

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
ADJOURNED SPECIAL MEETING OF
JANUARY 12, 2012**

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.lapuate.org

An Adjourned 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 January 12, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: House, Mendoza, Holloway, Argudo and Solis

Members absent: None

Staff Members present: City Manager Plumlee, Interim City Attorney Casso and Acting Deputy City Clerk Garcia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Maldonado stated his opposition to the appointment of a new law firm or individual to provide City Attorney services and questioned who proposed the change and the reason for the proposal. Mayor Solis responded that the item is being discussed due to the fact that the City Attorney is an interim position and it is the desire of the City Council to change the position to permanent status.

Ken Medeiros stated his concerns regarding actions and decisions made by the City Attorney and City Council.

Mayor Solis requested confirmation that this meeting was adjourned from January 5, 2012, at which time members of the public spoke on the items listed. Interim City Attorney Casso confirmed that the meeting is an adjourned meeting and the Council may or may not allow oral communications, since the opportunity to speak was given at the January 5, 2012 meeting and no additional items have been added to the agenda.

Council Member House suggested that since two members of the public have spoken, the opportunity should be given to those remaining who wish to speak.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo suggested that only those who did not speak at the previous meeting be permitted to speak.

Mr. Frank Sanchez was called upon to speak, since he did not participate in oral communications at the January 5 meeting.

Frank Sanchez stated his opposition to hiring a new law firm to represent the City and expressed his concern regarding one of the firms under consideration. Mr. Sanchez requested information on the ad hoc committee members for the City Attorney position. Mayor Solis responded that he and Council Member House served as the ad hoc committee members and suggested public participation on all issues in the City.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Solis recessed to closed session at 7:00 p.m.

Interim City Attorney Casso recessed into closed session for discussion of Item A as posted on the agenda. Mr. Casso announced that the Planning Commission has a scheduled 7 p.m. meeting and will convene on the dais. At a convenient point, the Planning Commission will recess in order for the City Council to reconvene on the dais.

- A. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(2), PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Solis reconvened to open session at 10:37 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Interim City Attorney Casso confirmed with the City Council that Item B would not be discussed at the meeting.

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item A there was a 3-2 vote as to how the deliberations would be reported with Council Members House, Holloway and Mendoza casting three (3) votes, and Mayor Solis and Mayor Pro Tem Argudo casting two (2) votes, to disclose the actual nature of the votes as taken in closed session, rather than reporting only the votes themselves.

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that one vote was taken in Closed Session to postpone consideration of the City Attorney position until after the April election, and that vote was a 2-2-1 vote; two (2) votes for postponement were cast by Council Members Mendoza and Holloway,

two (2) votes against postponement were cast by Council Member House and Mayor Solis; and one (1) abstention vote was cast by Mayor Pro Tem Argudo.

A second vote was taken to appoint the law firm of Alvarez-Glasman and Colvin, and that vote was 2-2-1; two (2) votes to appoint were cast by Mayor Solis and Mayor Pro Tem Argudo, two votes not to appoint were cast by Council Members Holloway and House, and one (1) abstention vote was cast by Council Member Mendoza.

A third vote was taken to appoint the law firm of Jones & Mayer; and that vote was 2-2-1; two (2) votes to appoint were cast by Council Members Holloway and House; two (2) votes not to appoint were cast by Mayor Solis and Mayor Pro Tem Argudo, and one (1) abstention vote was cast by Council Member Mendoza.

Interim City Attorney Casso reported that direction was given to his office to communicate to the City Manager that no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

B. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING APPOINTING OF A LAW FIRM AND/OR INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council discuss and provide staff direction.

Item B was removed from the agenda and was not discussed.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

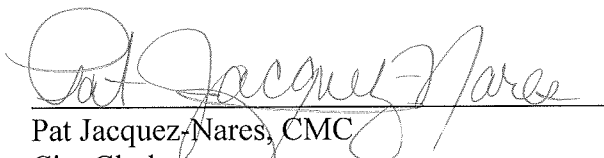
Council Member Holloway thanked the law firms for their participation and offered an apology for the lack of a decision.

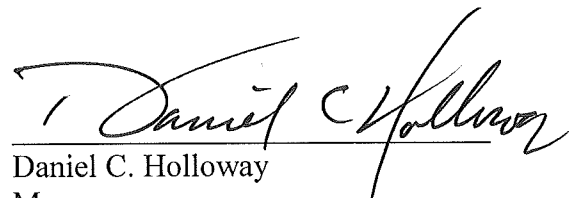
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of May 2012


Pat Jacques-Nares, CMC
City Clerk


Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor