MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 14, 2014

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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 January 14, 2014, at 07:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Holloway, House, Lewis (Arrived at 7:01 p.m.) and Argudo (Arrived at 7:02)
Members absent:	None
Staff present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, City Clerk/Secretary Jacquez-Nares, Development Services Director Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Code Enforcement Supervisor Blakely, and Rehabilitation Specialist Rubio

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor/Chair Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO THE PUENTE PRIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS WINNERS

Mayor Klinakis introduced City Manager Carmany and stated that this was City Manager Carmany's first Council meeting.

City Manager Carmany thanked Mayor Klinakis. He stated that he had received a warm welcome from the staff members at City Hall, members of the Community, and that he was very happy to be in the City of La Puente. He introduced the item by stating that Code Enforcement was a very tough job, the whole business of making sure that the codes were followed properly was not easy work. The process of enhancing the community and presenting the proper image was a goal in which all residents and property owners had a stake in. Most of the Code Enforcement work was punitive and that work was not always as fun as this next item was. City Manager Carmany introduced Code Enforcement Supervisor Blakely.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Blakely introduced the members of the Puente Pride Committee Daniel Stowell, Leslie Costea, Lois Maben, Deborah Pringle, and Andrea Moreno and asked the members present to stand. She provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and introduced the winners of the Puente Pride Holiday Lights as follows: Johnny and Sondra Daluro for Zone 1; Eric and Pauline Trujillo for Zone 2; and Leobardo and Nelson Escobar for Zone 3. The Mayor and City Council provided all the winners with their Certificates of Recognition.

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Puente Pride Committee for their participation.

Council Member Holloway thanked the Puente Pride Committee for their time and commitment.

PRESENTATION FROM CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM RAFAEL ZUNIGA 4TH DISTRICT VITA COORDINATOR ON THE 2014 FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

Recreation Manager Lerma introduced Mr. Alfred Konouwa from the California State Board of Equalization 4th District.

Alfred Konouwa thanked the Mayor and City Council. He provided a brief summary of the VITA program and requested the Council's support.

Mayor Klinakis asked if the $3 million was from people not filing. Mr. Konouwa confirmed it was due to not filing and the lack of awareness of free programs for filing. Mayor Klinakis also requested that this information be put in the City's Spotlight newspaper.

Councilmember Holloway asked about the other tax preparation programs offered at the Senior Center. Recreation Manager Lerma stated that the AARP offers the program for the seniors at the Senior Center by appointment only. Unfortunately, the appointments for this program are usually all filled up by March when the City's Spotlight is published.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis asked if the Council needed to adopt a resolution on this item. City Attorney Casso stated that the resolution would be agendized at the next Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Matthew Kozlo requested the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the United States Postal Service Saturday delivery.

Mayor Klinakis requested clarification on the overpayment by the Postal Service to the U.S. Government.

Mr. Kozlo provided the explanation of their retirement systems and their overpayment to the U.S. Government which was not being refunded.

Council Member Holloway thanked Mr. Kozlo for bringing this item to the Council's attention.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested a sample resolution from another City.

Council Member Argudo requested that this item be agendized at the next meeting and that the City Clerk request the resolutions from the other cities.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. thanked Sheriff Baca for his years of service and provided an update on his health.

Manuel Maldonado wished the Council a happy New Year. He felt that the Code Enforcement Division needed revamping. He reported that there was overgrown ivy on the sidewalks along Nelson and Temple. Mr. Maldonado requested that events be placed on the City's marquees. He also would like to have the Council create a Neighborhood Community Committee. He also requested that there be neighborhood meeting within the City limits.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the new City Manager David Carmany was very community oriented and would like to get together with the different areas of the community. The Council was counting on people such as himself along with others to get together with the City Manager and help implement these programs. Mayor Klinakis also informed the public that City Manager Carmany had moved into the City over the weekend. He stated that the City Manager would continue to work with the Code Enforcement Division.

Council Member Holloway stated that the Council was very interested in the refocusing of the Code Enforcement Division. The community meetings were very good and Council had requested that they be held in our City. He clarified that the committees were not paid and thanked Mr. Maldonado for his suggestion on another committee.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway reported on the Mosquito and Vector Control District. The District had re-organized and there was now a new President. He also confirmed for Council Member Argudo that was no mosquito spraying in the City of La Puente.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis reported that she attended a Foothill Transit Governing Board meeting in December 2013. The Transit was going to pilot a new "Student Bus Pass Program" for Mt. Sac students for the next two semesters.

City Council Member Holloway explained to City Manager Carmany that the City of La Puente provided a subsidized bus pass program for the residents. However, the program entailed a lot of paper work for staff and requested that in the future staff look into providing a kiosk for the purchase the bus passes.

Council Member Argudo responded that the City was moving forward with a new website design and IT management software which might be helpful so that residents can pay their fees and streamline the bus pass process.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AND REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2013.

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular and Special meetings of November 26, 2013 and Regular meeting or December 10, 2013; seconded by Council Agency Member House. 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

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE (SECOND READING) ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE 2013 AND OTHER RELATED CODES AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO

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

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:49 p.m. There being no speakers in favor or in opposition of this item, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Council Member Argudo moved to 1) Adopt Ordinance No. 13-927 - 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; and 2) Approve and adopt the Notice of Exemption.; seconded by Vince House. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

B-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Development Services Director Di Mario and Rehabilitation Grant Specialist Rubio provided a summary of this item.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

Manuel Maldonado stated that the residents had questions on this program. He recommended that outreach be done on this program.

Marty Paz asked how many residents were on the waiting list and how many grants and loans were completed.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that there were forty two names on the list. There were twenty five new applicants for this year. The City was estimating a total of fifteen loans for this fiscal year. Mr. Di Mario explained each of the programs to Mr. Paz and Council.

Rehabilitation Grants Specialist Rubio responded that there were nine grants completed this year.

There being no further speakers in favor or in opposition of this item, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Council Member Holloway thanked Mr. Paz and Mr. Maldonado for their questions and asked how much of the CDBG funds were remaining from the previous two years. He expressed his understanding of the program and how long it took to get the resident processed due to lack of staff. However, he thanked staff for their effort to improve the process and further stated that there was still work to be done.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated it was approximately thirty thousand dollars and that each grant could be from seven to twelve thousand dollars depending if the homeowner had asbestos abatement problems.

A Council and staff discussion ensued on emergency situations and the repayment of CDBG loans.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis moved to 1) Open the public hearing to review proposed CDBG projects and solicit public input for the use of Fiscal Year 2014-15 funds; and 2) After receiving all public testimony on this matter, close the public hearing; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 14-5111 authorizing the City's CDBG Program for Fiscal Year 2014-15.; seconded by Council Member House. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Holloway, and House. NOES: Argudo.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL - SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member House moved to Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4; seconded by Council/Agency Member Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1355 AND 19

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5113 approving the request to waive the fees associated with the La Puente National Little League Parade.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF WAIVING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5113 approving the request to waive the fees associated with the La Puente National Little League Parade.

D-3 CONSIDERATION TO RENEW THE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council approved the five (5) year Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLESA) Agreement No. 14-1134 and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis stated that he would adjourn tonight's meeting in honor of Ms. Mary Louise Garza, Mayor Pro Tem Lewis's aunt that passed away on January 10, 2014. Ms. Garza was a resident of La Puente for over 47 years.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany announced that the chain store "Smart & Final" had submitted an application to build a new store located at 15429 Amar Road. The application would be coming before the Planning Commission soon and was excited to get permits approved for the new store.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. in the memory of Mary Louise Garza.

Approved this 11th day of February 2014

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair