MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 22, 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 April 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, City Clerk/Secretary 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council/Agency Member House.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF MILITARY BANNER CERTIFICATES TO MICHAEL SAENZ AND CHRISTOPHER PONCE

The Mayor and City Council provided the Military Banner Certificates to the families of Michael Saenz and Christopher Ponce.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION AND CITY TILE TO COUNCIL MEMBER VINCE HOUSE

The Mayor and City Council provided a Commendation and City Tile to Council Member Vince House.

Council Member House stated that it had been four great years and thanked everyone that voted for him. He also thanked the City staff; City Manager; City Attorney and his fellow Council

Members for all their assistance. He gave a brief history of his life and closed by asking the Lord to bless the City of La Puente, keep everyone safe and help the City thrive. He thanked his fellow Council Members and new comer Valerie Muñoz wishing her the best of luck and offered his assistance.

Senator Ed Hernandez stated that he would like to commend every single person that participated in the City's Municipal Election. He thanked Mr. House for all his years of service as a Council Member, Planning Commissioner, and Water Board Member. Mr. House had truly been a public servant. Senator Hernandez presented Mr. House with a State Senate Certificate of Recognition.

Samantha Marquez, staff to Assembly Member Ian Calderon, presented Mr. House with a California State Assembly Resolution for all the work he had done in the City of La Puente.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he and Council Member House were very involved with the Beautification Program and thanked Mr. House for all he has done for the community.

Council Member Argudo stated that it had been a pleasure and honor appointing Mr. House to the Council four years ago. He added that Mr. House was a man of integrity; that spoke his mind; and voiced his opinions while sitting on the dais making decisions to better the City. Council Member Argudo also thanked Mr. House for being part of the team.

Council Member Holloway also thanked Council Member House for his many years of service at the Water District and Meals on Wheels. Council Member Holloway noted that he and the entire community appreciated what Mr. House had done for the City.

Vice Chair Lewis congratulated Mr. House on his retirement. She was sad to see him go but it had been a pleasure working with him for the past two years. He had been an excellent colleague. She asked Mr. House to continue to stay involved with the City because his enthusiasm was needed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about his Church, a movie "Heaven Is For Real", and his family members that have passed.

Karen Dahlitz expressed her concerns with the 2014 Municipal Election stating that she was unhappy with the poll worker who took her ballot and with the central counting procedures.

Melissa Lyndell, local artist representing the La Puente Art Walk, thanked County Supervisor Gloria Molina for visiting their last event. She also thanked the Council for attending the event and invited everyone to attend the next event on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Leslie Costea thanked the Council Members for being so good to her father, Mr. House, while he served on the Council. She further stated that she had been receiving phone calls regarding the election. She wanted to know what the process was regarding the sealed boxes containing the ballots because she was told some of the boxes were not sealed and wanted to know if Council was aware of this issue.

Council Member Argudo asked the City Attorney and the City Manager if the concerns regarding the election could be brought back as an agenda item at the next Council meeting for discussion.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he had heard the same issues and had reached out to the City Attorney to make sure these issues would not happen again. He stated that he did not believe anything happened to affect the election.

City Manager Carmany assured the Council and the public that the election was conducted with the highest level of integrity and compliance with the State Election Code. The City, at this time, did not have the process for training the poll workers on the new procedures under state law. City Manager Carmany stated that he personally addressed the poll workers during their training. He provided a brief description of the instructions that were provided to the poll workers and stated that this item would be on the next Council agenda.

Council Member Holloway also heard this issue and instructed the concerned party to contact the City's Election Official; the County Registrar Recorder; or the City Manager.

Manuel Maldonado thanked Mr. House for his service to the City. He requested a town hall meeting. He expressed his feelings on the Water Board members; elected officials; and the President of the United States.

Council Member House stated that the last town hall meeting was for the east side of the City to specifically address the noise, horns and dust created by the train along Valley Boulevard.

Mayor Klinakis clarified the Water Board Mr. Maldonado was concerned with was not in the City of La Puente.

Craig French thanked Mayor Klinakis for being a great leader; for always participating in City events; and for always being accessible.

Council Member Argudo recognized and thanked the elected officials in attendance: Senator Ed Hernandez, Mayor of Irwindale Mark Breceda, Bassett Unified School District President and Board Member Blanca Robles, Hacienda La Puente Unified School Board President Gino Kwok, Hacienda La Puente Unified School Board Vice President Anthony Duarte, former Hacienda La Puente Board Member Anita Perez, Industry Sheriff Captain Tim Murakami, Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Stone, former La Puente Council Members Lou Perez and John Solis, and La Puente Planning Commissioner Gary Dudley.

ELECTION RESULTS, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND REORGANIZATION

1. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE APRIL 8, 2014 ELECTION RESULTS

   City Manager Carmany presented the Election results.

   Council Member Argudo moved to accept the Election Official's Certificate of Canvass and to adopt Resolution No. 14-5128 reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held on April 8, 2014; seconded by Council Member House.

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

2. OUTGOING REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOUSE – Were provided above.

3. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares requested that Council Member Argudo step down from the dais and that Ms. Valerie Muñoz step forward, she then presented each of them with their Certificate of Election for the April 8, 2014 General Municipal Election.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares introduced Senator Ed Hernandez which was deputized to administer the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect Valerie Muñoz.

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares introduced Mayor Mark Breceda of the City of Irwindale who was also deputized to administer the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect David E. Argudo.

4. SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

a) Remarks by Outgoing Mayor

Mayor Klinakis thanked everyone for their hard work on the issues that had been resolved during his tenure. He also thanked the community.

Council Member Holloway thanked Mayor Klinakis for his service and for keeping the vision for the city alive. He further stated it had been a pleasure to work with him.

City Manager Carmany stated that there dignitaries present that would like to express their appreciation to Mayor Klinakis.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Chief Stone stated that one of their traditions was to present outgoing Mayors from the cities they serve a Challenge Coin. He provided a brief summary of the meaning and description of the coin.

Samantha Marquez, staff to Assembly Member Ian Calderon, presented Mayor Klinakis with a Certificate of Recognition for his great service to the City of La Puente.

b) Mayor yields gavel to City Clerk

Mayor Klinakis yielded the gavel to City Clerk Jacquez-Nares

c) City Clerk entertains nominations for Mayor

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Holloway nominated Mayor Pro Tem Lewis as Mayor. There being no further nominations for the Office of Mayor, City Clerk Jacquez-Nares closed the nominations and requested that Council Members provide a verbal vote. The motion passed by Council Members Argudo, Holloway, Klinakis, Lewis, and Muñoz all voting aye.

d) City Clerk yields gavel to the newly appointed Mayor

City Clerk Jacquez-Nares congratulated Mayor Violeta Lewis and announced that newly elected Mayor Lewis would conduct the nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

e) Mayor entertains nominations for Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Lewis entertained nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Klinakis nominated Council Member Holloway as Mayor Pro Tem. There being no further nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor Lewis closed the nominations and requested that the Council Members provide a verbal vote. City Clerk Jacquez-Nares announced that the motion passed by Mayor Lewis and Council Members Argudo, Holloway, Klinakis, and Muñoz all voting aye.

f) Remarks by Incoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Lewis congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Holloway.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he was looking forward to working closely with the new Mayor.

Mayor Lewis' acceptance speech:

"I want to thank outgoing Mayor Charlie Klinakis for his outstanding leadership and vision this past year. I would like to congratulate Councilmember Argudo on his successful reelection and I welcome the newest councilmember Valerie Muñoz.

I want to thank my colleagues for selecting me to be the mayor this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the La Puente community for the past two years. When my parents emigrated from Nicaragua over 40 years ago, they came to the United States in search of the American Dream. My father instilled in all of his children that with hope, hard work and perseverance you can achieve anything you set your mind to. I have found that to be true and today is an example of achieving a goal I thought to be impossible.

The ultimate goal of local government is to improve the lives of the people we serve. That's why we're here – we want to define bold new horizons of community service.

As a pediatric nurse, the health and welfare of children and their families is of upmost importance and a top priority. La Puente has a rich heritage with many proud families that deserve visionary leadership to preserve what they value the most.

I will continue to reach out to the community to hear about your needs and concerns in your homes and neighborhoods.

Continuing on the city's proud traditions, let's move confidently in the direction of our dreams. In two weeks the Council will lead a Strategic Planning session to create new short and long-term goals that will move the city forward in a positive direction.

Theme "A Healthier La Puente"
Healthy finances,
Focus on community health,
city beautification and pride.

In closing, I would like to thank my husband, parents, and siblings for all your love and support."

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Klinakis stated that he attended a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SVCOG) meeting but that there was nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced that he and City Manager Carmany attended a meeting regarding citrus infestation. The information would be available on the City's web-site soon.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2014.

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2014; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, and Klinakis. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Muñoz.

B. PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved approve all Consent Calendar items; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, and Klinakis. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Muñoz.

D-1 ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1362

Action Taken: The City Council adopted a Resolution No. 14-5129 approving Warrant Register No. 1362.

D-2 ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 14-930 (SECOND READING) AMENDING THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND TERM OF OFFICE FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-930 amending the appointment process and term of office for Planning Commissioners.

D-3 ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 14-931 (SECOND READING) AMENDING THE CONDITION OF WHEN A COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-931 amending the condition of when a Council meeting will be held on the next business day.

D-4 APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASMINE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PIZZA COMPANY, LLC (PIZZA HUT)

Action Taken: The Successor Agency considered and approved the lease agreement between Jasmine Real Estate Investments, LLC and Southern California Pizza Company, LLC in accordance with the Disposition and Development Agreement between the Successor Agency and Jasmine Real Estate Investments.

E-1 CITY OF LA PUENTE STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT ON MAY 6, 2014

City Manager Carmany requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned to May 6, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the La Puente Community Center Workman Room for the Strategic Planning Session. He then gave a brief agenda review of what would be discussed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to welcome Valerie Muñoz to the City Council.
Council Member Muñoz thanked the City Council and residents for all their support. She also thanked Vince House for his many years of service. She then provided a brief description of her future plans for the City of La Puente.

Council Member Argudo thanked his family and the residents for all their support. He gave a special thanks to his team because without them none of this would have been possible. He also

looked forward to working with the newest member of the City Council Valerie Muñoz and in moving the City forward. He then translated his message into Spanish.

Miembro del Consejo Argudo le dio las gracias a su familia y a los residentes por todo su apoyo. También le dio a su equipo unas gracias especiales, porque sin ellos nada de esto habría sido posible. También esperaba trabajar con el nuevo Miembro del Consejo Valerie Muñoz y avanzar a la ciudad.

Council Member Klinakis welcomed Valerie Muñoz to the Council and added that she would be a great asset to the City.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis adjourned this meeting at 8:16 p.m. to the May 6, 2014 meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the La Puente Community Center Workman Room for the Strategic Planning Session. She invited everyone to stay for cake reception in the lobby.

Approved this 27th day of May 2014.

Dave Carmany
Acting City Clerk/Secretary

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair