MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 30, 2012

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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 October 30, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Klinakis, House, Lewis, and Argudo (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, Administrative Secretary Ramirez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rudy Almeida stated his support for City Attorney Casso stating that Mr. Casso had plenty of integrity and professionalism and a can do attitude. He also expressed the respect he had for Mr. Casso.

Manuel Maldonado stated that he was not happy with the short notice of this special meeting. He stated his support for City Attorney Casso which he believed had done an excellent job in the City and that Mr. Casso had the integrity and respect of the residents. Mr. Maldonado would like to see Mr. Casso stay on as the City Attorney.

Mayor Holloway gave a brief explanation on the procedure of this closed session item.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, TITLE: CITY ATTORNEY.

City Manager Plumlee recessed the City Council into closed session to discuss Item F-1 as listed on the agenda at 5:09 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Holloway reconvened to open session at 5:15 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Item F-1 with all members present; discussion was for Public employment of the City Attorney after discussion and deliberations City Attorney Jamie Casso is leaving his current law firm Meyers Nave and will be joining a new law firm Ross & Casso effective November 1, 2012. The City Council unanimously voted 5-0 to have Mr. Casso serve as the City Attorney and has instructed the City Manager to bring back a contract with Ross & Casso for the November 13, 2012 Council Meeting. The contact will be based on the same fees and costs which were set forth in the Meyers Nave contract.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member House congratulated City Attorney Casso and welcomed him aboard.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis also welcomed City Attorney Casso and wished City Manager Plumlee a happy birthday.

Council Member Lewis wished the best of luck to City Attorney Casso's new firm.

Council Member Argudo thanked Mr. Casso.

Mayor Holloway congratulated City Attorney Casso on his venture and thanked the public for attending and speaking at today's special meeting. He also stated that this was an important step for the Council and that he hoped that California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) was listening that things were going well in the City.

City Attorney Casso stated that he would like to thank the Mayor and Council Members for their confidence in him. He stated that he was excited for this new opportunity, he had wanted to do this for a very long time, and that he had enjoyed his ten years at Meyers Nave because they were a fine group of lawyers. He then wished Mr. Plumlee a happy birthday.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee stated he also wanted to congratulate Mr. Casso. He stated it was a great pleasure working closely with him and was happy the Council would be continuing to work with him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of November 2012

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor