

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 22, 2011**

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition*, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapueente.org

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 22, 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: House, Mendoza, Holloway, and Argudo. Solis arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Interim City Manager Romero, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Recreation Services Director Bistarkey, Human Resources Manager Sainz, Police Chief Cacheiro, Acting Finance Manager Leung, City Engineer Pagett, and Rehabilitation Grant Specialist Galvan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY BANNER CERTIFICATES

Recreation Services Director Bistarkey presented the military banners.

Mayor Argudo introduced the dignitaries' in attendance from the Sheriff Department, Commander William Ryans and Mr. Blackwell of the Office of Security Management. He thanked them for the assistance the Sheriff's Department has provided the City and praised Lt. Cacheiro for his contacts and assistance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated his concerns with the homeless people and announced an his church's event for foster kids in the City.

Karen Dahlitz stated her disappointment with the dismissal of the employees and the travesty of the City's budget.

Primo Castro, Field Representative for Assembly Member Roger Hernandez Office, introduced himself to the Council and offered their assistance.

Manuel Maldonado stated his concerns with Code Enforcement Officers, traffic light synchronization on Nelson and Sunset, Deputy Sheriff's use of cell phones, and the bowling alley property. He announced the State was helping home owners become energy efficient with a \$4,500 grant. Mr. Maldonado requested quarterly town hall meetings.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF:

- a. REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2010
- b. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2011
- c. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2011
- d. REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011
- e. REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011
- f. REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2011

Council Member House moved to waive further reading and approve the minutes of their regular meetings held on December 14, 2010, January 11, 2011, January 25, 2011, February 8, 2011, February 22, 2011, and March 8, 2011; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. ABSTAINED: Solis.

A-2 READ AND APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF:

- a. SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2010
- b. SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2011
- c. SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2011
- d. SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2011
- e. SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2011
- f. SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2011
- g. SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2011

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive further reading and approve the minutes of the special meetings held on December 6, 2010, January 5, 2011, January 12, 2011, January 13, 2011, January 17, 2011, January 22, 2011, and March 7, 2011; seconded by Council Member Mendoza. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None. ABSTAINED: Solis.

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 provided a history of this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested clarification of this ordinance.

Interim City Attorney Casso clarified that this ordinance establishes that each Council Member individually nominates a Commissioner and three Council Member votes are required for each individual appointment be confirmed.

Council Member Solis requested that this item move forward and make a decision.

Council Member House moved to provide staff direction to bring back a new ordinance to the April 12, 2011 meeting to reflect that each Council Member individually appoint a member and a vote of three Council Member to remove the appointment; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Solis, and Argudo. NOES: Mendoza and Holloway.

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

Interim City Manager Romero provided an update of this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to keep the current practice of contracting for Building and Safety services; 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. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Argudo removed item D-1 for separate discussion. Council Member Solis removed item D-3 for separate discussion.

Mayor Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar items D-2 and D-4; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

D-1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1293 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

Mayor Argudo moved to 1) remove Geraldine Jaffe's payment from the warrant register; 2) adopt Resolution No. 11-4931 approving Warrant Register No. 1293; 3) provide staff direction to have Ms. Jaffe's work product provided to the next investigator; and 4) request the details from Ms. Jaffe explaining why she removed herself from the process in order to provide her the payment owed; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

D-2 APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2011

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the Monthly Treasurer's/Financial Reports for February 28, 2011.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE MILITARY BANNER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Council Member Solis would like the banners placed up in a timely manner.

Council Member Solis moved to approve the amendment to the Military Banner Recognition Program to include that the banners be put up within 30 days of their purchase and not limit the number of banners purchased; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, and Argudo. NOES: None.

D-4 AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION OF CITY STREETS ON INYO STREET AND ARDILLA STREET AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN INYO STREET AND AMEND FY 2010-2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) awarded the contract to Gentry Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$726,695.00 and 2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10 % of the bid amount 3) adopted the attached resolution approving the proposed budget amendment using 1B funds and Gas Tax funds for rehabilitation of Inyo Street and Ardilla Street.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 REVIEW OF CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES SURVEY

Specialist Galvan provided a PowerPoint Presentation on this item.

Council requested that staff provide a cost analysis on diversifying attorney services.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE NEPOTISM POLICY (Mayor Pro Tem Holloway)

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway would like to see a nepotism policy for Council Members.

Council provided staff direction to present a nepotism policy when the comprehensive policy review is ready for Council approval.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR TURCH AND ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT (Council Member Solis)

Council Member Solis would like to terminate this contract.

Council discussion ensued as to the proper placement of this agenda item pursuant to Council policy.

Council Member Solis moved to terminate according to the provisions in agreement; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. 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 at 8:49 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Argudo reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Argudo recessed to closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Interim City Attorney Casso recessed into closed session with all members present to discuss item F-2 as posted on the agenda.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-2 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 10:26 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that the Council recessed into closed session. As to item F-2, both cases were discussed and no reportable action was taken.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Argudo updated the Council on the Computer Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee met and information was provided to a forensic firm.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway provided clarification on the Council Attire Ad Hoc Committee needing counsel representation in order to meet.

Mayor Argudo requested that a Council Attire policy be brought back when the comprehensive policy review is ready for Council approval.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Council Member Solis, and Council Member House provided an update on their trip to Washington D.C.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL/COMMISSION - None.

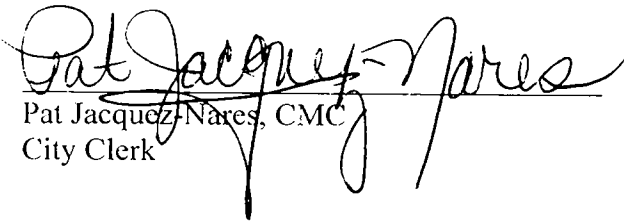
Mayor Argudo thanked staff for the proactive work done on Valley Boulevard during the rainstorms.

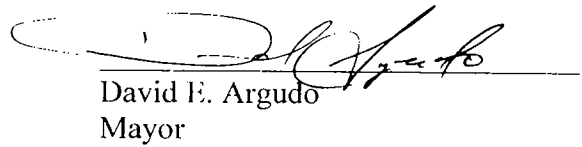
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Argudo adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of April 2011


Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk


David E. Argudo
Mayor