MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 9, 2013

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The Regular 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 July 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the Closed Session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Lewis, Holloway, House, and Argudo (Arrived at 6:47 p.m.)
Members absent:	None
Staff present:	City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, and Labor Negotiator Jay Trinnaman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso recessed the City Council into Closed Session with four members present at 6:32 p.m. to discuss Items F-1 and F-2 as listed on the agenda.

A. 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)

F-2 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6(f) TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: BRET M. PLUMLEE, CITY MANAGER; JAY TRINNAMAN, COUNSEL. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SEIU

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Klinakis reconvened to open session at 7:18 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that Council Member Argudo arrived at 6:47 p.m.

City Attorney Casso reported that Council recessed into Closed Session. As to Item F-2, Labor Negotiations the City Council provided direction to the Special Attorney and City Manager by a 5-0 vote with no final action was taken.

Then moving forward with anticipated litigation Council Member Argudo recused himself due to a conflict he had announced and no final action was taken and no reportable information.

REGULAR SESSION

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Klinakis called the City Council/Successor Agency meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Plumlee, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Director of Development Services Consultant Di Mario, Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro, City Engineer Pagett, Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Rehabilitation Grants Specialist Rubio and Labor Negotiator Jay Trinnaman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor/Chair Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER BRENDA FLORES

City Manager Plumlee announced that former Commissioner Flores was not present to receive her Accommodation. However, the Council would still like to recognize her and would be delivering her certificate by mail.

Council Member Holloway gave a brief history on Commissioner Flores and thanked her for her service.

PROCLAMATION FOR JULY AS RECREATION MONTH

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of the PowerPoint presentation of the Special Events in FY 2012-2013.

PRESENTATION FROM WATER REGIONAL BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAM UNGER MS4 PERMIT

Sam Unger, Executive Director of the Water Regional Board, provided a summary of the PowerPoint presentation.

Ivar Ridgeway, Project Manager, provided additional information on the MS4 Program.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Max Leyva expressed how he had been trying to get in touch with a Council Member and had left messages on the voicemail at City Hall. He also stated that the Mayor had referred him to the Chief of Police, Lieutenant Cacheiro.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. provided information on Kids Camp which included forty four children.

Manuel Maldonado stated his concerns with the MS4 Permit, high taxes, and toll roads. He was very excited with the many voters that came out to vote.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2013.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Lewis moved, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 18, 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. ABSENT: None.

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2013; seconded by Council Member House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Argudo, Holloway and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: Klinakis

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 WAS MOVED TO THE END OF THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-2 for separate discussion.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1344 AND 13 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Council/Agency Member House moved to adopt Resolution Nos. 13-5084 and 13-21 approving Warrant Register Nos. 1344 and 13; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERINATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR LOAN SERVICING AND ESCROW SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S CAL-HOME HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

Council Member Argudo asked if AmeriNational was the same firm the city had used in the past and if the fees had remained the same.

Development Services Director Di Mario confirmed that AmeriNational was used in the past but their contract had expired and that the fees remain the same.

Council Member Argudo moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis to approve Agreement No. 13-1119. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway and House. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Development Services Director Di Mario and Rehabilitation Grants Specialist Rubio provided a brief summary of the PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Holloway asked how the Rehabilitation Grant Specialist position was paid for.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded primarily through CDBG Funds.

Council Member Argudo asked how much CDGB funds were allocated for the fiscal year.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded three hundred thousand. The shortage of grants awarded was not due to lack of funds, but due to the lack of staff to process the applicants.

Discussion ensued on how to prioritize the applicants, wait time on documents from the applicant, and staff's time in processing the applications.

Council Member Holloway expressed his concerns with the shortage of staff to process the applications for grants/loans in a timely manner.

Mayor Klinakis thanked staff for the report.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING TRANSIT SERVICES

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the report.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concerns with the City purchasing only two vehicles when the program needs five to run at full capacity.

Mr. Scott Transue representative from Transit Services explained that the City needed a total of three vehicles for the routes and one as a spare. There can also be additional vehicles from the vendor.

Council Member Argudo asked if the vehicles were environmentally friendly.

Mr. Transue responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Holloway asked what type of vehicles his company presently used.

Mr. Transue responded the vehicles use diesel fuel. They are not green vehicles. He would recommend propane for the lowest prices in fuel.

Development Services Director Di Mario explained that the new vehicles would possibly be Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and are covered under Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Council Member Holloway requested clarification that if the City purchased two vehicles then Southland Transit would provide two additional vehicles.

Mr. Transue responded in the affirmative. He then gave a brief history of the fees for transit services within the City and local surrounding Cities. He also recommended that the City consider raising the fare for the La Puente Link.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis thank Mr. Transue and his organization for providing quality service for the last four years and acting in good faith for the community and for being patient and working with the City.

Council Member Holloway moved to direct staff to negotiate a contract extension with Southland Transit and bring this item back in September; 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-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO WORK ON THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL BICYCLE MASTER PLAN FUNDED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEAL GRANT

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief history and update on this item.
Council Member Holloway stated that this was Council's original concern that it would end up costing the City money. He asked for clarification from the City Manager and the Recreation Manager on whether there was funding for this and if staff would be able to undertake this project.

City Manager Plumlee confirmed that indeed Council and Staff had expressed concern on Staff time requirement for this project. Now Staff was concerned with the additional work in the scope that was not there in the original proposal. The City would not get any reimbursement for any time spent on this project. He stated that staff did not have the ability to undertake this project and that the project was better served by staff from the Planning Department which was very limited. He stated that this would heavily impact staff at this time and the cost was still undetermined. He further stated that this new plan had a requirement requested for Council representation on a Blue Ribbon Committee.

Recreation Manager Lerma stated that the Project Manager for this grant did not realize that Staff time was a City resource and that at the end of the project every partner would walk away with a bicycle master plan, but the implementation would be at the City's cost.

Mayor Klinakis asked if this was the same type of program that was presented by the County of Los Angeles.

Director of Development Services Di Mario clarified that it was two different entities but that this plan would tie into the County's plan. Mayor Klinakis did not support the County's plan and stated his concerns with their plan. Director of Development Services Di Mario stated that this plan would concentrate on the City's surface streets. Mayor Klinakis asked if the City had to implement the plan by law. City Engineer Pagett stated that he was not aware that there was a law, but he was aware that Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and State Funding had requirements for their funding that City's must incorporate an element for the use of active transportation as part of their green streets. A master plan was good to have but there is not a right-a-way for them to be placed on the City streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis echoed Council Member Holloway comments and did not support that the burden was placed on the City. She suggested that this be discussed at a later time if and when the City needed to have a bicycle master plan but did not support this plan at this time.

City Engineer Pagett stated that for a City the size of La Puente it would cost approximately $50,000 to produce a bicycle master plan. He suggested that the City contact the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) they were doing a strategic transportation plan which included an active transportation plan.

Mayor Klinakis would like to see staff contact other agencies to see what type of plans or funding they could provide. City Engineer Pagett stated that there was a program by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for a grant for these types of projects. Portions of Prop "C", Measure "R" and Gas Tax funds could also be used for the creation of an active transportation plan.

Council Member Argudo stated $20,000 of AQMD funds were allocated by Council for a study of a bicycle plan for the City. Council Member Holloway confirmed that there was funding allocated for that purpose, but did not recall the amount and informed staff that the City already had a bicycle master plan.

A Council and Staff discussion ensued as to the new requirements, options, and repercussions of the City's removal from the plan as presented in the staff report. Staff confirmed that the project did not need the City's participation to move forward with the other participants.

By Council consensus, staff was provided direction to ask if they would allow for just the appointment of a Council Member to be an active participant without any staff involvement at this time and to bring it back to Council at a future date.

E-4 WAS MOVED TO THE END OF THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION

E-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL BY THE OVERSIGHT BOARD OF LOAN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CITY

Finance Manager Purificacion provided a brief summary of this item.

Council/Agency Member House moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-21 requesting the Oversight Board to approve the loan agreements between the City and the former CDC; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

C-1 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Interim Director of Administrative Services Steinbrink provided a brief summary of this item.

Mayor Klinakis stated his position on this item which was to support the original presented budget without the gap closure recommendations.

Council Member Argudo stated his position to move forward with Staff's presentation to reduce the budgetary gap.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis made a motion to approve as recommended by Staff.

City Manager Plumlee clarified the motion for better staff understanding that all items with the exception of item 2 on the staff report would be approved and also stated that the final deficit number would be provided to the Council as it became available and that they would be adopting a balanced budget because the deficit money would come from the General Fund Reserves.

Interim Director Administrative Services Steinbrink provided the update on the actual budgetary deficit of $651,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis moved to: 1) Receive and file this report; 2) Approve the FY 13-14 Recommended Budget effective July 1, 2013; 3) Adopt Resolution No. 13-5085 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 annual budget in conjunction with the adoption of the City's GANN Appropriation Limit; 4) Direct the City Manager to make any necessary changes to the recommended budget for incorporation into the final budget; 5) Approve IT equipment purchases in the amount of $39,360 for 2012-13; 6) Approve Carryover appropriations in the amount of $10,000 to replace obsolete and worn out chairs for personnel and $21,400 of carryover appropriations for IT purchases included in the FY 13-14 budget; and 7) Adopt the final budget; seconded by Mayor Klinakis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, and Holloway. NOES: Argudo and House. ABSENT: None.

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SPOTLIGHT AND ANNUAL CITY CALENDAR

Recreation Manager Lerma provided a brief summary of this item.

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on the amount of savings, the cost of producing the quarterly issues, and cost of the use of staff time. Recreation Manager Lerma stated the amount that it would take staff to produce all of the quarterly issues was the same as the current vendor rate to produce one issue.

Council Member Holloway asked the need to produce a calendar if it was going to be placed on the City's website. He also stated that City Manager Plumlee and he met with representatives of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Adult Education to partner with the City to produce these types of projects and volunteer interns have also contacted the City to assist with this kind of work. He suggested that these resources be contacted. He does not agree that the use of the Recreation Manager's time with the production of these items is in the City's best interest. Recreation Manager Lerma stated that there were additional recreation staff members that could produce these items. Council Member Holloway suggested that staff look at what the City of Thousand Oaks had done with their newsletter. City Manager Plumlee stated that Recreation staff had the ability to produce a good newsletter and Recreation Manager Lerma can train additional part-time staff members to carry out this task. The newsletter could also be posted on the City's website. Staff is looking into providing a computer for public access at City hall.

Mayor Klinakis moved to extend the meeting passed 10:30 p.m.; seconded by Council Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Holloway, Klinakis, Argudo, House, and Lewis. NOES: None.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis supports the City's recommendation to discontinue the use of a vendor for these items and bring them in-house.

Council Member Argudo stated that he did not support this item but the money had been appropriated into the budget for these items.

City Manager Plumlee stated that staff may produce it in-house on a trial basis and bring it back to the Council at a later time.

Council Member Argudo moved to continue forward with the current method of production for the Spotlight Newsletter and the City Calendar and to purchase of the software for the Recreation Department; seconded by Council Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Argudo, and House. NOES: Lewis and Holloway.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reinstated the Beautify La Puente Ad Hoc Committee with Council Member House and Mayor Klinakis as members.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported that he attended the NALEO's (National Association of Latino Elected Officials) 30th Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. One of the topics was health care reform act rollout and how California had taken the lead role in implementation and creation of the exchanges and the roles of the elected officials in making this a successful program. He stated this literature was available to anyone you can request it through the City Manager.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Council Members for a nice civilized meeting and for their thoughts and participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis thanked staff for a wonderful 3rd of July event. She would like to request the help of civic groups to serve as volunteers for next year's event.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the Sheriff's Department removed from City streets 2,000 pounds of illegal fireworks and the County took off 3,000 pounds. There were still a lot of fireworks within the City of La Puente.

Council Member Argudo stated that he believed that the confiscations did not put a dent in the amount of illegal fireworks that were in the City streets. However, the City did have a fabulous show.

Council Member House stated that there were about 5,000 pounds of fireworks just on his street and his shop also had a lot of debris from the fireworks. He opposes any fireworks sold for New Year's Day and opposes the new proposed bill from the State.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Plumlee thanked the Council for their feedback on the 3rd of July Event, the Recreation, Code Enforcement, and Maintenance staff on a great job and a successful event.

Recreation Manager Lerma thanked the Sheriff's Department for their support in this event.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares informed the Council Members that their reminder letters and copies of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Campaign Disclosure Forms 460 were placed on the dais. The deadline for submittal is July 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council and Successor Agency, Mayor/Chair Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of July 2013

Pat Jacquez-Nares

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

Charlie Klinakis

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Mayor/Chair