MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 11, 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 December 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Holloway, Klinakis, House, Lewis, and Argudo (Arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Members absent:	None
Staff present:	City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Director of Administrative Services Komers, Director of Development Services Consultant DiMario, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro, City Engineer Pagett, and Recreation Manager Lerma

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant Planner Beth Chow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A COMMENDATION TO BETH CHOW

The Mayor and City Council presented a commendation to Assistant Planner Beth Chow and wished her luck in her new position in the City of Norwalk.

Assistant Planner Beth Chow thanked the Community for allowing her to serve them.

Mayor Holloway stated that it was an honor working with Ms. Chow, both he and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis have worked with Ms. Chow as Planning Commissioners and Council Members. She was always a professional and a great asset to our City and she will definitely be missed.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE MAIN STREET RUN SPONSORS

The Mayor and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Main Street Run Sponsors: Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant, Foothill Transit, Haddick's Towing, J.R. Party Rentals, Kiwanis Club, Valley Vista Services, and Willdan.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares read into the record a Vote of No Confidence on the City Manager Bret M. Plumlee and Director of Administrative Services Ward Komers from the Represented, Non-Represented, and Management Employees of the City.

Jeff Lewis thanked Assistant Planner Beth Chow for her years of service to the City. He commended the City staff on their work on the Holiday Parade. He also commended the Sheriff's Deputies on the quick action they took to find a lost little girl during the holiday parade event.

Mary Smith complained about cats needing to be licensed. She also complained about the Code Enforcement Division. Ms. Smith stated her concerns with the HEAL resolution.

Leonard W. Rose Jr. stated that he wanted to have good spirits unto others. He provided an update on his weight loss, his book, and his work on emergency preparedness education. He wished everyone a good holiday season.

S. Claus thanked the City Council for allowing him to participate in the Holiday Parade and spoke in support of Item E-4 on the agenda.

Lerna Shirinian, field representative for Assembly Member Ian Calderon, introduced herself to the City Council and is looking forward to working with the City of La Puente.

Teri Berger requested to speak when Item E-1 is considered.

Thomas Costea, Planning Commissioner, thanked Assistant Planner Beth Chow for all of her assistance with the Planning Commission and hopes the future brings her great things. He also thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing them to participate in the Holiday Parade. Mr. Costea thanked staff for organizing a great holiday event.

Leslie Costea, Puente Pride Committee Member, thanked everyone involved in letting all the Commissions and Committees participate in the Holiday Parade. She thanked the City Council for the Valley wall project. Ms. Costea thanked Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. for his updates and wished him a Merry Christmas. She stated that Code Enforcement has been doing a great job and requested that they continue the good work. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Manuel Maldonado stated his concerns with the Nelson Avenue project.

Council Member Argudo stated that Council has been out to try to fix this problem.

Mayor Holloway informed Mr. Maldonado that this is a very important issue and that the City is trying to get this resolved. They have asked School Board Member Duarte to help with this issue.

City Manager Plumlee stated that City has been proactive in working with the School Principal and the District's Police Chief. He stated that the Director of Development Services Di Mario has met with the contractor to help mitigate the issues. He also stated that the Principal has provided communication to the parents of the Nelson Elementary issue.

Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro provided an overview of the situation and the City's actions on Nelson Avenue. He stated that he spoke to Tony Argon the Police Chief of the School District who is working on mitigating this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Mr. Maldonado for his efforts with the Nelson Avenue issue.

Mayor Holloway reinforced that the City is very involved with this issue.

Dino Bakolas, Old Town La Puente Association, thanked the City Council and staff for the best parade ever. He requested that the City recognize Vice President, Margarita Alvarez and President, Magdalena Gutierrez for their efforts on the parade. He looks forward in working with the City next year's parade.

Julieta Vega, Recreation Specialist, provided a brief summary of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy. She requested that the Council continue to fund this program.

Gilberto Garcia spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Elizabeth Torres spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Monica Angulo spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Jennifer Manlove spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Jose Huitron spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Martha Cerda thanked everyone involved in providing the best Holiday Parade and requested to inform everyone that the rides at the parade are free. She also thanked everyone involved in resolving the Nelson Avenue issue. Ms. Cerda requested that they please keep the parents involved in finding the resolution for this issue. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Maria A. Torres spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Mayor Holloway provided a brief history on Fairgrove Academy's lack of funding from the School District and stated that the District has been informed that they need to correct this oversight and provide Fairgrove with the same afterschool programs provided at the other Schools within the District.

Berta Saravia spoke in support of the STARS program at Fairgrove Academy and requested that the City Council continue to fund this program.

Anthony Duarte, School District Board Member, thanked everyone for the Holiday Parade and for letting them participate in the parade. He thanked Assistant Planner Beth Chow for all her assistance and wished her the best in her new career path. Mr. Duarte informed everyone of the services that the Boys and Girls Club provide for the youth afterschool. He thanked everyone for their assistance in trying to get the Nelson Avenue issue resolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis commended the work that Anthony Duarte has done on the Board of the School District and the Nelson Avenue issue.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported that he attended the City Selection Committee meeting. He provided a brief summary of the items that were discussed at the meeting.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 23, 2012, NOVEMBER 13, 2012, AND NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 23, 2012, November 13, 2012, and November 27, 2012; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House and Lewis. NOES: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CLIENTFIRST CONSULTING GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE CITY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $44,040 PER YEAR

Director of Administrative Services Komers provided a brief history and summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo stated his concerns with the process on how IT services contracts were handled by the current staff in charge of the IT Division.

Mayor Holloway asked if the references were check on the vendors that submitted bids.

Director of Administrative Services Komers stated that the references were not verbally checked. The City of Rancho Palos Verde checked the references of Clientfirst in May 2012 and that is what we are using for their reference check.

Mayor Holloway stated that this is a concern because in the past we have relied on others appraisals of vendors which have resulted in bad experiences with the vendors we have to do our due diligence and check their references. He requested a breakdown of the $118,500 expenditure for IT Services in comparison to the assessments that had been provided by three different vendors to address our system as a result of the security issues the City experienced.

Director of Administrative Services Komers stated that he was not familiar with the assessments, he provided an update on all of the items in Phase I that were completed of the Anyone agreement. He stated that the sub-contractor was Proficio Tech.

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on the sub-contractor that provided these services. He also provided the history of the assessments and questioned why it was going to cost the City approximately $3,600 monthly when the current vendor was providing the same service for $1,200.

Director of Administrative Services Komers stated that the difference was due to NIC Partners only providing emergency support not the day to day support services that are needed by the City.

Council Member Lewis stated that this Item was very concerning because the organization needs a viable computer system to roll out its services. She suggested that perhaps an additional staff member should be added for IT support in-house.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested clarification if the amount $108,000 is left in the budget if this agreement is awarded.

City Manager Plumlee reiterated the process that was done to get staff to this point.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested confirmation that $108,000 was the balance of the IT budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. City Manager Plumlee confirmed it was $108,000.

Mayor Holloway requested the cost for the remainder of this fiscal year. He is concerned with who will be monitoring the IT support staff so that substandard materials are not used in the future. Mayor Holloway stated that if the City Council decided to not move forward with this contract would the vendor be willing to work on an interim basis for the remainder of this fiscal year and then decide whether or not to extend their agreement.

Director of Administrative Services Komers stated that an item was brought to Council to hire Clientfirst on an interim basis in the past for $24,500 so he does not think they will have an issue on working on an interim basis but the representative from Clientfirst that is present can speak on that issue.

Council Member Argudo stated that he is not comfortable moving forward with this recommendation and suggested that the Mayor may want to create an ad hoc committee to review the IT Services. His major question and concern was why the Council was not informed that Proficio Tech's services were terminated and that their contract was not renewed.

Council Member House stated that he could not support a two year contract with any vendor without a trial period first.

City Manager Plumlee stated that Clientfirst may address the potential of providing their services on an interim basis with the option of extending the agreement for the full two to five year term. He asked David Krout from Clientfirst to address the Council concerns.

David Krout, Clientfirst representative, stated that they are willing to take the interim assignment. He provided a brief summary of their work ethic, business approach, references and their services.

Mayor Holloway moved to approve a seven month agreement for the remainder of the fiscal year with the option of a two or five year extension to be determined after the budget session, create an Information Technology Systems Ad Hoc Committee to help with the assessment of the services and the recommendation of the extension (Ad Hoc Committee Members: Mayor Holloway, Council Member Argudo and Director of Administrative Services Komers); seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House and Lewis. NOES: None.

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council at 9:53 p.m.

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council at 10:05 p.m.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1331 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12-5048 approving Warrant Register No. 1331.

D-2 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 12-923 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020 (COUNCIL MEETINGS) OF CHAPTER 2.04 (CITY COUNCIL) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 12-923 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California Amending Section 2.04.020 (Council Meetings) Of Chapter 2.04 (City Council) of Title 2 (Administration) of the La Puente Municipal Code.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 TAXICAB EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - ANNUAL EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF FRANCHISEE (EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS)

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Holloway stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis met with Ms. Berger and provided the Council with a handout of concerns that Ms. Berger will be discussing.

Council Member Argudo requested that the fees be lowered, the removal of the archaic requirements, and a solution for the regulation of bandit cabs.

City Attorney Casso provided a history of the Ordinance and its requirements.

Terry Berger, Express Transportation representative, stated her concerns with the fees and requested that they be lowered; the map reading test and requested it be removed as all drivers have a GPS system in their cab; and the English proficiency exam and requested that it be removed. She stated that when the franchise was created there was different staff on both sides and feels that now they are starting to meet the city's requirements. She is actively working with the community to provide the assistance where it is needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis suggested to Ms. Berger that they re-evaluate if continuing with the franchise would be cost effective and profitable for them.

Council Member Lewis requested clarification on the fees that the drivers pay. Ms. Berger informed her that the drivers pay the $220 and the $400 fees.

Mayor Holloway by consensus of the Council extended the meeting time passed the 10:30 p.m.

Mayor Holloway requested clarification on why the fees are higher in the City of La Puente compared to the other cities in the San Gabriel Valley. He also asked Ms. Berger if they can certify that every driver has a GPS system in their vehicle. Mayor Holloway requested that staff bring back this item in January with options on the fees and the removal of the map test. Ms. Berger confirmed that every driver has a GPS System.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE STARS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo moved to continue to: 1) fund the Fairgrove Academy STARS program; 2) eliminate the STARS program at the Community Center beginning January 2013 and have staff provide a two week notice to the current participants; and 3) bring back to Council the transitional impacts of removing the STARS program at Hurley Elementary; seconded by Council Member Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Argudo, House and Lewis. NOES: Holloway and Klinakis.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CLOSING CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES THE FULL DAY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2012 AND MONDAY DECEMBER 31, 2012 (Mayor Holloway)

Mayor Holloway stated that this would be a thank you for our staff and a cost saving measure if City Hall is closed all day on December 24 and 31 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis moved to close the full days on December 24, 2012 and December 31, 2012; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House and Lewis. NOES: None.

E-4 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM MR. S. CLAUS FOR VARIANCES FROM THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE

Council Member Argudo moved to 1) Grant a free business license for a non-profit organization (LPMC 5.04.180); 2) Waive the Noise Ordinance to permit the sound of bells (LPMC 7-2-3); 3) Waive the Trespass Ordinance (LPMC 3.16.130); 4) Waive the ordinance on Animal Regulations (LPMC 10.68.010); seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House and Lewis. NOES: None.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council at 11:05 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council at 11:07 p.m.

F. CLOSED SESSION - None.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and happy new year. He also requested additional port-a-potties for the parade.

Mayor Holloway wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked staff for the Christmas parade. He stated that St. Martha's Choir was upset because it was not given the opportunity to sing after the tree lighting event.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked the citizens in the audience for staying to the end of the Council meeting.

Council Member Lewis thanked staff for the Christmas parade. She also thanked everyone that has been working on the Nelson Ave. situation.

Council Member House concurred with his Council.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee thanked staff and Council for a successful Holiday Event. He stated that he would be attending the CALJPIA Board meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in which the City's performance improvement plan is on the agenda and that he would provide an update to the Council on the outcome of this item. He also wished everyone happy holidays. He reminded everyone of the employee holiday breakfast that is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and the Community Center.

Recreation Manager Lerma thanked the recreation staff for all their hard work on the holiday parade.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 11:11 p.m. to December 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the Holiday Home Decorating Tour.

Approved this 8th day of January 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor