

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 27, 2014

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition*, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapuate.org

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 May 27, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Carmany announced that the closed session item would be moved to the end of the regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Munoz.

Members absent: None

Staff present: City Manager/Executive Director/Acting City Clerk Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario, Principal Project Manager Freij, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Management Assistant Nih, and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Muñoz.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carmany announced that the Certificate of Appreciation for Astrid Gonzalez would be moved to the end of the presentations and would begin with the Education Certificates.

Recreation Manger Lerma recognized the two Education Commissioners that were present to assist in the presentation, each awardee was called to the dais to have a picture taken with the Council.

Mayor Pro Holloway paused the meeting for photos with the Awardees.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to acknowledge all those who serve our community on the Education Commission and thanked them for their service.

City Manager Carmany read the Certificate of Appreciation for Principal Astrid Gonzales.

Ms. Gonzales stated that it was an honor to serve the Hurley Elementary community for the past three years and in working with the City and Sheriff's Department the school has been transformed.

Recreation Manager Lerma read the Certificates of Recognition for the Puente Pride Winners. She also acknowledged two of the Committee Members who were present Mr. Daniel Stowel and Ms. Lois Maben. Winners for Zone 1: The Springer Family on Orange Avenue. Zone 2: The Luna Family on Loukelton Street. Zone 3: The Lopez Family on Bamboo Street.

Municipal Water District representative Patricia Cortez presented a PowerPoint presentation on Sustainable Landscape.

Council Member Klinakis asked if money would be allocated in the future for homeowners to retrofit their landscaping.

Ms. Cortez responded that Metropolitan Water District's have increased their conservation dollars. We have been recommending that our customers to go to: www.SoCalWaterSmart.com landscaping.

City Manager Carmany gave an example of an area that might be a future site for this type of landscape.

Discussion ensued with City Manager Carmany and Council regarding project delivery and deadlines.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke in regards to his television appearances, global climate change, and assisting troubled teens.

Javad Sabokpey of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, addressed the recent layoffs of the City's Code Enforcement Division staff. Noting the amount of city reserves, he expressed concerns about staff anxiety, morale and communication. He asked Council to reconsider its decision.

Christopher Trevilla, President of Nuvein Foundation, invited the Council to attend the upcoming Art Walk on June 21st from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. He also thanked the City for recognizing the students. He was looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Art Walk.

Henry Nodal expressed concerns about the City's fiscal health given the recent layoffs. He then also expressed concerns regarding drainage and grading on Tentative Tract Map (TTM) No. 96544 on Sierra Vista, noting that water was a problem on a previous project where grading was done by hand without proper compaction. He questioned sufficiency of project notice as he had not received anything.

Arturo Diaz stated that he was a longtime County employee and longtime La Puente resident. He heard the City had some issues with the Code Enforcement Division and that they were put on paid administration leave. He expressed concerns that contracted city services create operational problems and wind up costing the City more money. He expressed his support of the positions, noting that code enforcement generates revenue for the City. He asked that the Council reconsider.

BOARDS COMMITTEE COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND MISSION STATEMENT

City Manager Carmany presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Argudo moved to adopt the newly drafted mission statement and the strategic plan and hear from staff on the implementation of the strategic plan; seconded by Council Member Klinakis.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Council Member Argudo, Council Member Klinakis and Council Member Muñoz. NOES: None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo pulled Item D-2 for separate discussion.

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1364

Action Taken: The City Council adopted the Resolution No. 14-5133 approving Warrant Register No. 1364.

D-3 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMITS FOR VETERAN GROUP FOR THE 2014 INDEPENDENCE DAY SEASON

D-2 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO ALTERNATIVE FUEL MAINTENANCE VEHICLES FOR THE CITY FLEET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification in regards to the purchasing of these vehicles with formal bidding. He asked if these were alternative fuel vehicle that were discussed in the past.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that these are CNG or compressed natural gas vehicles; they are clean burning vehicles which is a requirement for the funds that we received through "AQMD". We identified a vendor who participates through the Department of General Services with the state and satisfies our bidding process.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked where these CNG vehicles will be fueled.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded at the nearby Valley Vista facility.

Council Member Argudo moved to adopt a resolution waiving the formal bid process and authorizing the purchase of two maintenance vehicles for the City's fleet; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway.

The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mayor Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, Council Member Argudo, and Council Member Klinakis and Council Member Muñoz. NOES: None.

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

CLOSED SESSION

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Casso recessed the Council into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the items as posted on the agenda.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lewis reconvened the City Council to open session at 9:30 p.m.

City Attorney Casso reported that the Council recessed into closed session to discuss Anticipated Litigation as posted on the agenda and there was no reportable action taken at this time and there was nothing further to report no action was taken.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Muñoz stated that a meeting was held for the upcoming Community Health Fair on Friday, May 23, 2014. Their goal was to increase health awareness by providing health screenings, activities and materials and information to our community. They hope to have a date sometime in September.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Lewis stated that she attended the California Contract Cities Conference. She had several meeting with some of our existing vendors new options were explored such as housing and sustainable energy. It was very informative and she looked forward to reaching out to her contacts.

Council Member Argudo stated that he also attended the California Contract Cities Conference in Indian Wells, CA. He completed his Ethics Training. He also networked with different vendors he has passed some of this information to onto City Manager Carmany which could bring us about a million dollars for rehab and first time home buyer programs. Also he attended International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in Las Vegas where he did some more networking.

Council Member Klinakis also attended the Conference in Indian Wells; he also networked with a few individuals that he found very rewarding. He also added that he purchased a ticket with his own money for the Rotary auction and won a set of gold golf clubs worth \$800 that he donated to the Industry Hills Rotary that they will auction off.

Mayor Lewis stated that she also attended the Ethics Training at the California Contract Cities Conference.

City Attorney Casso stated anyone that completed their Ethics Training would be receiving a Certificate to please make sure and place that on file with the City Manager's office.

Council Member Muñoz stated that she also attended the California Contract Cities Conference and also completed the Ethics Training.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Klinakis stated that he and the other Council Members attended the Tiny Tots graduation at the community center and as always it was a great program adding that he enjoys it every year he also thanked the Recreation Manager along with Recreation Staff for a job well done.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he and two other Council Members attended a fundraiser at Hurley Elementary School they were in support of the Mariachi program there were some

youngsters who sang singers but, there was one who was 12 years old and a contestant on a Spanish language show that was just amazing.

Mayor Lewis agreed that it was a wonderful show. She would also like to remind the Community of the sidewalk CPR class on Thursday, June 5th from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Community Center hosted by the LA County Fire Department.

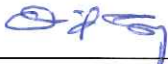
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that a Special meeting for the Planning Commission will be called on June 23rd for the Zoning Ordinance and that a Town Hall meeting regarding the budget will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Also, there was great progress on the City's new web page which should launch in September.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council/Agency, Mayor/Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of June, 2014



David Carmany
Acting City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair