MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council/Successor Agency of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on February 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. AGENDA
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Klinakis, House, Lewis, and Argudo (Arrived at 6:42 p.m.)

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, and City Clerk Jacquez-Nares

CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Casso recessed the City Council into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss one potential case of anticipated litigation as listed on the agenda.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that the City Council recessed into Closed Session as to the Anticipated Litigation Item, direction was given to the City Attorney and no final action was taken.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Klinakis, House, Lewis, and Argudo

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Director of Development Services Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro, Recreation Manager Lerma, and Finance Manager Purificación

City Attorney Casso stated for the record that Council Member Argudo joined the Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A COMMENDATION TO MARIA GALVAN

City Manager Plumlee stated that Maria Galvan was unable to attend to receive her commendation. He proceeded to read her commendation for her years of service to the City of La Puente. Ms. Galvan's last day with the City is February 14, 2013.

Mayor Holloway thanked Ms. Galvan for her years of service and wished her well in her new endeavor.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MRS. SUSIE PEREZ OF EL CAMPECHANO RESTAURANT

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mrs. Susie Perez of El Campechano Restaurant.

Mrs. Perez thanked the Mayor, City Council, Sheriff's Department, local churches and schools for helping her with the event at Bassett School.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Perez and everyone involved in making the Bassett School event a success.

Mayor Holloway recognized Laura Santos from the Bassett School Board and Anthony Duarte from the Hacienda School Board who were in attendance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard W. Rose Jr. stated his support on the just say no to drugs campaign. He also stated his concerns with the homeless person that had passed away over the weekend.

Craig French praised the Council for their good intentions and what they have done to improve the City of La Puente. He stated his alliance with the Sheriff's Department for providing counseling for victims of crime.

Marty Paz asked the Council why another staff member was leaving if the City was it due to the management or the Council. He stated his concerns with the $413,000 amount per year that the City Attorney earns. Mr. Paz suggested that the City hire an in-house City Attorney.

Janina Solis stated her disappointment with the City due to the lack of Sheriff Officers within the City to provide services.

John Solis stated his concerns with the lack of response from the City Manager on his property issue. He stated that he has no confidence in the City Manager and that is why staff continues to leave the City.

Mayor Holloway stated that the homeowner has acknowledged the problem and stated that they will rectify the problem.

City Manager Plumlee confirmed what the Mayor had stated. He stated that there are multiple items that need to be addressed at that location. Mr. Plumlee estimated that the timeline would be by the end of March.

Martha Cerda thanked everyone that has been involved in the Nelson School issue. She thanked Chief Cacheiro for the food baskets that were donated to the families. Ms. Cerda provided an update on the Nelson Project. She requested that the crossing guard be put on the Nelson side of the street and that the traffic light timing be checked. She requested help with items that the volunteers can wear to increase their visibility while directing traffic.

Frank Sanchez stated his support for the City Attorney and justified the amount paid to him. He thanked Mrs. Perez for what she is doing for the community.

Anthony Duarte thanked the Council and Staff for the collaboration on the Nelson issue. He emphasized school safety and he thanked the Sheriff's Department.

Police Chief Cacheiro provided the weekly statistics on the crime in the City of La Puente. He also provided a brief summary of the burglary on Ms. Janina Solis.

Council Member Argudo stated that the Council was supposed to address saturation patrol and requested that it be agendized for the next City Council meeting. He asked whether the funding available can be used to lessen the gang violence assaults and requested that this item also be agendized for discussion.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member House provided an update on the Beautification Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he participated in a Business Round Table Advisory Board San Gabriel Valley with Senator Hernandez. He would like to continue to share the information with Council in the future.

Mayor Holloway stated that the IT Ad Hoc Committee would meet on Thursday, February 14, 2013. He and Development Services Director Di Mario attended a clean water overview meeting and Director Di Mario will be providing a presentation to Council at a future meeting.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETINGS OF AUGUST 16, 2012, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2013

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Meetings of August 16, 2012, September 12, 2012 and the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2013; 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 - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo moved to Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-2; seconded by Council Member House. 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. 1334 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-5065 approving Warrant Register No. 1334.

D-2 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-924 AMENDING SECTION 5.48.220 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TESTING FOR TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMIT

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13-924 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California Amending Section 5.48.220 (Test for Driver's Permit) of Chapter 5.48 (Taxicab Operators and Taxicab Drivers) of Title 5 (Business Regulations and Licenses) of the La Puente Municipal Code.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE INTERIM ASSISTANT PLANNER SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $15,000.00

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis moved to approve Amendment No. 12-1100-01 to the Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Engineering in the amount of $15,000.00; seconded by Council Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, House, and Lewis. NOES: Argudo.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AN ADVISORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MORTGAGE RESOLUTION PARTNERS TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF THE MORTGAGE CRISIS IN THE CITY

City Manager Plumlee provided a brief update of this item and presented Anthony Gonzalez.

Council Member Argudo requested a five minute recess to confer with Legal Counsel on the potential of a conflict of interest.

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Council Member Argudo recused himself on the potential of a conflict of interest due to his business being in real estate.

City Attorney Casso provided further explanation on the matter of Council Member Argudo's request to recuse himself. He stated that Council Member Argudo and have left the dais and Council Chambers at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor Holloway requested clarification on the effect it would have to the Council if this organization were to work with their neighbors. City Attorney Casso stated that the individual actions would be reviewed on how they would affect the Council Members in accordance with the proximity to their houses and if necessary the Council Member may have to recuse themselves from that specific action.

Graham Williams, Chief Executive Officer of Mortgage Resolutions, stated that the action would be one action involving many mortgages. The resolution of necessity may have language to exclude the mortgages that are by the Council Members property.

Anthony Gonzalez, President of Williams C. Velasquez Institute, provided a brief update of the action that the Council will be taking at this meeting.

City Manager Plumlee confirmed what Mr. Gonzalez stated and that this is at no cost to the City. He has reviewed this agreement along with the City Attorney and find that everything is in order.

Mayor Holloway requested confirmation that indeed this was just the first step and any additional steps would come back to the Council for approval. Staff and Mr. Gonzalez confirmed that any additional steps would indeed come before the Council for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis moved to Agreement No. 13-1104 for advisory services; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

City Manager Plumlee introduced the newly hired Finance Manager Raul Purificación.

Mayor Holloway recognized Paul Solano from the Bassett School Board who was in attendance.

Council Member Argudo returned to the dais at 8:40 p.m.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON THE FORMATION OF A SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Holloway stated his concerns with the existing committees not fully staffed and the former Recreation Committee not having interested participants to fill this Committee. Of the presented models, he supports model two and requested to include a Bassett High School student that is a resident of the City. He feels that this committee will need strong oversight from Staff in order for it to succeed.
Council Member Lewis supports model two. She asked if any members of the existing committees have shown interest in serving on the committee. Recreation Manager Lerma answered that staff has not solicited feedback from them.

Council Member House stated that his request was to have all of the City's events memorialized in case there is any staff changes there are instructions on how to put on these events.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis would like to see a committee with members from all regions within the City.

Council Member Argudo moved to consider a committee that encompasses memorializing the events, inviting our sponsors to serve, representatives from the high schools and that the staff liaison be the recreation manager.

Mayor Holloway made a substitute motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to assist the recreation staff in the memorialization of the processes for the primary City events and once that has been completed to move forward with the establishment of a committee as stated by Council Member Argudo in order to assist Staff in implementing, providing recommendations, helping with and providing lessons learned on all these events; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

Mayor Holloway appointed Council Member House and himself as the two members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council meeting at 9:12 p.m.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway adjourned the Successor Agency meeting and reconvened the City Council meeting at 9:14 p.m.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of February 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor