MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 23, 2010

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on March 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present:	Vince House, David Argudo, John Solis, Nadia Mendoza, and Dan Holloway.
Council Members absent:	None.
Staff Members present:	City Manager Kenline, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Olivarez, Commission Counsel Casso, Public Works Director Salas, Finance Director Kim, Recreation Services Director Bistarkey, Interim City Clerk Barone, Management Analyst Ayala, Rehabilitation Grant Specialist Galvan, and Records Technician Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Solis.

PRESENTATIONS

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rafael Moreno called to speak. Thanked the Council and City staff for their support for a 5K fundraiser event in Mexico.

Lou Perez called to speak. Congratulated Vince House on his appointment to the La Puente City Council. Addressed perceptions of corruption at various levels of government and expressed concerns regarding medical marijuana dispensaries in the City.

Manual Maldonado called to speak. Expressed concerns regarding recent English and Spanish notifications on the Nelson Avenue project. Suggested the Council host a Town Hall meeting. Thanked Council Member Holloway regarding the vote record on the medical marijuana issue.

Staff was directed to follow up with the contractor regarding Spanish translations of official work notifications. The City Engineer noted that City staff will have an opportunity to review any Spanish translations prior to any future issuance to the public. Staff was also directed to ensure that confidentiality is not compromised when issuing notifications. The City Manager will also utilize the reader board and a modified version of the City Council update to keep residents informed.

Rudy Almeida called to speak. Congratulated Vince House on his appointment to the La Puente City Council.

RECESS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza recessed the Community Development Commission meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2010 AND THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2010

Council Member Holloway moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2010 and the Special City Council Meeting of March 1, 2010; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: David Argudo, Nadia Mendoza, Dan Halloway, and John Solis. NOES: None. ABSTENTION: Vince House

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

None.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza moved to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. D-1 through D-4, as recommended. Item D-5 was pulled for separate consideration; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Vince House, David Argudo, John Solis, Nadia Mendoza, and Dan Holloway. NOES: None.

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1270 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10

D-2 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2010.

D-3 APPROVAL OF FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION POLICY

D-4 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO SUBMIT FUNDING APPLICATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D-5 APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AWARD OF 2009

This item was pulled for separate consideration. The City Manager and Management Analyst Lillian Ayala spoke regarding the time sensitivity of adoption of this item and the restructuring of public safety services in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza moved to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles for the administration of the Justice Assistance Grant funds. Staff was also directed to document the ability to select Sheriff's Department staff to serve the City; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Vince House, David Argudo, Nadia Mendoza, Dan Holloway, and John Solis. NOES: None.

NEW BUSINESS

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 09-4814 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES, AND HOURLY RATES.

The City Manager provided a brief report and responded to various inquiries regarding the City Manager's appointment authority regarding the City Clerk and the certification process.

Council Member Holloway moved to Resolution No. 10-4864 amending the comprehensive personnel system, establishing the number of authorized positions, monthly salary ranges and hourly rates; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Vince House, Nadia Mendoza, and Dan Holloway. NOES: David Argudo, and John Solis.

Council Member Holloway moved to approve a concurrent process to hire a certified City Clerk, who has experience in stand-alone elections, along with the recruitment for the Assistant City Clerk; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Vince House, David Argudo, Nadia Mendoza, Dan Holloway, and John Solis. NOES: None.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH VIDA BARONE OF CITY CLERK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE CITY CLERK SERVICES.

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza moved to the agreement with City Clerk Management Services, Inc. for City Clerk Services; seconded by Council Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Vince House, David Argudo, Nadia Mendoza, Dan Holloway, and John Solis. NOES: None.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT TO GIVE THE CITY COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT AND DISMISS DEPARTMENT HEADS (Requested by Council Member Solis)

This item was continued to the next meeting.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza recessed the City Council meeting and reconvened the Community Development Commission meeting. After deliberation of the Community Development Commission meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reconvened the City Council meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS/ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway reported on his trip to the National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C., and Council Member Holloway, Council Member Solis, and Council Member Argudo reported on their meetings with various elected representatives in Washington, D.C.

Council Member Argudo requested City Attorney to research the City's sex offender's Ordinance with the intent of strengthening the prohibitions. The City Attorney and City Manager reported they are working on the update and will return to a future agenda with a status report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER

In response to remarks made by the City Clerk regarding the reorganization of the City Council, the Council directed staff to place this item on the next regular agenda.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney announced the Council and Commission would recess to Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the Closed Session agenda.

F-1 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 TO CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PROPERTY: 1249-1311 and 1313-1335 N. Hacienda Boulevard; 15217 and 15225 E. Fairgrove AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: James Casso, Commission Counsel Josefina Mendez Kenline, Executive Director Gregg Yamachika, Deputy Executive Director Frank Tripepi, Consultant NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Arman Gabay and Sarah Magana Withers representing Charles Company UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957 FOR A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (TITLE: CITY MANAGER)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza reconvened the meeting to open session.

The City Attorney reported the Council and Commission met in Closed Session to discuss the two items as listed on the Closed Session agenda. All members were present. In regard to the first item, the City Council received a briefing, direction was given, however, no final action was taken. In regard to the second item, a performance evaluation was given to the affected employee and there was no further action taken. It should also be noted that the Council and Commission voted unanimously to extend the meeting beyond the 10:30 a.m. deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2010.

Vida Barone, Interim City Clerk

David E. Argudo, Mayor