MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 25, 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.lapuente.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 September 25, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo and House
Members absent:	Lewis
Staff Members present:	City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Director of Administrative Services Komers, Director of Development Services Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro and Recreation Manager Lerma

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member House led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER GIL ANTHONY DUARTE

The Mayor and City Council presented a certificate of appreciation to former Chairman Duarte.

Mr. Duarte thanked City staff and former Council Member Nadia Mendoza for his appointment to the Planning Commission and for the opportunity to serve the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke on the benefits of exercise and good nutrition.

Pat and Norm Klemz, representing the League of Women Voters and the Community Voter Outreach Committee, encouraged the residents of La Puente to become poll workers for the upcoming November election. They expressed an interest in presenting a forum to provide residents an unbiased presentation on the ballot proposition items and provided City Council with a copy of a flyer with the poll worker application and new voter registration application. Mayor Holloway offered to provide a list of the City's election poll workers to the Klemz'.

Christine Halstead thanked Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro and Code Enforcement Officer Rodriguez for the placement of a streetlight on Giordano Street and stated that her neighbors are very grateful. Ms. Halstead extended an invitation to the Historical Society's fundraiser barbeque on Sunday, October 21, 2012, from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. The cost of tickets for the event is $25. Ms. Halstead requested prize donations for raffles and boutique items and stated that additional information may be obtained by contacting Cecelia Wictor of the Historical Society.

Anthony Duarte, School Board Member, provided a statement from the Hacienda School District on a hazing incident. The investigation is ongoing and the District is working with law enforcement and families involved. Questions may be directed to the District or to Mr. Duarte.

Arturo Diaz thanked the Mayor and City Council for the approval of a balanced budget for 2012-2013, and expressed appreciation for the transparency of expense reports. Mr. Diaz urged the City Council to resolve the ongoing matter of the Sheriff's badge.

Marty Paz also urged the resolution of the ongoing issue of the Sheriff's badge. Mr. Paz expressed concern that he has not yet received a response to a recent inquiry made to City staff.

Director of Development Services Di Mario responded that Mr. Paz had inquired about ADA accessibility throughout the City and thought the information provided to Mr. Paz had addressed his concerns. However, he would contact Mr. Paz again.

Ken Medeiros stated his concerns on the pipe replacements in sewers and labor negotiations.

Susan Reyes invited the City Council and residents to upcoming events at the Senior Center.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting and stated that progress is being made on their issues.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 24, 2012

Council Member Argudo moved to waive further reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 24, 2012; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

B. PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF BADGES (City Manager to provide a verbal report at Council Meeting.)

City Manager Plumlee reported that he has sent a letter to Council Member Argudo requesting the return of the Sheriff's badge prior to tonight's meeting and confirmed that the badge has not yet been returned. He further reported that he received unsolicited e-mail correspondence from California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (Cal JPIA) in which a concern was expressed that the issues involving the badge are contrary to Cal JPIA's required good governance component standards as set forth in the City's performance improvement plan.

Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis expressed their hope that the matter would be resolved at the upcoming meeting between Council Member Argudo and the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Holloway requested the City Attorney provide the City Council with an outline of potential actions that could be taken if the matter is not resolved.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo to approve the Consent Calendar items D-1 and D-2; seconded by Mayor Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1326 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12-5040 approving Warrant Register No. 1326.

D-2 ADOPTION OF FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES FORM 806 CONCERNING COMPENSATED CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Action Taken: The City Council adopted FPPC Form 806 as presented, and directed that the Form be posted on the City's website.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 08-4751, AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares reported that the Political Reform Act ("PRA") requires each government agency to adopt a Conflict of Interest Code which must be reviewed biennially to determine if amendments are required. The Code being presented to the City Council has been revised to reflect current City positions. Staff is requesting adoption of a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 08-4751 and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City.

Council Member Argudo moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-5041 rescinding Resolution No. 08-4751 and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of La Puente; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that many San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) member agencies argue that the on-going benefits derived from COG membership are uncertain due to ineffective governance and leadership structure. At this time, several entities, including the City of La Puente, have not paid their membership dues for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Mayor Holloway stated that COG has consistently told member cities that neither they nor their representative would be at risk in any legal matters concerning COG.

City Attorney Casso stated that he does not foresee legal risks unless the City acts in a capacity outside the scope of the representation of their membership in the COG. He stated it is the obligation of the COG to defend its members should an individual, City, or representative be sued.

Council Member House commended the COG organization and stated that problems within the organization are being resolved.

Council Member Argudo moved to direct staff to remit the annual dues to continue in the COG organization; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

Mayor Holloway urged City staff to ensure that there is City representation in committees and meetings in the COG organization.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council at 7:54 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council at 8:06 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Holloway recessed to closed session at 8:06 p.m.

Attorney Casso recessed to closed session for discussion of two items as posted 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: BRET M. PLUMLEE, CITY MANAGER; WARD KOMERS, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES; AND JAY TRINNAMAN, COUNSEL. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: CEA AND SEIU

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a), EXISTING LITIGATION: LA PUENTE PROFESSIONALS, SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION ("LPPSMCEA") V. CITY OF LA PUENTE (CASE NO. LA-CE-744-M)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Holloway reconvened to open session at 8:23 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported there was no reportable action on either Item F-1 or Item F-2, and there was nothing further to report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he and Council Member House will meet with the City Manager to discuss an advertisement to be placed in the local newspaper related to the clean up of the City.

COUNCIL AB1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Susan Chavez Borruso, a longtime resident of the City.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee reported that Planning Commissioners and Staff recently completed AB 1234 training conducted by the office of the City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. in the memory of La Puente resident Susan Chavez Borruso and in the memory of California Highway Patrol Officer Kenyon Youngstrom, who was killed in the line of duty.

Approved this 27th day of November 2012

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor