.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Council Member Solis reported on the ICSC conference and noted that brochures he received were forwarded to Assistant City Manager Yamachika.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL

At 8:48 p.m. Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council Meeting.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lujan reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would recess to closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 to consider Public Employment of the City Manager.

Mayor Lujan recessed the meeting to closed session at 8:51 p.m.

F-2 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 9:53 p.m.

City Attorney Casso announced as to item F-2 there was no reportable action.

Council Member Storing asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of former City of La Puente employee Julian Bautista who recently passed away.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of October, 2008

Amy M. Turner

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor