

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 10, 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 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 November 10, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: House, Holloway, Argudo and Solis

Members absent: Mendoza

Staff Members present: City Manager Plumlee, Interim City Attorney Casso, Acting Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Acting Finance Manager Leung, and Recreation Manager Lerma.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member House led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

A. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING FY 11-12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR CONTRACT CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

City Manager Bret Plumlee reported that at the October 25, 2011, City Council meeting, the Council recommended changes to the proposed FY 11-12 agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for contract law enforcement services. He further stated that the revised contract, the original proposed contract and a third, alternative contract were being presented at this time for discussion and consideration. Mr. Plumlee stated that Captain Claus and Sgt. Mangen of the Sheriff's Department were present and available to answer questions.

Mayor Solis stated that after meeting with representatives of the Sheriff's Department, it became obvious to him that the revisions proposed by the City Council would result in a decrease in weekend services. He stated that adding one additional car on weekends would increase services and still result in a cost savings to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo stated that the intent of the City Council was not to reduce the services provided by the Sheriff's Department. He further stated that contract option three, which was being presented to the Council, was a viable option.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Argudo, Captain Claus summarized the response time to various calls made to the Sheriff's Department. He stated that having an additional car on weekends would be a benefit to the City.

Discussion ensued regarding the types of crime and the areas of crime in the City. Captain Claus stated that a statistical analysis could be made and presented to the City Council.

Council Member Holloway expressed his appreciation for the work of the Sheriff's Department and its employees. Mr. Holloway questioned the terms of the contracts, specifically the impact if the City has fewer traffic officers. Captain Claus stated that the traffic car is a designee with only a certain amount of designees per city. He stated that traffic officers are experts in that field, and their training enables them to provide investigations anywhere in the State. He summarized the duties of the traffic officers, and stated that there could be an impact to the City if a traffic car is eliminated, specifically in the number of citations written.

Council Member Holloway questioned if Captain Claus supported contract option three. Captain Claus stressed that while he supports contract option three, it is necessary to be able to make adjustments. He stated that the City purchases the time and the workforce, and scheduling changes would be made as needed in order to make the City as safe as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo commented that contract adjustments could be made at the next fiscal year if needed. Captain Claus concurred and stated that a future report can be presented to enable the Council to make a determination of any changes are needed.

Council Member Holloway confirmed that there will still be traffic control in the City, and that all officers, regardless of their designation, will protect the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo confirmed that funds already budgeted but not required under the proposed contract might be utilized for additional services if needed. He asked if the Council's intent was to utilize all of the approved funds if needed. Council Member Holloway responded that there should be some discretion in the use of the supplementary funds. Interim City Attorney Casso stated that it is apparent that the Council wishes to give the Sheriff's Department and the City Manager some flexibility, but if issues arise that require the Council's input, they should be presented to the City Council. Mr. Argudo proposed adding the extra minutes to the contract for utilization as needed. Captain Claus responded that it would be more cost effective to make use of special event overtime if needed. He further stated that in the event this should occur, he would explain its use to the City Council.

Following discussion, Mayor Solis moved to enter into contract option three (3) with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for contract city law enforcement services; seconded by Council Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Holloway, Argudo and Solis. NOES: None. ABSENT: Mendoza

B. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST TO CITY RESIDENTS.

Mayor Solis stated that in the past year certificates were presented to residents for holiday lighting, and further stated that he was proposing a holiday home decorating contest in which residents enter by completing an application. Residents would be informed of the date and time of judging by a panel of judges.

Roxanne Lerma, Recreation Manager, stated that several cities conduct holiday lighting contests, and summarized the contests and requirements of neighboring cities.

Following discussion Mayor Pro Tem Argudo moved to establish a Holiday Christmas Lighting Contest; seconded by Council Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Holloway, Argudo and Solis. NOES: None. ABSENT: Mendoza

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway thanked staff for the recent successful Halloween event.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

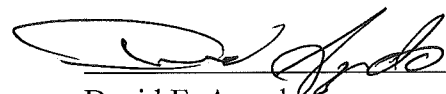
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Solis adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2012



Adrian Garcia
Acting Deputy City Clerk



David E. Argudo
Mayor Pro-Tem