

MINUTES
LA PUENTE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MARCH 1, 2010

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A Special Meeting of the Special City Council Meeting of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on March 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo.

Council Members absent: None.

Staff Members present: City Manager Kenline, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Olivarez, City Clerk Turner, City Planner Arreola, and Records Technician Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Holloway.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following speakers expressed comments regarding Item A-1:

Franechezca Macias

Vince House

Lou Perez

Frank Sanchez

Garrett Terrones

Rudy Almeida

NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

A-1 CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN LIGHT OF FORMER MAYOR LUJAN'S FEBRUARY 24, 2010 RESIGNATION

City Manager Kenline provided information regarding the various election options for filling the current vacancy on the Council (consolidated election, all mail ballot, or stand-alone). Ms. Kenline also noted the Council had the option to make a full appointment or an interim appointment to fill the unexpired term.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Holloway regarding the options for appointment, the City Attorney noted the Council has liberal discretion on how to conduct the

process. He also noted that any candidate must meet the requirements to be a Councilmember in La Puente (registered voter and City resident).

The City Attorney noted that the City Council only had to make either an appointment or call an election within 30 days of the resignation of former Mayor Lujan. They could begin the process of appointment, review the process for an Urgency Ordinance for an interim appointment, and ultimately, still be legally allowed to call an election as long as the decision to appoint or call the election was made within the thirty (30) day time period.

The City Attorney outlined the procedure regarding interim appointments (pending an election) and the process for adopting an Urgency Ordinance to that effect. The City Attorney noted the Council could implement various methods, up to the Council's discretion, to appoint a candidate. He noted the legal qualifications for the position of Councilmember and also outlined the process for appointing an "interim" Council Member.

Councilmember Argudo acknowledged the resident's desire for an election, but noted that the costs and timing may be prohibitive. He suggested that staff advise the Council regarding the possibility of an application process for appointment prior to the March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting. He also suggested an open application process with no "pre-stated" questions and allow the interviews to be conducted in an "open forum" City Council meeting.

Councilmember Holloway requested an opportunity for Council Members to be able to interview the candidates in a Council meeting setting.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza noted that there seemed to be a consensus to move toward an open interview and appointment process prior to resorting to an election process to fill the vacancy.

Councilmember Solis supported the process for appointment prior to moving forward with an election solution to filling the vacancy.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for application and appointment to fill the vacancy, potential special meeting dates, and the options for an Urgency Ordinance for an interim appointment.

Various options were considered for the actual conduct of the interview and appointment process itself. The Council and the City Attorney discussed the legal requirements for conducting the interviews during the meeting and requesting candidates to voluntarily "leave" the Chamber when interviews for individual Council Members are being conducted.

Staff recommended that the Council move forward with securing a closing "date" and "time" for accepting applications for candidates, as well as a date and time certain for the Special Meeting.

Council Members discussed options for reducing the list of potential candidates if a significant amount were received. It was suggested that a separate motion be entertained for purposes of establishing a process by which the list of candidates can be reduced, if necessary.

Council Member Argudo moved to direct staff to commence an appointment process by application, effective immediately, to fill the vacancy on the City Council, have applications "close" by Friday, March 5, 2010, 5:30pm, schedule a special meeting for candidate interview purposes on Friday, March 5, 2010, 7:00pm, and further direct staff to prepare a draft Urgency Ordinance (interim appointment) for consideration on at the Friday, March 5, 2010 Special

Meeting, and advertise the application process through all media formats available; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

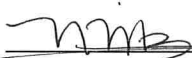
Council Member Holloway moved to direct staff prepare a Planning Commission-style "ballot" document where Councilmember candidates will be listed, conduct interviews for each candidate listed on Friday, March 5, 2010, enact a "narrowing down" process by which each Councilmember votes for four (4) candidates for the purpose of determining a "short list" of names (or if less than 4 are selected by this process, then the remainder move forward to the next stage), with the final pool of candidates to come before the Council for consideration at the March 9, 2010 Regular Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The Council and staff discussed various options for narrowing the list of applicants, if necessary. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza adjourned the meeting to Friday, March 5, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.



Vida Barone, City Clerk



Nadia Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem