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

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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 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	House, Mendoza, Holloway, Argudo. Solis arrived at 7:04 p.m.
Members absent:	None
Staff present:	City Manager Kenline, Assistant City Manager Holliman, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Interim City Attorney Casso, Police Chief Cacheiro, Community Development Director Yamachika, Recreation Services Director Bistarkey, Acting Finance Director Leung, Human Resources Manager Sainz, City Engineer Freij, and City Planner Arreola

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member House led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF - ANGEL MONTOYA

Assistant Fire Chief Montoya provided a brief biography on his qualifications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Sonny Quintanar of Twin Palms requested the support of City for their community programs.

Rudy Almeida expressed his concerns with the close proximity of medical marijuana dispensaries to students.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEETINGS - None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 133 ("MCA-133") - ADOPTION OF ZONING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS IN THE C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE

City Planner Arreola provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Argudo opened and continued the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to continue the Public Hearing to the next Council meeting. Staff was advised to notify all car dealerships and to provide a cost analysis of the dealerships expenses to come into compliance with the code requirements; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE KEEPING OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION SUCH MINUTES

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member House moved to adopt the Resolution attached to the agenda report to require keeping of written minutes of closed session meetings and to establish procedures for the maintenance and inspection of such minutes; Motion failed due to lack of a second.

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF A REVISED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO SOLICIT BUILDING AND SAFETY CONSULTANT SERVICES AND OF CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS

Community Development Director Yamachika provided a brief summary of this item.

A Council and staff discussion ensued.

Questions arose pertaining to the notification of the companies that had previously submitted proposals; the role of the ad hoc committee and their involvement in processing the received proposals, and the percentages that would be split between the new company and the City for building services.

Council directed staff as follows: to survey other cities to find out if they use one or multiple consultants to provide building services, safety services, or both and the rates they charge or split for these services; to provide a cost analysis of bringing the building services in-house or returning building services to the County; to research PlanetBidz.com for bid information dissemination and to present this information at the January 25, 2011 Council meeting.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member House removed item D-1 for separate discussion.

Council Member Solis moved to approve consent calendar items D-2 and D-3; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

D-2 AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION ON LOUKELTON STREET AND UNRUH AVENUE

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) awarded the contract to Silvia Construction in the amount of $355,557.20 and 2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10 % of the bid amount.

D-3 APPROVAL OF RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH CITY OF INGLEWOOD FOR PARKING CITATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Service Agreement Change Notice (Attachment B) for the period of December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2011 with the City of Inglewood for parking citation management services and authorized the Mayor to execute Service Agreement Change Notice.

Mayor Argudo recessed the Council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mayor Argudo reconvened the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

(ITEM WAS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION)

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1286 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

Council Member House requested clarification on check number 054775 for Geraldine Jaffe for the amount of $12,000 for a contract that was discussed in a closed session meeting.

Mayor Argudo requested clarification on a membership that City Manager Kenline authorized for herself.

Council Member Mendoza moved to adopt Resolution No 10-4908 approving Warrant Register No. 1286; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011

City Manager Kenline introduced this item.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares provided information from the survey.

E-2 LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS' DOL YOUTHBUILD PROPOSAL

Acting Management Analyst Reyes provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Argudo moved to extend the meeting past the 10:30 p.m. hour; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

All Council Members expressed serious concerns with the report presented by Mr. Reyes and Ms. Kenline; therefore, Council could not support staff's recommendation of providing the Conservation Corps with a letter of commitment from the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to have City write a letter of support without any City commitment to the items listed in the original letter presented by staff and the Conservation Corps; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

E-3 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TWIN PALMS APPLICATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL RFP # SAPC-2011-04 GRANT FUNDS

Acting Management Analyst Reyes provided a brief report on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support and partner with the Twin Palms Recovery Center, Inc.; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Argudo recessed the City Council meeting and at 10:36 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Argudo reconvened the City Council at 10:39 p.m.
RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Casso recessed the Council at 10:40 p.m. into closed session, with all members present, for discussion of item F-2 as posted on the agenda.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (b): (THREE (3) CASES)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Argudo reconvened to open session at 11:53 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that the Council recessed to closed session with all members present, to discuss two items as posted on the agenda. The Council received a briefing, but no reportable action was taken.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

COUNCIL AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Argudo reported that he attended the NALEO Institute training for elected officials in Washington DC.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL/COMMISSION

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council member Solis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Mendoza wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member House wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Kenline reminded everyone that the tree lighting ceremony and holiday parade was scheduled for December 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Argudo adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of March 2011.

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

David E. Argudo
Mayor