MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 28, 2014

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A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on January 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Carmany, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares, Administrative Services Director Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Management Assistant Nih and Recreation Coordinator Dominguez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF A COMMENDATION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF LEE BACA

Mayor Klinakis stated that he was very pleased to see Sheriff Baca and congratulated him on his retirement. The Mayor recognized and thanked the dignitaries and the public for being present and everyone for working as a team in keeping our City safe.

The Mayor and City Council presented Sheriff Lee Baca with a commendation for his years of service to the community.

Sheriff Baca thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support.

The Mayor and City Council provided Certificates of Recognition to Police Chief Lt. Cacheiro Lt. Babbit, and Cpt. Murakami of the Industry Sheriff's Department for their service to the La Puente Community.

Several dignitaries and members of the Community presented Sheriff Lee Baca with Certificates of Appreciation for his years of service to the community.

Mayor Klinakis recessed the City Council meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Klinakis reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY BANNER CERTIFICATE TO SARAH MARTIARENA

The Mayor and City Council presented a Military Banner Certificate to the family members of Sarah Martiarena.

INTRODUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR ROBBEYN BIRD

City Manager Carmany introduced to the Council and the Community Ms. Robbeyn Bird. He then gave a brief summary of her back ground.

Administrative Services Director Bird expressed how excited she was to be in La Puente and how she looked forward to a long working relationship with Council, staff and the community.

PRESENTATION OF A COMMENDATION FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE

Mayor Klinakis and the Council presented a Commendation for Excellent Service to City Engineer Pagett and recognized him for his forty years of service with Willdan Engineering.

City Engineer Pagett stated that this was a nice surprise and expressed his gratitude on working on projects for the city

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Emma Rosas Romero stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for resolving her problems with the factory on Flagstaff and Nelson. She stated her concerns with the driveways on Eldon Street and the issuance of citations to the homeowners. These driveways are short and when vehicles are parked they impede the City sidewalk. Ms, Romero stated there was a parking problem on the street because of the factory employees taking up the street parking on Eldon.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he had contacted the Mayor from City of Industry which was instrumental in getting the factory issue resolved and was pleased in working on this together as a team.

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification on the relocation of sidewalks on certain streets within the city.

City Engineer Pagett described the distance between the garage and the driveways adding that if any changes were made the City would not be American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

City Manager Carmany stated that this would be referred to staff for further review in order to resolve the issues.

Rudy Calderon was present to support his neighbors on their driveway parking issues.

Manuel Maldonado Jr. expressed his gratitude to Sheriff Lee Baca and the Industry Sheriff Department.

Manuel Maldonado was present to also show support to the neighbors on the driveway parking issue.

Hacienda La Puente School Board Member Anthony Duarte was present to show support to Sheriff Baca and the Industry Sheriff Department. He also wanted to congratulate the City of La Puente for being named one of the fifty safest Cities in the State of California.

Marty Paz requested clarification on having an item grandfathered in. He asked when the first edition of the Spotlight for 2014 would be released and announced that the Mariachi Divas received another Grammy Award.

Recreation Manager Lerma stated that the Spotlight would be out on March 1, 2014.

City Manager Carmany explained that typically a grandfathered item was written into a city zoning ordinance. It defined when a property became legal non-conforming and the new standard was adopted. Some cities used a six month rule that if the use was vacant for a period of more than six months then a new use could not go in because it had been vacant for a period of six months or more.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Manager Carmany announced that he and a Council Member were planning on attending the upcoming League of California Cities meeting in February.

Council Member Holloway announced a Financial Round Table discussion for Cities and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis provided the date and time of February 19, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pacific Palms Hotel in City of Industry.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL - None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 138, AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING SECTION 10.60.020(33) PERTAINING TO UNCLASSIFIED USES AND SECTION 10.74.050(b) PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC SIGNS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10.74.020 (DEFINITIONS) AND 10.74.150 (SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY), AND ADDING SECTION 10.74.170 (ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BILLBOARDS) TO CHAPTER 10.74 (SIGNS AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS)

OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BILLBOARDS IN THE CITY AND CONSIDERATION OF THE INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING SAME

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

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification on the map of the non-commercial areas nearby residential areas.

A Council and staff discussion ensued on light pollution, public service announcements, size limits and distances from residents.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 8:55 p.m.

Ms. Karen Dahlitz expressed her gratitude for the billboard signs.

With no further speakers in favor or in opposition of this item, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 8:56 p.m.

Mayor Klinakis thanked staff for their diligence in getting this all pulled together and was looking forward to getting an agreement with a sign company.

Council Member Holloway asked if the Planning Commission had approved the staff recommendation. Development Services Di Mario confirmed the Planning Commission approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis moved to introduce and waive further reading of an Ordinance rescinding Section 10.60.020(33) Pertaining To Unclassified Uses and Section 10.74.050(B) pertaining to Electronic Signs and amending Sections 10.74.020 (Definitions) and 10.74.150 (Signs On Public Property Within the Public Right of Way), and adding Section 10.74.170 (Electronic Display Billboards) to Chapter 10.74 (Signs and Advertising Regulations) to the La Puente Municipal Code to establish comprehensive regulations for Electronic Display Billboards in the City; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

City Attorney Casso read and introduced Ordinance No. 14-928 by title as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA RESCINDING SECTION 10.60.020(33) PERTAINING TO UNCLASSIFIED USES AND SECTION 10.74.050(b) PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC SIGNS; AMENDING SECTIONS 10.74.020 (DEFINITIONS) AND 10.74.150 (SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY), AND ADDING SECTION 10.74.170 (ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BILLBOARDS) TO CHAPTER 10.74 (SIGNS AND ADVERTISING REGULATIONS) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE REGULATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC DISPLAY BILLBOARDS IN THE CITY.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project; seconded by Council Member Holloway The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, and House. NOES: None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar items D-1 through D-5; 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-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1356

Action Taken: The City Council adopted the Resolution No 14-5114 approving Warrant Register Nos. 1356.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE ("VITA") PROGRAM

Action Taken: the City Council Resolution No. 14-5115 for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program/Earned Income Tax Credit.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 30 AND URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF 6-DAY MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE

Action Taken: The City Council adopt a Resolution No. 14-5116 in support of House Resolution 30 and urging the United States Postal Service to take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of 6-day mail delivery service

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUUD & ROMO

Action Taken: The City Council renewed the Attorney Representation Agreement No. 14-1135 with the law offices of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CIVIC SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $67,600, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS TO DISPENSE WITH THE CITY'S COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES

Action Taken: the City Council approved Amendment No. 12-1073-02 to the Agreement between the City and Civic Solutions, Inc., and adopted findings to dispense with the City's competitive bidding requirements.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 QUARTERLY UPDATE ON CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

Development Services Director Di Mario and City Engineer Pagett provided a brief summary of the PowerPoint presentation.

E-2 SPECIAL EVENTS QUARTERLY UPDATE-SECOND QUARTER

Recreation Manager Lerma corrected the title of the staff report to reflect the Second Quarter. She provided a brief summary of her PowerPoint presentation.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS - None.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway announced that he had received his invitation for the La Puente National Little League Parade and looked forward to getting together with other Council Members to participate in the parade.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he attended an event for Saint Stevens Church at Pacific Palms, there were over five hundred in attendance and added that St. Stevens was very grateful for all the City of La Puente does for them. They would be hosting a block party very soon. He also announced that he had spoken to Gloria Molina's representative in hopes to capitalize on some money that the City could utilize.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis announced a health advisory that the flu had hit the local hospitals very hard. She further advised that everyone needed to wash their hands, stay inside if they were sick, to keep an eye on the children and the elderly. She stated that it was not too late to get the flu shot they would be available until March 2014.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany announced that Congresswoman Grace Napolitano had stopped by City Hall to introduce herself along with two of her staff members. Mr. Carmany stated how he appreciated how seriously the Congresswoman takes her district relations and that there would be some follow-up relating to current federal issues. He further stated that the City had sent out a

press release today announcing that the City of La Puente had received an Award of Excellence for the Puente Creek Nature and Education Center from the California Park & Recreation Society there would be an award banquet on March 7, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of February 2014

Pat Jacquez-Nares, CMC
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor