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MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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, and Deputy City Clerk Giron.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO ADRIANA DOMINGUEZ - CITY OF LA PUENTE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Council presented Adriana Dominguez with the February 2009 Employee of the Month certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO BRANDON PEREZ - COMPLETION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT LA PUENTE SENIOR CENTER

Council recognized Brandon Perez for the completion of his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Perez organized the group that painted railings, doors and trash enclosures at the Senior Center.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke regarding flyers he helped distribute, an upcoming church event, the homeless, and a field trip.

Sergeant Su inquired of his previous request for military banners and reported issues at the handball court at the park. Mayor Lujan requested staff to speak with Sergeant Su about his concerns.

Christopher Hruby acting Manager of KCAT notified Council that the station would officially close within the next 24 hours. He requested the City pay the annual operating budget of $32,000 in order to keep the station open. In response to questions, Mr. Hruby noted that he had not previously spoken with City staff and that he had not addressed the issue with other communities. Staff was asked to meeting with Mr. Hruby.

Ken Medeiros spoke regarding the economic stimulus article in the paper.

Mayor Lujan noted that staff requested New Business Items E-1 and E-4 be pulled from agenda, that New Business Item E-6 be moved forward, and that Closed Session Item F-1 be removed from the agenda and heard at the next meeting. Council consented to staff's requests.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009.

Council Member Solis moved to waive reading and approve the 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 BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5; 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 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1245 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 09-4781, approving Warrant Register No. 1245.

D-2 AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON GLENDORA AVENUE, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, CENTRAL AVENUE, ABBEY STREET, OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD, HACIENDA BOULEVARD AND LOUKELTON STREET (SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II - VARIOUS STREETS)

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council 1) award the contract to Miramontes Construction in the amount of $1,977,260.00; 2) authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount; and 3) authorize the City Manager to add the alternate bid to the project should adequate funds be available.

D-3 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED CURB RAMPS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council 1) award the contract to Grigolla & Sons Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $35,500; and 2) authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount.

D-4 AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STRIPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) award the contract to J & S Striping Co., Inc in the amount of $40,750.95; and 2) authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the bid amount.

D-5 APPROVE STATE SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. N006 FOR THE MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) adopt Resolution No. 09-4782, approving the Administering Agency - Program Supplement Agreement No. N006 for the Main Street Reconstruction Project; and 2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Administering Agency - Program Supplement Agreement on behalf of the City.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 TO REVISE THE USE OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS FOR LOCAL STREET AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Item E-1 was pulled from the Agenda.

E-6 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR LA WORKS CONTINUED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT PROGRAMS IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway)

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that LA Works has provided services such as job training and job placement to the community for years. LA Works is requesting the City's support of continued funding through Los Angeles County. He introduced Ms. Laddusaw from LA Works and Mr. Vincent from the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway also noted others who were in support of the LA Works program.

Shelly Laddusaw of LA Works provided a brief history of the Workforce Investment Act and the services provided by LA Works. She reviewed statistics of the number of La Puente residents who have been served through their programs between 2003 and 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Resolution No. 09-4786, declaring its support for LA Works continued management and operation of Workforce Investment Act Programs in the East San Gabriel Valley; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING/SAFETY AND/OR ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

Mayor Lujan moved to direct staff to solicit proposals for consultant services for Building/Safety Services and Engineering/Public Works Services; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Storing, Holloway, Lujan, and Mendoza. NOES: Solis.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE CITY'S DIRECT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SEWER SYSTEM

Transition Manager Tripepi gave an overview of the staff report noting that the only sewer lines involved are City owned lines. He clarified that approval of this item does not change the rate on the property tax bill but keeps the money within the City of La Puente for maintenance of the sewer lines.

Council Member Solis moved to 1) approve the Letter of Intent to withdraw from Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, 2) adopt Resolution No. 09-4784, requesting withdrawal of the City of La Puente from the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District of the County of Los Angeles; and 3) authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to sign all documents; seconded by Council Member Storing. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Storing, Holloway, and Lujan. NOES: None.

Transition Manager Tripepi noted that if approved, this would not go into effect until July of 2010.

E-4 APPROVE USE OF LA COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ALLOCATED FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS DOLLARS DESIGNATED FOR TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND APPROVE RE-ALLOCATIONS OF CIP PROJECT FUNDING

Item E-4 was pulled from the Agenda.

E-5 ANALYSIS OF CONTRACT SERVICES REPORT FROM MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, INC.

Transition Manager Tripepi gave an overview of the analysis.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to receive and file the report; seconded by Council Member Storing. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted the recent tragedy in Central California that affected a family member of the City Attorney. He offered his condolences and requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of Raymond Casso.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Attorney Casso thanked the Council.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lujan noted that Item F-1 was being pulled from the Agenda and moved to the March 24, 2009 meeting.

City Attorney Casso stated that the City Council would adjourn to closed session as to Item F-2 to consider two (2) cases of anticipated litigation.

Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:48 p.m.

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 TO CONSIDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - TITLE: CITY ATTORNEY

Item F-1 was moved from the agenda to March 24, 2009.

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(b) TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - TWO (2) CASES

Mayor Lujan reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:04 p.m.

City Attorney Casso reported that direction was given to the City Manager as to the first case of anticipated litigation and that no reportable action was taken on the second case of anticipated litigation and that there was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of March, 2009

Amy M. Turner

Amy M. Turner, City Clerk

Louie A. Lujan, Mayor