MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MAY 4, 2011

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A Special 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 May 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, Argudo
Members absent:	None
Staff Members present:	Interim City Manager Romero, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Acting Finance Director Leung, Human Resources Manager Sainz, Assistant Planner Chow, Chief of Police Lt. Cacheiro, Deputy City Attorney Sparks, Seargent Wolack.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Holloway recessed to closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Deputy City Attorney Sparks recessed the City Council into closed session with all members present to discuss the three items as listed on the agenda.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6(f) TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: HAYDEE SAINZ, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER AND IRMA RODRIGUEZ-MOISA, COUNSEL. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: LA PUENTE PROFESSIONS, SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (LPPSMCEA)

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6(f) TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR. AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE: HAYDEE SAINZ, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SEIU LOCAL 721

F-3 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: CITY MANAGER

F-4 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 (3) CASES

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Holloway reconvened to open session at 9:29 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Deputy City Attorney Sparks reported that the City Council recessed into closed session and discussed Items F-1, F-2, F3, and F-4 with no reportable action taken on these items.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member House moved to approve Consent Calendar item D-1; seconded by Council Member Solis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Mendoza, Solis, Holloway, Argudo. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO INTERIM CITY MANAGER AGREEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council approved the amendment to the Interim City Manager Agreement.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2.13 TO THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

Deputy City Attorney Sparks provided a brief summary of this item.

This item was continued to May 10, 2011.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-4928, AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND

ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES AND HOURLY RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

This item was continued to May 10, 2011.

E-3 THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 PROJECTED BUDGET

Acting Finance Director Leung provided a PowerPoint Presentation of this item.

This item was continued to May 10, 2011.

E-4 DISCUSS AN AMENDMENT TO THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS (Mayor Pro Tem Argudo)

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo requested this item for discussion and suggested the City Council should review the actions of the Planning Commission at future meetings. He stated the Planning Commission is of importance to the City and makes decisions that are not currently being reviewed.

Deputy City Attorney Sparks requested clarification from Mayor Pro Tem Argudo regarding review of Planning Commission items, specifically if he is requesting that 1) all Planning Commission actions be reviewed by the City Council or 2) if there is a means by which the City Council or individual council members can appeal a decision of the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Argudo responded that he favored both options.

Deputy City Attorney Sparks responded that the first item would be problematic as far as having all Planning Commission items reviewed by the City Council since the Planning Commission has certain authority under state law. She further stated that the City Council currently hears certain appeals of the Planning Commission, and if the City Council had the ability to review all decisions made by the Planning Commission there would be due process issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo questioned if other cities review the action of their Planning Commissions. Deputy City Attorney Sparks responded that she does not know if other cities place an item on the agenda or receive a summary report to receive and file, but many cities do permit the City Council to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission. She stated a summary review could be provided to the City Council.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Argudo, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares stated that she is aware of other cities that list actions taken by the Planning Commission on their agenda for City Council review, with an option for discussion. Deputy City Attorney Sparks requested a list of those cities so that their codes can be reviewed.

Staff was directed to review other cities to determine how Planning Commission items are reviewed on their agendas, and to draft an ordinance which would allow the City

Council to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission. The City Council requested that this information be provided at the next City Council meeting if possible.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Solis requested that he receive copies of all agenda item materials. Mayor Pro Tem Agruda and Council Member House also requested copies of all agenda items.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting of memory of Pat Nodal.

Approved this 11th day of October, 2011

Adrian Garcia
Acting Deputy City Clerk

Dan Holloway
Mayor