MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 27, 2009

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 January 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, City Planner Arreolla, Community Preservation Supervisor Blakely, Senior Management Assistant Ortega, Grants & Housing Coordinator Beckman, Deputy City Clerk Giron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF AWARD TO PUENTE PRIDE AWARD WINNERS: THEO AND FLEECE THORNTON; DANIEL AND ALMA CORONA; AND ISRAEL AND ISABEL GONZALES

Mayor Lujan read and presented the certificates to Daniel and Alma Corona and Theo Thornton.

Mayor Lujan acknowledged Puente Pride Committee Members: Louis Maben, Deborah Pringle, Julia Cortez, Liz Acosta, Pat Nodal, and Roger Clark.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about Christian cartoons, the televised meeting of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and read a letter he wrote to the Board of Supervisors.

Rolando Inestroza spoke about a variance application fee that he is unable to pay due to financial hardship. He asked if the application fee could be waived. City Planner Arreolla provided status of Mr. Inestroza's case indicating that it has been open for one year regarding the height of the fence. He noted that a variance application has not been submitted. Mayor Lujan advised Mr. Inestroza that staff will present other options, if any exist.

Ellis Lewis introduced himself as pastor of the La Puente Church of Christ and invited city officals and community members to attend their Cultural Exchange Program featuring the African American culture on February 15th at 3:00 p.m. and provided flyers for the event.

Barnesa Chatterfield introduced herself as a postal worker and the union representative for the American Postal Workers Union, California Area Local 4634. She the potential closure of the Industry distribution center and asked for Council to write a letter or support to keep the distribution center open.

Edward Van Asch spoke about a denial of a building permit for an addition on his property. In response City Planner Arreolla explained the discrepancy is that the wall was not constructed on the property line and it encroached on city property on the street side. Transition Manager Tripepi advised that staff would work with the property owner and look at options. Staff will prepare a report for Council consideration.

RECESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mayor Lujan recessed the Community Development Commission at 7:34. p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:

a. REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2008
b. SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2008
c. SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Council Member Solis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2008, and Special Meetings of December 13, 2008 and December 16, 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

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ABANDONED RESIDENCES (adjourned from January 13, 2009)

Transition Manager Tripepi provided a brief overview of the Ordinance No. 08-878. Mr. Tripepi also informed Council that the registration fee of $100 will only cover the registration of an abandoned house.

Community Preservation Supervisor Blakely provided an overview of the staff report noting that abandoned properties would be identified through field observations and look up foreclosed properties through a data base.

Mayor Lujan opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Karen Dahlitz reported graffiti on an abandoned property that has not been addressed. A discussion ensued about the graffiti abatement process. It was determined that the City's graffiti crew will follow up on the graffiti.

Leonard Rose Jr. talked about graffiti in the alley behind his house.

Mayor Lujan closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4771 to implement the $100.00 registration fee for Abandoned and Distressed Properties; 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.

B-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 (adjourned from January 13, 2009)

Assistant City Manager Yamachika provided an overview of the staff report and allocations for Community Development Block Grant projects.

Mayor Lujan opened public hearing at 7:49 p.m. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Lujan closed the public hearing.

Following brief discussion, Council Member Solis moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4772 authorizing the City's CDBG Program for Fiscal Year 2009-2010, reflecting the projects and associated budgets determined by the City Council; 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lujan announced Item C-1 will be switched with Consent Calendar Item D-8.

D-8 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

City Engineer Mousavi provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to: 1) approve the current plans and specifications for the Citywide Traffic Striping and Markings Project; 2) authorized staff to solicit bids for this project; and 3) approve the proposed schedule to include Citywide striping based on the priority of arterial streets every year, collector streets every other year, and other streets once every three years; 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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Consent Items D-1 through D-7 and Item C-1; 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. 1242 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 09-4773.

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

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

D-3 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2008

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's/Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 2008.

D-4 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

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

D-5 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-6 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-7 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE USED OIL BLOCK GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 09-4774 authorizing the Assistant City Manager to submit the City's application and agreement for the 14th Cycle of the Used Oil Recycling Grant Program.

C-1 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED CURB RAMPS

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council: 1) approve the current plans and specifications for the removal of sidewalk and installation of Curb Ramps; and 2) authorize staff to solicit bids for this project.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Turner provided a brief overview of the staff report. She advised Council that she received phone calls from Jennifer Gonzalez and Veronica Juarquin who are both incumbents on the Parks and Recreation Commission and would like to be considered for reappointment. For the Puente Pride Committee, Elizabeth Acosta would also like to be considered for reappointment to the Committee.

Council Member Mendoza moved to reappoint the incumbents to the Planning Commission. Council Member Mendoza withdrew her motion because the procedure for Planning Commission appointment is by Council's individual vote.

City Council Members voted for three (3) persons to fill the full two-year terms of the Planning Commission. Deputy City Clerk Giron read the vote tallies. Council Member Solis voted for Henry Hernandez, Charles Klinakis, and Raul Landino; Council Member Storing voted for Henry Hernandez, Raul Landino, and Antonio Perea; Council Member Mendoza voted for Henry Hernandez, Charles Klinakis, and Raul Landino, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway voted for Henry Hernandez, Charles Klinakis, and Raul Landino, Mayor Lujan voted for Henry Hernandez, Charles Klinakis, and Raul Landino.

City Clerk Turner announced the three (3) incumbent Planning Commissioners were reappointed.

Mayor Lujan moved to reappoint the five incumbents to the Parks and Recreation Commission; seconded by Council Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

The City Council appointed Puente Pride Committee Members as follows: Council Member Solis appointed Julia Cortez; Council Member Storing appointed Lois Maben; Mayor Lujan appointed Luis Acosta; Mayor Pro Tem Holloway appointed Pat Nodal; and Council Member Mendoza appointed Roger Clark.

Council Member Solis moved to appoint Deborah Pringle as the at large Committee Member; 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.

The City Council appointed the Education Committee Members as follows: Council Member Mendoza appointed Gil Anthony Duarte; Mayor Pro Tem Holloway appointed Ronald Berdogo; Mayor Lujan appointed Evelyn Herrera; Council Member Storing appointed Roberta Cooper; and Council Member Solis appointed Carol Cortez.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE LA PUENTE YOUTH COALITION FOR THE USE OF LA PUENTE PARK FOR A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL AND WAIVER OF FEES

Recreation Director Bistarkey gave an overview of the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of extended hours and fiscal impact of the carnival event noting that in the past the City has absorbed the costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to extend the hours on Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Solis.

Discussion ensued regarding curfew hours, City Attorney Casso clarified that curfew is 10:00 p.m. for any minor unless accompanied by a custodial parent. City Attorney Casso indicated that this event is a family affair and typically minors are accompanied by a parent. He also noted that there will be law enforcement present.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: Storing.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.12.030 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE ("LPMC") TO INCLUDE ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE LPMC

Community Preservation Supervisor Blakely provided an overview of the staff report.

Mayor Lujan moved to waive first reading of Ordinance No. 09-880 and read by title only; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: Solis.

Transition Manager Tripepi read Ordinance No. 09-880 by title:

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AMENDING SECTION 1.12.030 OF TITLE 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

Mayor Lujan moved to introduce Ordinance No. 09-880 Amending Section 1.12.030 of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the La Puente Municipal Code Relating to the Scope of Administrative Citations; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: Solis.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT FUNDING APPLICATION UNDER THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Senior Management Assistant Ortega provided a brief overview of the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Resolution No. 09-4775 supporting federal funding and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests as specified in the grant application under the Office of Traffic Safety; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND RECONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mayor Lujan recessed the City Council Meeting and convened the Community Development Commission Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lujan reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:38 p.m.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway reported on his attendance at the Contract Cities Conference.

Council Member Solis reported his attendance at the Contract City Conference.

Mayor Lujan attended the California League of Cities conference and provided an oral report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Mendoza announced that La Puente High School will host a financial aid workshop on Saturday, January 31st. The workshop will be hosted by the CalPoly Pomona Gear Up Program and is a free service. She will provide flyers to City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced that Mt. San Antonio College will have a cash for college seminar on Saturday, February 7th.

Council Member Solis announced that the La Puente Girl's Softball Team will play in the World Series in Nevada.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lujan recessed to closed session at 8:44 p.m.

City Attorney Casso announced that City Council will recess to close session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to conference with Legal Counsel regarding one anticipated litigation case.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION BEING HELD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b) - TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION ONE CASE

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lujan reconvened to open session at 9:22 p.m.

City Attorney Casso announced City Council recessed to closed session regarding Item F-1, there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor