MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 14, 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 October 14, 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, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. (Council Member Solis left at 8:57 p.m.).
Staff Members present:	Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Turner, Finance Director Kim, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, and City Clerk Assistant Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY MARK TZENG AND JAY GOTLIEB OF "KNOW YOUR MORTGAGE RIGHTS" REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSUMER EDUCATION WORKSHOP FOR PREVENTING FORECLOSURE

Mark Tzeng of Know your Mortgage Rights reviewed the free consumer education program his organization would like to provide to the community and asked for Council to provide a facility. Staff was directed to check the program with Congresswoman Napolitano's office and to work with the Know Your Mortgage Rights Group.

Lieutenant Wolak announced that Captain Mike Smith has been transferred to another location and introduced the new Captain, Mike Klaus.

Captain Mike Klaus thanked the City for the opportunity to serve the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Rose Jr. appeared to speak about the upcoming Main Street Run, awards he has received and the upcoming elections.

Frank Sanchez of Francisco's Halloween Shop reported on the recent business mixer and the local business's perception of a need for better relations between the businesses and the City. He also requested that the City consider moving future Christmas tree lighting ceremonies to Fridays or Saturdays.

Staff was directed to meet with Mr. Sanchez and report back to Council.

Rosie Fabian, representing the League of Women Voters, gave notification of an upcoming Pros and Cons program in La Puente.

Marty Paz expressed concern about lights being left on overnight at the Community Center and questioned why a fence was being installed at the Community Center.

Assistant City Manager Yamachika reported that the fence is being installed for the safety of the children who will be attending the Youth Learning Activity Center. He also reported that the Community Center was recently vandalized and security is now at the facility throughout the night.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 07-4603 ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS AND USE OF CITY FACILITIES

Mayor Lujan opened the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the Public Hearing was continued to October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

B-2 ZONE CHANGE NO. 329 - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM R-1 TO R-3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14426 BECKNER STREET

Assistant City Manager Yamachika gave a staff overview.

(Council Member Solis left the Council Chamber at 7:57 p.m.)

Mayor Lujan opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. There being no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

It was clarified that approving the zone change is not the same as approving the project. Assistant City Manager Yamachika noted that the first workshop for the zoning code update will be held on October 18th.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to read Ordinance No. 08-877 by title only and waive further reading; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSENT: Solis.

Assistant City Manager Yamachika read the ordinance by title only:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-877

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10.12, TITLE 10 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14426 BECKNER STREET FROM R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) - ZONE CHANGE NO. 329.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to introduce Ordinance No. 08-877 approving Zone Change 329 for subsequent adoption; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSENT: Solis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING THE SERVING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER

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

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of using Sheriff Department Deputies over security guards and the fees for this service. It was noted that if no alcohol was being served there would be no need to have a Deputy present.

Staff was directed to bring back the item after studying noise issues, parking issues, traffic control and the cost and ratios of using Sheriff Department Deputies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A request was made to pull Consent Calendar Item D-6.

Mayor Lujan moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5 and D-7; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSENT: Solis.

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1236 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt **Resolution No. 08-4754**

D-2 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDED JULY 31, 2008

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's/Financial Report for the month ended July 31, 2008.

D-3 APPROVAL OF 10-YEAR PHASE-IN VALUATION REPORT TO FACILITATE THE FUNDING OF OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve: 1) a 10-year phase-in funding plan to pre-fund the City's Other Post Employment Benefit costs; 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 CalPERS to provide retiree benefit trust services and delegation of authority to request disbursement, and (ii) all related documents and agreements to facilitate the funding, investment management, and administration of Other Post Employment Benefits for approval at the October 28, 2008 meeting.

D-4 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-5 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, THE SENIOR CENTER, AND COMMUNITY CENTER/YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council authorize staff to solicit bids for custodial services for City Hall, Senior Center, and Community Center/Youth Learning Activity Center and designate Monday, November 10, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. as the deadline for submitting bids.

D-7 AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR CURB ADDRESS NUMBER PAINTING SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) award the proposal for city-wide curb address number painting services to Canning Hunger in conjunction with First United Methodist Church of La Puente; and 2) authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

D-6 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

City Engineer Mousavi, in response to a question as to why the striping is not completed after the slurry seal, responded that slurry sealing is completed on a seven year cycle while restriping should be completed on an annual basis. He reported that the annual striping program began in 2002-2003 but in recent years it has only been done on an as-needed basis by the County.

With Council consensus, staff was directed to bring the item back with the actual striping costs over the past five years.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE R ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT - LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORATION AUTHORITY ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX INCREASE (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway)

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway explained why the Council of Governments (COG) opposes the measure noting that the distribution of funds has not been equitable throughout the county.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Resolution No. 08-4755 opposing measure R; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Storing. ABSENT: Solis.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATELY FINANCED STADIUM IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY (Requested by Mayor Lujan and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway)

Mayor Lujan reported he had environmental concerns about building a stadium but noted that he felt his concerns had been addressed in the Environmental Impact Report.

Mayor Lujan moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-4756 in support of a NFL Stadium in the City of Industry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Storing. ABSENT: Solis.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE RR FOR MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE DISTRICT ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT

Mayor Lujan moved to approve Resolution No. 08-4653 in support of Measure RR; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None. ABSENT: Solis.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Mayor Lujan reported on the League of California Cities Conference held in Long Beach and announced that the League is looking for committee members for several key committees.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked to have a report about the City's investment portfolio strategies placed on a future agenda.

Mayor Lujan reported he had received several phone calls regarding Sheriff Deputies talking on their cell phones while driving. Council Member Mendoza noted that she received the same complaints from residents about same issue. Sergeant Wolak noted that the Sheriff's Department policy is the same as the law and stated he would provide a copy of the policy to City staff and inform the new Captain about the complaints received.

Council Member Mendoza commended staff and for the quick response to graffiti reports.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Attorney Casso noted that ethics training will soon be conducted for AB1234 compliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that he and Council Member Mendoza also need sexual harassment prevention training.

Assistant City Manager Yamachika announced the upcoming Main Street Run.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor