MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETINGS OF
MARCH 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.lapuente.org

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Consultant DiMario, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro, City Engineer Pagett, and Recreation Manager Lerma

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO CAPTAIN BRUCE FOGARTY

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition and a City Tile to Captain Bruce Fogarty for his years of service to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Captain Fogarty thanked the City Council and the City for this recognition.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

The Mayor and City Council presented the Proclamation for National Community Development Week to Evelyn Reyes and Elena Robles from Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano's office.

Evelyn Reyes on behalf of Congresswoman Napolitano thanked the City Council for the Proclamation and is looking forward to continue to work with the City of La Puente.

PRESENTATION FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Connie Brehm, President of the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation of the organization and their services.

Todd M. Palmquist, Executive Director of the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, provided a brief introduction and summary of this organization and their services.

Council Member Argudo commended the Coalition for their efforts. He stated his concerns with the alcohol and drug paraphernalia left by the homeless at the pick-up locations.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked the Coalition for their efforts.

Council Member Lewis commended the Coalition for their awareness of public health.

Mayor Holloway commended the Coalition and stated his concerns with the City's funding availability. He asked what was being done with the chronic homeless individuals.

Ms. Brehm stated that the chronically homeless individuals are provided with permanent housing assistance.

Council Member Argudo asked what was appropriated last year for this organization. Director Di Mario answered $7,080.00.

City Manager Plumlee stated that historically it had been funded with CDBG funds in the past but currently it is funded from the General Fund.

PROCLAMATION FOR SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK

The Mayor and City Council presented the Proclamation for Safety Seat Checkup Week to Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro.

Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro on behalf of the Sheriff's Department thanked the Mayor, City Council, and the City for this Proclamation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard W. Rose Jr. provided an update on his weight loss and encouraged everyone to exercise.

Phil Gutierrez stated his concerns with the noise coming from the Bodega Market parking lot cleaning crew at 5:00 a.m. Staff would provide assistance with this issue.

Victoria Goldbaum requested assistance with her neighbors that vandalize her property. Staff would provide assistance with this issue.

Jesus Arias stated that he and Mrs. Goldbaum are neighbors and he also requested assistance with the same neighbors that are making loud noise late at night. Staff would provide assistance with this issue.

Marty Paz suggested that the Senior Center be moved to the Community Center to accommodate the parking. His concern is with the City Vehicles parked at the Senior Center and taking up the parking spaces that the seniors could use.

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on whether direction had already been given to remove these vehicles in the past. He also suggested that the inoperable vehicles be moved to the maintenance yard.

Mayor Holloway stated he did not recall if prior direction was given to move the vehicles and asked what the current policy was.

City Manager Plumlee stated that at night the vehicles are parked at the Senior Center, some have been moved to the Community Center, and that Staff would provide Council with a report on surplusing these vehicles. He agreed to move the inoperable vehicles to the maintenance yard.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis suggested that the City purchase any property adjacent to the Senior Center to add parking for the Senior Center.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF MARCH 12, 2013

Council/Agency Member House moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of March 12, 2013; seconded by Council/Agency Member Lewis. 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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1337 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-5069 approving Warrant Register No. 1337; 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. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 RECEIVE AND FILE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT OF THE CITY'S ENERGY ACTION PLAN

Development Services Director Di Mario provided a brief summary of this item and introduced Tammy Seale, Principal from PMC Sustainability & Climate Change Services and Caitlin Sims from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Tammy Seale, Principal at PMC, provided the overview of the draft Energy Plan PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Holloway asked when this plan would cease to be a voluntary plan and become a mandatory plan.

Director Di Mario stated that the plan allows the City to pick the potential projects that funding can be sought for in order to implement these changes within the City's facilities. The residential and commercial parts can be moved forward through the adoption of guidelines for a green environment.

Council Member Argudo moved to receive and file the Administrative Draft of the City's Energy Action Plan; 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-2 OVERVIEW OF THE NEW MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Development Services Director Di Mario introduced Elroy Kipkee, Engineer from Willdan.

Elroy Kipkee, Willdan Engineer, provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation of the requirements for the Storm Sewer System MS4 Permit.

Mayor Holloway stated his concerns with these requirements and how the State expects the City to pay for the implementation.

Council Member House stated that he saw these regulations coming eight years ago when he served on the Water District. He stated that these regulations are getting worse every year.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated his concerns with this all these fees.

Council Member House stated that the natural water source from the ground has selenium and we are required to take it out.

Engineer Pagett stated that the pollutants that come from Federal land also have to be removed from the water.

Mayor Holloway stated that environmental process is good but common sense should prevail. He requested that updates be provided as they become known as to how the City should proceed with this requirement. Mayor Holloway asked if there were any legal actions taken to appeal this permit.

Director Di Mario stated that he and Engineer Pagett are participating with other entities to combine efforts to share the cost in creating an enhanced watershed plan.

Mr. Kipkee stated that the process to appeal has started other cities had submitted appeals to the State Water Board but the hearing had not been set at this time.

Council Member Argudo asked if the State would send subsidies for this mandate. The City has to take action by June 28, 2013.

Mr. Kipkee stated that there are unfunded mandates.

Council Member Lewis thanked Mr. Kipkee for his presentation and hopes to continue these conversations in order to find a solution.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON OPTIONS FOR CONTINUING THE STARS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT CERTAIN CITY LOCATIONS

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo asked for the City's savings if the program at Hurley was eliminated. He also asked what types of grants were available to subsidize this program.

Manager Lerma answered that the savings were roughly 12 to 13 thousand for staff's time. She also stated that an organization has contacted the City as a potential funding source but that they would let the City know at the end of May or beginning of June whether the funds would be awarded to the City.

Council Member Lewis asked whether staff would be reassigned to other programs.

Manager Lerma answered that staff would be assigned to other programming areas as needed.

Council Member House stated that there was an Options program at Hurley that also provided the students afterschool care.

Council Member House moved to continue the STARS After School Program at Hurley for the remainder of this fiscal year only and to continue the program at Fairgrove Academy; seconded by Charlie Klinakis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, and House. NOES: Lewis.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE LOGISTICS FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL SPRING EGG HUNT

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Lewis thanked Recreation Manager Lerma for the comprehensive report and stated that not all of the dignitaries needed to be brought up to the stage on the day of the event.

Council Member House requested that the event start on time.

Mayor Holloway stated his concerns with only doing one giant egg hunt and with the photos taken with the bunnies.

Manager Lerma explained that the egg hunt was sectioned off into four areas by age group and all ages would begin at the same time in their designated area. The photos were printed out on regular paper to reduce the cost to the City and are free for the participants.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis questioned the name of the Spring Egg Hunt and why it was not being called the Easter Egg Hunt.

City Attorney Casso provided a brief synopsis on the use of religion at City sponsored events.

Council Member Lewis moved to accept the recommendations made by the Special Events Ad Hoc Committee concerning the logistics for the Spring Egg Hunt.; seconded by David Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

E-5 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COLANTUONO & LEVIN, PC FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION FEE

City Attorney Casso provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo moved to Agreement No. 13-1108 with Colantuono & Levin, PC for legal services related to the City's efforts to recoup funds paid for the Los Angeles County Property Tax Administration Fee; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway asked City Manager Plumlee to schedule within the next couple of weeks the IT Ad Hoc Committee meeting and to include the IT support services representative.

Council Member House stated that the Beautify La Puente Ad Hoc Committee would be meeting on March 27, 2013.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that the Sheriff's Youth Activities League took two groups of kids (165 and 180) on two different trips to watch a Los Angeles Clippers' game with the majority of the kids being La Puente residents.

Council Member Argudo reminded everyone of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference was coming up soon and asked if any of staff would be attending.

City Manager Plumlee stated that staff had not registered for that event, but staff has been in contact with the developer of the Hacienda Fairgrove Shopping Center and will be providing information to them as needed.

Mayor Holloway reminded everyone that on April 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Louis of Francis Church there was a scheduled town hall meeting with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Baca would be in attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Successor Agency, Mayor/Chair Holloway adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

Daniel C. Holloway

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Mayor/Chair