MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 28, 2013

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council and Successor Agency Regular Meeting of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on May 28, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Lewis, Holloway, House, and Argudo (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Members absent:	None
Staff present:	City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Director of Development Services Di Mario, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro, Assistant City Engineer Freij, Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, Finance Manager Purificacion, and Recreation Manager Lerma

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEMBER DAN HOLLOWAY FROM CHIEF STONE

Fire Chief David Stone on behalf of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Chief Osby thanked former Mayor Dan Holloway for his leadership and presented him with a Los Angeles Fire Department Challenge Coin with their core values encased in Lucite.

Council Member Holloway stated that it was a pleasure to work with the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department and thanked Chief Stone.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Mayor Klinakis introduced the Education Commission members present: Chair Nadia Mendoza, Vice Chair Vanessa Vega, Karen Dahlitz, and Joy Grueter.

The Mayor, City Council, and Education Commissioners, presented Certificates of Recognition to the following scholarship award recipients: Ariel Chang, Los Altos High School, Brian Covarrubias, La Puente High School, Henry Duong, La Puente High School, Gabriel Eredia, Bishop Amat High School, Alysia Funderburg, Walnut High School, Isis Gonzalez, La Puente High School, Cynthia Martinez, La Puente High School, Ricardo Martinez, La Puente High School, Julio Padilla, Bassett High School, Andrea Rodriguez, La Puente High School, Isis Salgado, Nogales High School, Terrance Timms II-Manderville, Nogales High School, and Samantha Verdugo, Glen A. Wilson High School.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO SPRING EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

The Mayor and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Spring Egg Hunt Volunteers: From the La Puente High School CSF Club: Cynthia Mejia, Paola Perez, Katherine Panua, Britney Menjivar, Laura Baeza, Diana Villamil, Julia Garcia, Karla Jimenez, Alejandro De Leon, Cynthia Chavez, Daniel Chairez, Alejandro Valadez, Filiberto Rangel Jr., Brenda Alvarez, Cindy Teng, Brianna Fabila, German Partida; From La Puente High School: Jose Garcia; From East Valley Boys & Girls Club: Evelyn Calzado, Melissa Galvan, Evelyn Marquez, Meliza Mondragon, Destiny Cabadas, Ana Aparicio; From St. Louis of France: Christina Santillan, Fatima Palacios, Jesus Ortiz, Joel Segura, Zulma Ruiz, Miguel Segura, George Medina, Luz Cervantez; From International Polytechnic High School: Jennifer Pulido.

Council Member Holloway stated that the funding for the scholarships came from the Main Street Run Event and urged everyone to support the event.

Mayor Klinakis recessed the City Council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Klinakis reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:33 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard W. Rose Jr. stated his concerns with the dangers of social media and the internet.

Socorro Ramos requested that the Valley wall project be finished from Ferrero to Dora Guzman. She stated that there had been a lot of criminal activity in that neighborhood. She also requested that something be done with the late night noise and fumes from the trains. Ms. Ramos also reported that there was speeding on her street. She came to the meeting not just for herself but on behave of the neighbors that could not attend the meeting. She stated that she would attend every Council meeting until the wall was completed.

Mayor Klinakis stated that staff would be contacting her. He would like to have a town hall meeting with all the residents in that neighborhood to discuss this issue. Council would like the opportunity to explain what the City was doing and he would like to work together to try to get some closure to this issue. Mayor Klinakis asked City Manager Plumlee to contact Ms. Ramos.

Margarita Chavarin spoke in Spanish, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares translated. Ms. Chavarin was requesting that the Valley wall project be completed because it looks ugly from Ferrero to Dora Guzman and for security reasons. She also stated that the train expels a lot of smoke and it was jeopardizing them.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis spoke in Spanish and stated that she want to let Ms. Chavarin know what Mayor Klinakis said, that the Council wanted to have a meeting in the neighborhood to speak to the neighbors and see how they can solve this problem. She further stated that it was part of the plan to complete the wall but at a later date. The Council did not know when it would be able to complete the project but Council did want to have a meeting with the neighborhood.

Leonor Carrillo spoke in Spanish and City Clerk Jacquez-Nares translated, Ms. Carrillo requested that the Valley wall project be completed for security reasons. She stated that there had been several robberies and the thieves jump the wall, she was also a victim of theft. Ms. Carrillo stated that it would look nicer if the wall was completed; there was a visible difference where the wall had been completed.

Council Member Holloway stated that when Council approved the Valley wall it was supposed to be a phased project where every year as funds became available part of the wall would be completed. A year ago the Council decided to do three sections at one time and spent a million and half dollars on that area that was now completed and it was very nice. He stated that the only issue he had was that while Council spent a million and half dollars on the wall other areas of the City did not get any of their projects done. Yes the Council supports the wall, yes Council wants the wall to be completed but Council needs to find ways to not only do the wall but do projects in the Basset area, or projects on Azusa, on Amar, and on all the other places in the City that need work. Yes Council would push forward but the residents had to understand that there was a limited amount of money and Council would try and spread that evenly across the City. He thanked the residents for attending the meeting. The Council appreciates their efforts.

Council Member Argudo spoke in Spanish and translated his comments. He stated that he asked the residents about the burglaries. The accessibility from Valley Blvd., due to the wall being down had contributed to the burglaries' in that area. It was an inviting factor for them; there had been several residents that had been burglarized and the most recent was Mrs. Ramos.

Mayor Klinakis requested that the audience be informed that he would be reaching out to them in the very near future to hold a meeting with the residents in that neighborhood. He stated that if anyone else was present to speak on the wall tonight, they were welcomed to come forward but he could assure them that there would be a dialog with them in the near future. All of the issues would be looked at and the City would explain where they were coming from and hopefully there could be a common ground.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares translated for the audience Council Member Holloway's comments. Mrs. Ramos stated from the audience that why wouldn't the City get the money from the train. Mayor Klinakis stated that when they meet all of her questions and concerns would be addressed. The railroad was very difficult to work with and this would need the assistance of the residents in order to get the railroad's attention. Another member of the audience asked if there was an opportunity for residents to donate money to complete the wall she was concerned for the safety of her nephew. Mayor Klinakis stated that during the public comment of the meeting was not the proper forum to discuss this item during the meeting with the residents all these concerns would be addressed.

Inez Peregrina, La Puente Youth Against Smoking Coalition, provided statistics on the ease of purchasing tobacco products. She requested that the City Council agendized this subject on their next meeting agenda so that the Coalition may provide a full presentation.

Council Member Holloway stated that he and the City Manager have met with the Coalition in the past and supports them providing a full presentation at a Council meeting.

Edgar Ontiveros, Project Coordinator for Youth Against Smoking Coalition, provided the City Council a packet of information and thanked them for their support in placing this item on a future agenda. He stated his concerns with the tobacco product recruitment efforts.

Roy Rosell, Vice Chair for the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Los Angeles County, stated his support for tobacco control and prevention. He also provided statistics on the harm that tobacco does to people. He supports a tobacco retail license and requested that this presentation be agendized.

Laurie Marshall, Haddick's Towing and Auto Body, announced and invited everyone to the 3rd Annual Haddick's Hot Rod Show scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Haddick's Towing premises at 15120 E. Valley Blvd. She asked if it was possible to place a poster announcing the event in the City Hall Community area. This event was a fundraiser for the City of Industry Sheriff's Youth Activities League.

Mayor Klinakis stated that last year the event raised $13,000 in one day and thanked Ms. Marshall for her efforts.

Ken Medeiros supports getting rid of cigarettes. He was requesting information that was provided by Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) on a monthly basis but had not been able to receive this information. He thanked Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Argudo for attending the meeting and questioned why the rest of the City Council Members did not attended the meeting held for the person that was shot. Mayor Klinakis informed him that it would have been a Brown Act violation for all of the Council Members to attend. They all wanted to attend but Mayor Klinakis requested that they not attend.

Council Member Holloway stated that he was at Cal State Fullerton on Friday, handing out a scholarship honoring his daughter that passed away 11 years ago. He visited Ms. Ojeda today and provided his condolences and explained why he could not attend. He would have liked to have been able to attend.

Rudy Almeida stated his concerns with the sex offenders list not being updated.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway stated that the Sanitation District has tours of their facilities for the public. He would provide City Manager Plumlee the information so that he can provide it to the residents.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 8, 2013 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 14, 2013

Council Member House moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2013 and the Regular meeting of May 14, 2013; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON OPTIONS FOR CONTINUING THE STARS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT HURLEY ELEMENTARY

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo asked the impact of the Santa Anita grant if the Hurley site was discontinued. Recreation Manager Lerma stated that it would not affect the grant award to the City because there was an additional site at Fairgrove Academy and the money was not designated for just after school care it could be used for other youth programs. Council Member Argudo asked the cost to the City to run the Hurley facility. Recreation Manager Lerma stated approximately $17,000 with the majority of the amount for staffing. Council Member Argudo asked the cost for Fairgrove Academy. Recreation Manager Lerma answered it was under $33,000. Council Member Argudo asked how much of the $17,000 was paid out of the City's General Fund. Recreation Manager Lerma answered approximately $13,000.

Council Member Holloway stated that these programs had been started with good intentions but with other funding sources available to the schools the City was now duplicating services. He did not see a need to continue the program at Hurley. He said he heard that Fairgrove would eventually fall under the Hacienda-La Puente School District and receive funding for their programs as well.

Council Member House moved to discontinue at end of this fiscal year the STARS After School Program at the Hurley Elementary School Site; seconded by Council Member Holloway.

Council Member Argudo asked if the Council had given direction to go out and seek alternative venues or was this money going to be reallocated back to the General Fund and the Recreation Department would be minus the $17,000.

Recreation Manager Lerma stated that one of the models that staff had looked at was providing recreation type classes at Sparks Elementary School. The Principal from Sparks

had approached the City with this request. If staff moves forward with this model, it would be presented to the Council for approval.
Council Member Holloway supports the use of the funds from the reduction of this service to help with the budget's deficit.

Council Member House concurred with Council Member Holloway's statement.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Holloway, and House. NOES: Argudo.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-4 for separate discussion.

Council Member Holloway pulled Item D-2 for separate discussion.

Council Member House moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-3; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1341 FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Action Taken: The City Council adopted the Resolution No. 13-5076 approving Warrant Register No. 1341.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMITS FOR VETERANS GROUPS FOR THE 2013 INDEPENDENCE DAY SEASON

Council Member Holloway stated that the City's tradition was to only let the veteran non-profits sell fireworks. The only veteran group that was selling fireworks is the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW). At some point, the City would need to expand the non-profits that could sell fireworks in order to get a return on investment.

Council Member House concurred with Council Member Holloway and suggested to open it up to other groups such as churches or youth groups.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the TNT representative was concerned with the non-use of the sales if the veterans did not pull the permits.

Council Member Argudo requested that staff provide a presentation on this item.

Council Member House stated he was not a proponent of safe and sane fireworks but the City of Industry had us surrounded with fireworks but if it helped the City's youth to sell within our City then we should take advantage of this.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that these changes would have to amend the municipal code. She urged the residents of La Puente that if they were going to buy fireworks to buy them in La Puente because this helps to fund the firework show.

City Manager Plumlee stated that staff had also meet with the representative from TNT and they stated that this year they would honor the arrangement but due to the dwindling sales a change would need to be made for next year. Staff would meet with the TNT representative after the July 3, 2013 event to prepare for the following year.

Council Member House asked if only veterans groups could get these permits was it illegal for them to give to other groups.

Council Member Holloway moved to approve the issuance of permits to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1944 pursuant to all applicable code requirements and bring back the entire subject of fireworks sales for Independence Day to the City Council for review and any modifications that need to be made; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

D-3 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND INSTALLATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS - PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5331(10) AND PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5331(017)

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) Accepted the project as complete and 2) Authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR VALLEY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-PHASE II (CDBG PROJECT NO. 601439-11)

Council Member Argudo requested a brief status report on this item he was concerned with the lack of landscaping throughout this location.

Development Services Director Di Mario provided a brief summary and informed him this was temporary landscaping and upon completion of the sidewalk and wall projects the final landscaping would be put in.

Mayor Klinakis asked if the notice of completion would release the builder's retention. Development Services Director Di Mario confirmed it would.

Council Member Argudo moved to 1) Accept the project as complete and 2) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CLINTWOOD AVENUE AND CABANA AVENUE AND CONCRETE REPAIRS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY

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

Council Member Holloway asked if it had been funded in 2012/13 and not done was this included in the $250 to $450 projections in the budget. Director of Development Services Di Mario stated that those projections were only General Fund monies these are specialized funding sources which did not affect the General Fund.

Council Member House moved to 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Construction of Local Street Improvements and Concrete Repairs at various locations in the City; and (2) Authorize Staff to solicit for bids; seconded by Council Member Holloway.

Council Member Argudo asked if this included the cost for going out to bid within the total calculation of $330,000. Director of Development Services Di Mario stated that this was purely the construction cost the cost Council Member Argudo was referring to was the soft costs which was above and beyond the $330,000.

Assistant City Engineer Freij stated that they did not have the exact number but it was typically 10 to 12 percent of the total construction cost.

Council Member Holloway stated that this was a serious concern that not the correct amounts were being presented to the City Council for approval. He requested that in the future that all costs be included in the total cost of the project and where all the monies for the total cost would be funded from.

Council Member Argudo requested the timeline for the replanting of the trees for this project. Director of Development Services Di Mario stated that the City had received a $100,000 tree grant through Supervisor Molina's office that would help provide trees to that and other location. Additional information on the tree grant will be provided from Supervisor Molina's office at end of July 2013.

Mayor Klinakis provided the calculation of about $500 per tree; he questioned why it was so high when a tree must not cost more than $40. Director of Development Services Di Mario stated it was the labor, supplies, materials, and ongoing future maintenance but he was not sure of that.

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SATURATION PATROLS AND COMMUNITY POLICING ISSUES (Council Member Argudo)

Council Member Argudo asked when was the Saturation Patrol funding approved, what was the amount, and its purpose.

Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro stated that it was approved in late January 2012 in the amount of $50,000 and the remaining balance was $19,000. This fiscal year starting April 26, 2013 there have been three operations using Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds, and one saturation patrol. The use of these funds was based on City's crime spikes.

A Council and Staff discussion ensued as to the use of the funds, how long had they been stagnant, why these funds were rolled over into the new fiscal year, why was only the balance rolled over, why this item was not brought back to the Council for review, was it the Council intent to budget $50,000 every year, and the difficulty that Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro ran into every time he wanted to use these funds. By Council consensus, it was agreed that there was a process problem that it was only a one time budgeted item and that Police Chief Cacheiro would be allowed to use the remainder of the $19,000. Council instructed that City Manager Plumlee and Police Chief Cacheiro work together to provide a process for the use of these funds and bring back a request for additional funding after the Public budget workshop.

Council Member Argudo moved to develop a process with staff and Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro to develop a plan for accessibility of these funds and bring back the process at the June 4, 2013 City Council meeting and then at that time address additional funding after the public input; the motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Klinakis clarified the direction from Council that the recommendations from Police Chief Cacheiro on the plan to access these funds be brought back at the next Council meeting

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF SNACK BAR BUILDING AT LA PUENTE PARK (Mayor Klinakis)

Mayor Klinakis stated that in this year's Council travel budget there was approximately $19,000 left in that fund. The snack bar at the park the roof is falling apart. He asked that the Council approve the use of the $19,000 for a new roof on the snack bar.

Council Member Argudo stated that the way the travel policy was written it did not allow for this to happen. Mayor Klinakis stated that he was correct but at the time that the funds go back into the General Fund then they can be reallocated to the snack bar for the roof repair.

Council Member Holloway stated that Council Member Argudo was correct the new travel policy prohibits the Council from taking unused travel funds and reallocating them.

The thought behind this was that in the past, each individual Council Member thought that they owned this money and if anyone needed it they could use those funds to help the people with the request. The way the Mayor was doing the request was the proper way once the funds become a surplus in the General Fund then the Council can vote on the use of the funds. He supports the Mayor's request.

City Manager Plumlee reiterated Council Member Holloway's statement.

Council Member House moved to use money for the reserve funds to fix the snack bar roof; seconded by Council Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Charlie Klinakis, Vince House, David Argudo, Dan Holloway, and Violeta Lewis. NOES: None.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Argudo stated that he attended the California Contract Cities Annual Conference at Indian Wells. He stated he would provide the Mayor with some brochures to discuss with the City Manager from California Consulting a grant writing firm. He also requested that staff reach out to California Film makers so that the City would be on their radar in order for them to come into our City to enhance revenues. He stated that the City Manager was not able to get back to him in a timely manner to allow him to register for the conference but the networking was beneficial to the Community.

Council Member Holloway stated that he also attended California Contract Cities met with the fireworks representative and he had also met with California Consulting in the past but their price at the time was too high. During this conference, the owner stated that once they procure the grant they can also administer it for the City and the price for this would be included in their retainer. He also spoke to Film LA and staff should follow up with them to bring filming into the City.

Mayor Klinakis stated the he also attended this conference and he paid for it. He stated that there was a lot of value in networking with others when attending these events.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked the residents for coming out today he really appreciated their input and they would not be forgotten in the coming weeks. He would like to adjourn the meeting in the memory of Antonio Ojeda.

Council Member House also thanked the residents in attendance for attention.

Mayor Klinakis added that he attended the Food 4 Less event with former boxers on Saturday and it was a successful event. The Food 4 Less representative stated that the event was short notice. City staff did an excellent job stepping up to the plate and assisting them to resolve any of their issues. They really appreciated the help from City staff. He did not like that at other shopping centers vehicles were being towed. He suggested that in the future staff be proactive in order to help people not get penalized for attending an event.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council/Successor Agency, Mayor/Chair Klinakis adjourned the meeting in the memory of Antonio Ojeda.

Approved this 11th day of June 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair