

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

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.lapuate.org

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 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, Lewis and House (arrived at 7:53 p.m.)

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Plumlee, Interim City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Development Services Director Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Recreation Manager Lerma, and Finance Manager Purificacion

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council/Agency Member Argudo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS FOR FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Tiffany Fess and Nicholas Romero for their participation in Future Farmers of America agricultural program and their championships at the Orange County Fair exhibit.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard W. Rose Jr. congratulated Sheriff Lee Baca. He supports the efforts of Grace Chapel Christian Fellowship and Victory Outreach. Mr. Rose stated that the Sheriffs are tightening down on drug dealing and gang violence.

Josie Martinez thanked the City Council for the job they are doing for the community and the City.

Jeff Lewis spoke in support of the Relay for Life Event fee waiver.

Marty Paz requested the status of the Mariachi Divas recognition because he requested this over a month ago through the City Manager's Assistant. He stated his concerns with the Tribune article on the severance of \$35,000 paid to former Director of Administrative Services Ward Komers and the investigation on the City Manager conducted by Frank Tripepi, a former City Manager, which is a conflict of interest. Mr. Paz requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Ed Wictor, husband to Cecilia Wictor Curator of the Historical Society. He requested that when other speakers that address the Council and make mistakes these speakers also be corrected.

City Attorney Casso provided the procedure for the Komers settlement agreement.

Council Member Argudo requested further clarification on the Komers Settlement Agreement and stated that he was not in support of this agreement or that the investigation be conducted by former City Manager Frank Tripepi. He requested a written report on the investigation that was conducted by Mr. Tripepi along with the list of the staff that was interviewed. He stated the employees had lost confidence in the Council, in the process, and did not feel comfortable going to the Mayor with any issues.

City Attorney Casso stated that the Council had given him direction to work with the labor law attorney, Ms. Moisa, to prepare the agreement.

Mayor Holloway stated that the entire City Council did participate and unanimously approved the settlement agreement and the investigation.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that he would not discuss this in public because it was a personnel issue. He said that all five Council Members agreed on the remedy for this issue, provided the direction to the City Attorney, and were moving forward. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that he had informed staff that he would not discuss this issue with them, and as far as he was concerned, they were moving forward. He requested that the staff bring forward their allegations and they would be investigated.

Council Member Lewis stated that certain items should be discussed in closed session and did not want to discuss this in open session.

Mayor Holloway stated that the allegations were very vague and requested that if any staff members had any specific allegations to bring them forward in order to investigate them.

RECESS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Mayor/Chair Holloway recessed the Successor Agency at 7:35 p.m.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway provided the City Council with a handout on the M4 permit which deals with clean water.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments 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 MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Council Member Lewis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, and Lewis. NOES: None. ABSENT: House

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1335 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on the item for \$5,843.75 paid to Ward Komers. He also requested clarification on the termination date for Mr. Komers, the final amount that he would be receiving, and the reason it was being paid in installments.

City Attorney Casso requested that the City Council refrain from discussing any items that had been discussed in closed session. He clarified that the settle agreement was for structured payments over a three month period. Mr. Casso stated that Mr. Komers last date was some time in December 2012 and that he was available for consultation by the City Manager for transitional services until January 31, 2013.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis moved to adopt the Resolution No. 13-5066 approving Warrant Register No. 1335; seconded by Council Member Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, and Lewis. NOES: Argudo. ABSENT: House

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Member House arrived at 7:53 p.m.

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER AND USE OF LA PUENTE PARK FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE OF LA PUENTE EVENT

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Lewis stated that she and her husband, Jeff Lewis, are involved in this event on a volunteer basis and were not receiving any compensation.

Council Member Argudo moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-5067 approving the request for a fee waiver for the American Cancer Society's 2013 Relay for Life of La Puente event; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis.

Council Member Argudo asked Mr. Jeff Lewis if there was a potential for any additional fees that would be incurred by the Event and would need to be waived such as extra security from the Sherriff's Department.

Jeff Lewis stated that he was not aware of any and would be contacting Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro when he returns from his trip.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND RECONVENE THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Mayor/Chair Holloway recessed the City Council and reconvened the Successor Agency at 7:54 p.m.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Agency Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013; seconded by Agency Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Agency Member Argudo moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-16 approving the Successor Agency Warrant Register No. 10 for February 26, 2013; seconded by Agency Member Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Finance Manager Purificación provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Holloway asked the funding source for the \$250,000.

Finance Manager Purificación answered it would come from the taxes.

Vice Chair Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-17 approving the Successor Agency's administrative budget for the time period ending June 30, 2014; seconded by Agency Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: Holloway.

Agency Member Argudo moved to reconsider Item E-1 concerning the Budget; the motion failed due to lack of a second.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) 13-14A, COVERING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013

Finance Manager Purificación provided a brief summary of this item.

Vice Chair Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-18 approving the Recognized Obligation Schedule (ROPS) 13-14A of the Successor Agency to the former Community Development Commission of the City of La Puente for the six-month fiscal period commencing on July 1, 2013 and ending on December 31, 2013; seconded by Agency Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, House, and Lewis. NOES: Argudo.

ADJOURN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY, RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway adjourned the Successor Agency and reconvened the City Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided an update on the Beautification Ad Hoc Committee and presented the Council with the inoperable vehicles information. He further stated that the City is trying to work with the community in order to complete this project with minimal impact on the residents.

Council Member House stated the City is moving forward with the removal of inoperable vehicles. The City would evaluate this process before it moves forward with other beautification items.

Mayor Holloway stated that it was good that the residents are being informed of the City's expectations on the inoperable vehicles. He asked Council Member Argudo to provide the update on the IT Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Council Member Argudo asked City Manager Plumlee if his PowerPoint slides were available for his update on the IT Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He stated that because the slides were not

provided by the City Manager as he had requested, he would not be able to provide the update. Council Member Argudo requested to be present on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, when City Manager Plumlee made his conference call to ClientFirst. He also stated that he would provide City Manager Plumlee with the paper copies of the information he is requesting on Wednesday as well.

City Manager Plumlee answered no, he did not have the slides, but the Mayor has handed out the to-do-list, the completed list, and the ongoing list from ClientFirst the entire Council. He stated that he would place a conference call to ClientFirst to request this information on Wednesday, February 27, 2103.

Mayor Holloway instructed City Manager Plumlee to provide the PowerPoint slides for the next City Council meeting on March 12, 2013.

Council Member Lewis reported on the Special Events Ad Hoc Committee has reviewed the program for the Spring Egg Hunt event and would meet again before the event.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member House provided a brief update on the train noise and that he would be presenting a full report at the March 12, 2013 Council meeting.

Council Member Argudo complimented the Beautification Ad Hoc Committee on the inoperable vehicles brochure produced by the City staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested to have the month of April proclaimed Beautify La Puente Month.

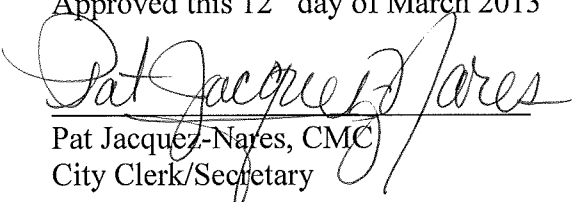
Mayor Holloway stated that it was good news that the City is moving forward with the train noise issue. He stated that he had received some information from the City Manager on the noise from the expo center.

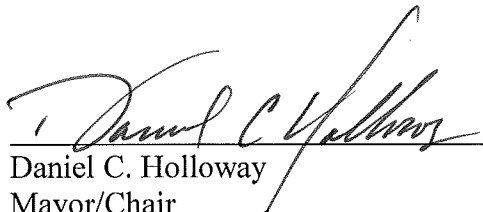
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. in the memory of Ed Wictor longtime resident and active community member of La Puente.

Approved this 12th day of March 2013


Pat Jacques-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary


Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair