MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 8, 2011

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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 March 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Argudo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. Mendoza arrived at 7:03 p.m.
Members absent:	House
Staff Members present:	Interim City Manager Romero, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Community Development Director Yamachika, Public Works Director Salas, Recreation Director Bistarkey, Human Resources Manager Sainz, Acting Finance Manager Leung, City Engineer Pagett, and Records Technician Garcia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

The Mayor and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the La Puente High School Varsity Soccer Team.

Mayor Argudo took a three minute break at 7:15 p.m. in order for the Council to take a picture with the entire Soccer team.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

The Mayor and City Council proclaimed March 20 - 26, 2011 Childhood Cancer Awareness Week.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO ADRIAN BILAOEN - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Adrian Bilaoen.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christina Gutierrez, resident of an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, requested a military banner for her son Lance Corporal Raymond Gutierrez.

Leonard W. Rose Jr. stated his support for the Youth Safety Fair. He thanked the City for cleaning the alley and commended the gentleman that picks up the recycling.

Rudy Almeida stated his concerns with the marijuana dispensaries.

Cesar Hernandez thanked the City Council for their taxi cab franchise agreement. Their taxi company participated in the sobriety check point last week, passed out vouchers at various establishments within the City, and will continue to do so.

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP A HEALTHY COMMUNITY POLICY

Community Director Yamachika provided a brief summary of this item.

Luisa Franco, Policy Analyst for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, provided clarification on the program and funding.

Council gave direction to develop a plan to make the City more walkable and bikeable.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2010

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive further reading and approve the minutes of their regular meetings held on November 23, 2010; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

B. PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 SECOND READING ORDINANCE - ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Interim City Attorney Casso stated that he provided Council a confidential memorandum on this item last week; therefore, staff is requesting Council direction based on the memorandum he provided.

Council discussion ensued as to the direction that was given to staff at the previous Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to eliminate the current ordinance and leave the current process as is; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway and Mendoza. NOES: Argudo and Solis. Absent: House

Council Member Solis moved to send the ordinance back to staff in order to provide that every Council Member individually appoint and for removal of an appointee requires three Council Member votes; seconded by Mayor Argudo. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Argudo, and Solis. NOES: Holloway and Mendoza. Absent: House

Council Member Solis moved to continue this item to the March 22, 2011 Council meeting; seconded by Mayor Argudo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mayor Argudo, Council Member Mendoza, and Council Member Solis. NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. Absent: House

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Argudo and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway had questions as to item D-1. Council Member Solis removed item D-1 for separate discussion.

Council Member Solis moved to approve Consent Calendar items D-2 to D-5; seconded by Mayor Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1292 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

Mayor Argudo requested clarification on the AmeriNational payment of $136,000.

Community Development Director Yamachika provided clarification on the payment.

Council Member Solis moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-4929 approving Warrant Register No. 1292; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

D-2 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION ON TEMPLE AVENUE, DORA GUZMAN AVENUE AND DEL VALLE AVENUE

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) accepted the project as complete and 2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-3 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HACIENDA BOULEVARD SEWER TRENCH REHABILITATION

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) accepted the project as complete and 2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 11-4930 in support of the Southern California Association of Governments' "Business Friendly Principles."

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT EXTENDING THE TOLLING AGREEMENT IN NRDC V. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NO. 08-1467 AHM (PLAx)

Action Taken: The City Council approved an amendment extending the tolling agreement in NRDC v. County of Los Angeles, No. 08-1467 (PLAx)

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) CALIFORNIA LONG-TERM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGIC PLAN (CEESP) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Public Works Director Salas provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to bring back this item to Council when representatives of Southern California Edison and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments can attend the Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

E-2 FEASIBILITY STUDY OF PROVIDING IN-HOUSE BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to continue this item to the March 22, 2011 City

Council meeting; seconded by Mayor Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

E-4 APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL LA PUENTE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to authorize the formation of a team and the loan of equipment and supplies for the Relay for Life upon approval of the JPIA; seconded by Council Member Solis.The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. Absent: House

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Argudo recessed the City Council at 9:10 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Argudo reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:11 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Argudo recessed to closed session at 9:12 p.m.

Interim City Attorney Casso recessed to closed session for discussion of three items as posted on the agenda.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (a) TO CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION: KZC Construction, Inc. v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles County Superior Court ,Case No. KC 057240

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 TO CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

PROPERTY:	APN 8246-009-017, 8246-008-012 and 8246-008-013
AGENCY NEGOTIATORS:	Raul Romero, Interim Executive Director and James Casso, Commission Counsel
NEGOTIATING PARTIES:	Khiem and Ivy Pham
UNDER NEGOTIATION:	Price and Terms

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Argudo reconvened to open session at 10:27 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that on item F-1, with a 4-0 vote, Council provided direction to legal counsel but no final action was taken. On item F-2, no reportable action was taken. On item F-3, no reportable action was taken on one of the items. With regards to the other item, Council requested the appointment of an ad hoc committee to assist in the matter.

Mayor Argudo stated that the members of the Ad Hoc Committee are Council Member Mendoza, Mayor Argudo, and the City Clerk.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Thomas Jacobo. He invited everyone to attend the La Puente Youth Coalition carnival and Little League Parade scheduled for Saturday morning

Mayor Argudo acknowledged and thanked the Code Enforcement Division for clean-up of various blighted areas. He requested that the Public Works Department help the Code Enforcement Division continue this work.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more items to come before the Council, Mayor Argudo adjourned the meeting in the memory of Thomas Jacobo at 10:33 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of March 2011

Pat Jacquez-Nares

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

David E. Argudo
Mayor