MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETINGS OF
APRIL 9, 2013

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The Regular and Special Meetings of the City Council and Successor Agency of the City of La Puente were held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on April 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the Special and Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Holloway, Klinakis, House, Argudo (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.), and Lewis (Arrived at 7:38 p.m.)
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, Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, and Code Enforcement Supervisor Blakely

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Casso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECESS THE SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Holloway recessed the Special meeting at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

COMMENDATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT DR. NAKAOKA FROM HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Nakaoka thanked the City Council and the Mayor for the honor bestowed on her for her 42 years of service in the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District and for their support.

Mayor Holloway acknowledged the members present in the audience from the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Board, Rudy Echaverria, Anthony Duarte, and retired members Gloria Alderete and Bonnie Wilson. He stated that he first became aware of Dr. Nakaoka back in the 1990's when he was active in the keeping Workman School open and since that time she had done a great job improving the achievement of the District's students and she would definitely be missed.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Dr. Nakaoka as President of the Youth Activities League for her support and partnership year after year by providing buses to transport the League members to different events.

PRESENTATION AND UPDATE CONCERNING INOPERABLE VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Supervisor Blakely provided a summary of the PowerPoint presentation on Inoperable Vehicles.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. provided an update on New Hope Church and their Pastor. He announced the opening of the new Victory Outreach Church located at 14921 Amar Road in the City of La Puente.

Anthony Duarte thanked the City Council for honoring Dr. Nakaoka, Superintendent of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. He also thanked Dr. Nakaoka for her years of service.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway provided the Council Members a press release handout from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District on the treatment of the Asian Tiger Mosquito infestation. He also announced the Sanitation District's household hazardous waste round up scheduled for April 13, 2013 in Azusa at Northrup Grumman Corporation and the Earth Day celebration scheduled for April 13, 2013 at the Sanitation District. Lastly, he provided information on the impacts of closing the La Puente land fill.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2013 AND MARCH 27, 2013

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of March 26, 2013 and March 27, 2013; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1338 AND 12 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Council Member House moved to adopt Resolution Nos. 13-5070 and 13-20 approving Warrant Register Nos. 1338 and 12; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: Lewis.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 SECOND QUARTER UPDATE ON THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Holloway announced that a Relay for Life fundraiser would be held on May 4, 2013 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis complimented Recreation Manager Lerma on the Easter Egg Hunt.

Recreation Manager Lerma appreciated the feedback and she would pass along the statements of gratitude to all of her staff.

Mayor Holloway asked Recreation Manager Lerma to express their thanks to the United States Army representatives in attendance. He also asked for the status of the scholarship award presentations.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares answered that the deadline for the scholarship applications was April 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. and that she would be scheduling a meeting with the Education Commission to review the applications and bring a recommendation to Council at the May meeting.

E-2 PROVIDE UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Development Services Director Di Mario provided a summary on the PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Argudo thanked staff for the presentation. He prefers a ledgestone rather than the cobblestone and requested that a bridge be incorporated into this project.

Mayor Holloway asked if the entry sign project had been approved.

City Engineer Pagett stated that the entry sign project was part of last year's budget and it got carried over into this year's budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated he liked concept 1 option a.

Council Member House stated he liked concept 1 with the cobblestone in option b.

Mayor Holloway stated he liked concept 1 option a or b. He is concerned that the welcome sign blends into the sign and is not very visible.

Council Member Lewis concurred with Mayor Holloway on the visibility of the welcome sign and stated her preference for concept 1 option a.

Mayor Holloway stated that the Council prefers concept 1 and would like to see larger renderings of this concept with both the ledgestone and cobblestone options and the welcome in another color.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested an update on the Temple and Santoro Street projects.

City Engineer Pagett provided an update of the Cal Recycle rubberized asphalt grant status as it pertains to the various street projects. The Santoro Street is a local street and would be addressed by a different funding source which can be used for local street repairs.

Mayor Holloway clarified that the Temple project was divided into three parts and the center part has been completed which is the largest part.

E-3 FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT

City Manager Plumlee provided a brief introduction to this item.

Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, provided a summary of the PowerPoint presentation.

Finance Manager Purificacion provided a summary of the PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Holloway requested staff present an updated chart to reflect the new forecasted numbers and updated projections.

City Manager Plumlee stated that the revenue base is improving and the sales tax was slightly growing. He further stated that staff met with Hdl, the tax consultants, on a regular basis and provide them with updated information and Hdl would run the updated numbers for the forecast that would be recommended on the City's Budget for Council approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested confirmation that the General Fund revenues were up $322,000, and the reserves up $300,000. City Manager Plumlee confirmed that he was correct. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that due to the City Council's work they had managed to extend the bankruptcy date. He commended his colleagues and staff for helping bridge the gap.

Council Member Argudo asked the source for the projected $300,000 to the General Fund Reserve balance of 6.2 Million and if it would remain in the City's reserves. He further stated that the City Council Members in the past have maintained a very healthy reserve balance and during his tenure they have maintained a 60 percent reserve balance.

City Manager Plumlee stated the difference between the estimated revenues and estimated expenses was just under $300,000 approximately $275,000. Staff was projecting that revenues would exceed expenditures by $275,000 this fiscal year and this would go into the City's General Fund reserves.

Mayor Holloway stated that the City of La Puente historically had a 16 million dollar reserve. He further stated that this Council had made significant changes and he appreciated the support of the Council in making the necessary changes.

City Manager Plumlee stated that the City had a balanced budget this year and it was attributable to the actions that this Council had taken on both the revenues and expenditures. Staff had also done a good job on lowering the expenditures. It had been a team effort based on the Council's direction. He stated that staff was working on refinancing the debt before the end of this fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that the reserves had been lowered throughout the past years due to the way the Community Center's debt structure was handled. The City needed to learn from these hardships and correct them for future endeavors.

Council Member House stated that unfortunately the debt was done and that he hopes that staff can work on getting the debt refinanced.

Council Member Argudo stated that it was not the debt structure but the mishandling of the Community Center project that elevated the debt to 12 million from a 2 million dollar project. He also stated that the staff's reorganization with the one million dollar savings also contributed in helping the City's cost savings. Council Member Argudo would like the City to spend money in the community.

Mayor Holloway agrees with everyone's comments but this Council was responsible to clean up the Community Center's expense. The lay-offs were necessary and no one wanted to do them but it was necessary for the repayment of the Community Center's expense.

City Manager Plumlee asked the Council for direction on the budget calendar as it was presented in the staff report. He also requested that the Council start the meeting earlier on May 14, 2013.

Council Member Lewis thanked staff for their presentation and appreciates the cautiously optimistic budget report.

Mayor Holloway provided the Council direction to tentatively schedule a Special Meeting for June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the adoption of the Budget.

Council Member Argudo moved to receive and file the information; 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 reported that the IT Ad Hoc Committee met and the information from this meeting was provided to all of the Council Members. ClientFirst would need additional hours to complete the list of pending repair items and this would be discussed during the budget meetings.

Council Member Argudo asked if there was any discussion on the City's website. Mayor Holloway stated that a recommendation needed to be made to the City Council from the IT Ad Hoc Committee on the website.

Mayor Holloway stated that he would officially disband all Ad Hoc Committees on April 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Argudo stated his concerns with Mayor Holloway's decision to disband all the Ad Hoc Committees.

Mayor Holloway stated that the intent of the existing Ad Hoc Committees was to maintain the entire Council informed of their proceedings and does not see an issue disbanding the exiting Ad Hoc Committees to allow the new Mayor to establish his own Ad Hoc Committees.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Holloway introduced Leticia Padilla from the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) and said he had attended the LACFD Tour on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Leticia Padilla, Los Angeles County Fire Department Representative, provided a summary of the LACFD Tour events.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member House requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in the memory of Raul Vega a veteran and longtime resident of La Puente that passed away on April 3, 2013.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee stated that staff appreciates the Council's support and feedback on the Easter Egg Hunt event. He stated that the recreation staff did a great job at this event. He announced the Beautify La Puente efforts that included the Arbor Day event scheduled for April 15, 2013 and Valley Vista's resident pick up scheduled for the week of April 22, 2013. He also asked for volunteer groups interested in providing clean-up efforts within the City to contact him (626) 855-1500.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the memory of Raul Vega.

RECONVENE THE SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council Special meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso recessed the City Council into Closed Session with all member present at 8:46 p.m. to discuss Item F-1 as listed on the agenda.

F. CLOSED SESSION

F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) (One case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council meeting to open session at 9:18 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that Council recessed into Closed Session. As to Item F-1, the City Council provided direction to the City Attorney by a 5-0 vote and no final action was taken.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway stated that he gave City Manager Plumlee a letter from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region stating that they are willing to meet with the City Council Members.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair