MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 28, 2012

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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 February 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Solis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: House, Holloway, Argudo, Solis

Members absent: Mendoza

Staff Members present: City Manager Plumlee, Acting Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Interim City Attorney Casso, Labor Counsel Rodriguez-Moisa, Director of Administrative Services Komers, Acting Finance Manager Leung

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Solis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

A. CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT

City Manager Plumlee introduced the item and briefly summarized the items to be discussed.

Director of Administrative Services Komers presented a PowerPoint presentation and summarized the City's General Fund revenue and expenditure trends, the General Fund reserve balance, and budget strategies.

A Council discussion ensued regarding General Fund revenue and expenditure trends, reserve balance, budget strategies, and cost saving measures.

Council Member Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Argudo and Mayor Solis expressed concerns regarding the proposed reorganization of City personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Argudo suggested that the matter should be discussed during a Closed Session.

Council Member Holloway questioned if the proposed reorganization and cost savings associated with the reorganization could be discussed as a Closed Session item.

Irma Rodriguez-Moisa, the City's labor attorney, responded that a confidential, attorney-client communication from her office assessing the pros and cons could be provided to the City Manager to assist the City Council in making decisions. Ms. Rodriguez-Moisa stated that a Closed Session would be appropriate when the City's bargaining units are involved.

Mayor Solis expressed concern that questions, which the City Council could potentially have, would not be answered by the communiqué. Mayor Solis suggested that the City's bargaining units be apprised of the proposed reorganization before it is voted upon by the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo recommended that the proposed reorganization be discussed as a separate item. Interim City Attorney Casso stated that he understood the concerns of the City Council, and would work with Ms. Rodriguez on ways in which these concerns could best be addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Argudo moved to 1) Separate the proposed organizational component from the mid-year budget review; 2) Bring the mid-year budget review back for discussion; and 3) Direct legal counsel to work with the labor attorney to address the concerns of the City Council; seconded by Mayor Solis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: House, Holloway, Argudo, and Solis. NOES: None. ABSENT: Mendoza

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Solis adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of October 2012

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor