

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 10, 2013

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council and 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 December 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, and Holloway

Members absent: House

Staff present: Interim City Manager/Executive Director Lomeli, City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, City Clerk/Secretary Jacquez-Nares, Development Services Director Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink, Finance Manager Purificacion, and Recreation Manager Lerma

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Klinakis.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A STAFF REPORT AND A RESOLUTION TO SANTA CLAUS

The preschool students from Workman Elementary sang two Christmas carols to the Council Members.

Santa Claus thanked the Council Members for letting him participate in the festivities at the La Puente Christmas Parade on December 6th. Mr. Claus made a request to the Council to consider waiving permits required for operating aircraft and doing business from the City's Municipal Code on Christmas Eve.

By a verbal vote of 4-0 with House absent; the City Council approved Resolution No. 13-5110.

The City Council took a five minute break to take pictures with the preschool students from Workman Elementary.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DENISE BATES AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis and the City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Denise Bates and thanked her for all her hard work in the community and with the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Jeff Lewis thanked Ms. Bates for being a great leader and for a very successful Relay for Life event which brought in more than seven hundred participants. Mr. Lewis also thanked the City Council for their contributions to the relay for life event.

Ms. Bates thanked everyone for their efforts in keeping the community together and making the Relay a success.

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY BANNER CERTIFICATES: EZEKIEL COVARRUBIAS AND WILLIE GALINDO

The Mayor and City Council provided the Military Banner Certificate to the families of Ezekiel Covarrubias and Willie Galindo.

PRESENTATION FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES LIBRARY TO BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Ms. Angela Barrientos, Children's Librarian, County of Los Angeles Public Library presented the bookmark winning entries.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES RUBEN VALENCIA AND LORENZO BRIGHT

Mayor Klinakis and the City Council presented the Certificates of Recognition to Sheriff Deputies Ruben Valencia and Lorenzo Bright to thank them for their lifesaving quick actions and unselfish dedication to the citizens of La Puente.

Deputy Ruben Valencia thanked the Mayor and Council Members and expressed Deputy Bright's regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. He also thanked the Council for all their support.

Captain Timothy Murakami stated that Deputy Valencia's actions saved two lives in one week and that Industry Station was proud that he was one of their first responders.

Council Member Holloway expressed his gratitude to Deputy Valencia not only does he save lives he also makes time to hand out Christmas toys to children in our community and was very proud to have him in La Puente.

PRESENTATION FROM LT. MARK STEVENS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CYBERCRIME AND IDENTITY THEFT UNIT

Lieutenant Mark Stevens presented an update report on Cybercrime and Identity Theft.

Council Member Holloway stated that the report was great and asked where they could get assistance to make sure their computers had the up dated software.

Lieutenant Stevens stated that the Microsoft website provided this information.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. thanked the City Council for the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting event.

Marty Paz expressed his concerns with the seven city vehicles parked in the Senior Center parking lot. He also expressed his concern with Code Enforcement officers taking too long to answer his questions and not handling complaints outside of their assigned area.

Interim City Manager Lomeli responded that the City was in the process of selling the surplus vehicles which would alleviate the problem with parking.

Council Member Argudo stated that some of the cars have not been moved since former employees had left the City and urged to clear out the parking lot.

Development Services Director Di Mario clarified that the vehicles that were parked at the Senior Center were moved out of the parking lot on a daily basis. There was one car that remained on the lot and that was the pool car for Senior Center staff's use.

Discussion ensued with Council and staff regarding vehicles that were and were not being used by staff.

Interim City Manager Lomeli stated that he would look into the situation with staff and have a solution for these vehicles.

Council Member Holloway stated that last year direction was given on how to address those vehicles and to get the surplus vehicles removed. The Interim City Manager has recognized this problem and is addressing the situation. He expressed that placing the vehicles in a safe environment was important.

Mayor Klinakis expressed how much time and money was being spent on moving the vehicles back and forth and would like to see this issue resolved.

Council Member Holloway stated that future plans on moving the Code Enforcement Department to the Community Center would provide a secured parking area for the vehicles.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Argudo stated that he had received a telephone call from a constituent stating that they had concerns regarding a haze or substance on their vehicles from possible spraying and if Council Member Holloway had any news from Vector Control.

Council Member Holloway stated that there had not been any type of spraying done in La Puente it was only in El Monte for the Tiger mosquito.

Council Member Argudo stated that he would make a report on the NALEO Emergency Preparedness trip at the next Council meeting. He also explained that NALEO provided scholarships to cover the registration but not all the meals were included. He did pay for that himself and there was no charge to the City.

- A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY - None.
- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
- B-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

City Attorney Casso suggested to the City Council that items B-1 The Urgency Ordinance and E-1 the regular Ordinance be discussed and considered together.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Council Member Argudo clarified with the City Clerk that no communications had been received.

There being not speakers in favor or in opposition of this item, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Council Member Argudo moved to: 1) Waive the reading of the Urgency Ordinance No. 13-926 and read by title only; 2) Introduce and adopt the Urgency Ordinance No. 13-926; and 3) Adopt the Notice of Exemption; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, and Holloway. NOES: None. ABSENT: House.

City Attorney Casso read and introduced the Urgency Ordinance No. 13-926 by title as follows: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis moved to: 1) Waive the reading of Ordinance 13-927 and read by title only; 2) Introduce Ordinance No. 13-297; 3) Adopt the Notice of Exemption and set a Public Hearing on the Ordinance for January 14, 2014; seconded by Council Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, and Holloway. NOES: None. ABSENT: House

City Attorney Casso read and introduced the Ordinance No. 13-927 by title as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 LOS ANGELES OF THE COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2013 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE (); TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.
- D. CITY COUNCIL - SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo removed item D-4 for separate discussion.

Interim City Manager Lomeli removed item D-7 from the agenda.

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to approve Items D-1, D-2, D-3, D-5, and D-6; seconded by Council/Agency Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, and Holloway. NOES: None. ABSENT: House.

- D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1354 AND 18

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution Nos. 13-5107 and 13-29 approving Warrant Register Nos. 1354 and 18.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER TO THE CIVIC RECREATIONAL INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY

Action Taken: The City Council appoint the incoming City Manager, David Carmany, to the Civic-Recreational Industrial Authority (CRIA) Board effective January 1, 2014.

D-3 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

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-5108 approving a request for a fee waiver in the amount of \$4,290.00, for the American Cancer Society California Division Inc.'s 2014 Relay for Life of La Puente event.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING A POLICY TO REVIEW THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, IN RESPONSE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY'S 2012-2013 REPORT

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification on this item.

Interim Administrative Services Director Steinbrink stated that the City may not be mandated by the Audit Committee due to the fact that La Puente was such a small City and communication was open regarding financing. The City has complied with all the Grand Jury recommendations.

City Manager Carmany added that it was very important that the City keep clean records and every year receive a qualified audit opinion by following the standards and principles of the Government Accounting Standards Boards (GASB Rules) which address the concerns of Council Member Argudo.

Council Member Argudo moved to 1) Refrain from establishing an audit committee until mandated to do so by the State of California; and 2) Direct staff to develop a Council policy requiring the annual review of the City's accounting policies and procedures, and an update to those policies and procedures no less than once every three years; seconded by Council Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, and Holloway. NOES: None. ABSENT: House.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL POLICY CC - 7.1, SURPLUS PROPERTY

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-5109 approving City Council Policy CC – 7.1, Surplus Policy.

- D-6 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-925 RESCINDING SECTION 10.74.060(f) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS AND ADDING SECTION 10.74.061 TO CHAPTER 10.74 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNS IN THE CITY - MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT 137

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No.13-925 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California rescinding Section 10.74.060(f) of the La Puente Municipal Code Pertaining to Non-Commercial Signs and adding Section 10.74.061 to Chapter 10.74 of the City's Municipal Code to Include Comprehensive Regulations for Non-commercial Signs in the City.

ITEMS D-7 AND F-1 WERE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA AND NOT DISCUSSED

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND LOCAL 721, SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU)

F. CLOSED SESSION:

- F-1 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6(a) TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: MARTIN LOMELI, INTERIM CITY MANAGER; JAMES CASSO, CITY ATTORNEY.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway thanked staff for their work on the Christmas Parade. It was very successful and positive comments were received from the public.

Council Member Argudo expressed his apologies for not participating at the last Council meeting and would like to welcome Mr. Carmany on board he stated that Mr. Carmany comes with a stellar reputation and he would be an asset to our City. He also wanted to thank the staff, volunteers and Old Towne Puente Association for the Christmas event. Council Member Argudo wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis echoed what was said about the Christmas Parade. The event was wonderful and the children loved the snow. She stated that every year it got better and better, that she had a great time, and so did the community. She realized all the meetings and hard work it took to pull off this successful event and thanked staff. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis wished the community and her colleagues a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he recently attended the award banquet for the La Puente High School Football team it was a great community event with participation from students and parents. He wanted to give special thanks to the Boosters for all they do within the community. He also attended the Cornerstone Church on Sunset they were celebrating their 25th anniversary they were pleased to see someone from the City attend their event. He also thanked the Recreation Department for their outstanding work on the Christmas Parade, and all who help with the event like the Maintenance Department and the Sheriff Department. He would like to wish the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Holloway wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He reminded everyone that City facilities would be closed on December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st.

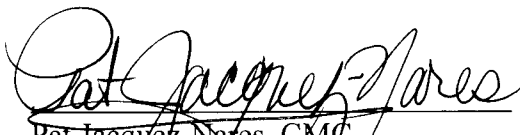
Mayor Klinakis stated that he would like to close by saying that the City had a great team in place for 2014 and looks forward to a great new year. He also recognized and thanked members in the audience.

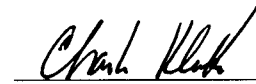
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of January 2014


Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary


Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair