MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 25, 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 November 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present:	Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan.
Staff Members present:	Transition Manager Tripepi, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Turner, Finance Director Kim, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, City Clerk Assistant Garcia, Management Analyst Ayala, Senior Management Assistant Ortega, and Senior Management Assistant Birney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Storing.

PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SALAS REGARDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE

Public Works Director Salas presented an overview of the ShakeOut earthquake drill and table top exercise conducted by the City of La Puente staff on November 13, 2008.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Mayor Lujan discussed changes in the City over the course of the last year and noted that due to changes in the economy, the City will need to be fiscally conservative and that stability in leadership is needed.

Mayor Lujan yielded the gavel to City Clerk Turner who opened the floor for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Mayor Lujan nominated himself. There being no other nominations received, City Clerk Turner closed the nominations and announced that Mayor Lujan would serve another term as Mayor.

Mayor Lujan opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Mendoza nominated Council Member Holloway. Council Member Storing nominated herself. Council Member Solis nominated himself.

There being no other nominations, Mayor Lujan closed the nominations for office of Mayor Pro Tem. Paper ballots were distributed to the Council.

City Clerk Turner read the ballots as follows: Council Member Solis voted for Solis. Council Member Storing voted for Storing, Mayor Lujan voted for Holloway, Council Member Holloway voted for Holloway, and Council Member Mendoza for Holloway. City Clerk Turner announced that with three votes, Council Member Holloway would serve another term as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that he is pleased to serve a second term as Mayor Pro Tem and looked forward to serving another year with Mayor Lujan.

RECESS

Mayor Lujan recessed the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Lujan reiterated that this year will be a difficult one and knows staff has been working hard for midyear budget review. He noted that with the tough times ahead, sacrifice is not an option but a necessity for the City. He thanked staff for their hard work on the budget.

Transition Manager Tripepi announced that City Clerk Turner had received the designation of Master Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Community Center, presented Council with Christmas cards, and spoke about upcoming programs at New Hope Church.

Frank Sanchez congratulated the community on the opening of the Community Center, spoke about the Boys Club, noted that his business is down, asked the City to continue to work with local businesses, asked for business licenses to be streamlined, and spoke of the upcoming Holiday parade.

Henry Nodal was called to speak, but was not present.

You Fu Li spoke about Tai Chi and an upcoming cultural performance in Pasadena.

Ken Medeiros spoke about the design of the Community Center, the differences in custodial contract bids, problems in the economy, and the recent earthquake drill.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Mayor Lujan moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of November 17, 2008; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.40.241 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO REQUESTS TO DESIGNATE SPECIFIC STREET CURBSIDE PARKING AREAS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF DISABLED PERSONS (Introduced October 28, 2008)

Council Member Storing moved to: 1) adopt Ordinance No. 08-879, amending Section 6.40.241 of Chapter 6.40 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Title 6 (Vehicle and Traffic) of the La Puente Municipal Code pertaining to requests to designate on-street parking spaces for disabled persons; and 2) adopt Resolution No. 08-4766 establishing guidelines and fees for processing requests to designate on-street parking spaces for disabled persons; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Storing moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through 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. 1239 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4764 approving Warrant Register 1239.

D-2 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-3 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-4 APPROVAL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2008/09 BUDGET FOR NETWORK CONNECTION SERVICES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 08-4765 amending the FY 2008-09 budget to complete the installation of fiber optic cable at the Community Center and Youth Learning Activity Center.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ELIMINATING THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

Transition Manager Tripepi gave an overview of the staff report.

Following a brief discussion, Council determined that after this year, staff should choose between the Christmas party or gift cards.

Council Member Solis moved to not eliminate the annual employee holiday gift cards; 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.

E-2 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, SENIOR CENTER, AND COMMUNITY CENTER/YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER

Public Works Director Salas gave an overview of the staff report noting that the current contract expired in June and with the opening of the Community Center, new bids were needed.

Mayor Lujan moved to award the custodial service contract to United Maintenance Systems in the amount of $35,520.00 per year and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Recreation Services Director Bistarkey extended an invitation to the Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. in memory of Carmen and Lucy Cavezza and Connie Acuna.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2008

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor