MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 24, 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 June 24, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo (arrived at 6:36 p.m.) Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager/Executive Director/Acting City Clerk Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario, Recreation Manager Lerma, and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

CLOSED SESSION:

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Casso recessed the City Council into closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the items as posted on the agenda.

THE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.

AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: DAVID CARMANY, CITY MANAGER; JAMES M. CASSO, CITY ATTORNEY; EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SEIU

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lewis reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that the Council recessed into closed session to discuss items as possible litigation. Direction was given to the City Manager and City Attorney, no final action was taken. In regards to negations, direction was given to the City Manager, no final action taken, and there was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Director of Development Services Di Mario, City Engineer Pagett, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, and Management Assistant Nih and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway.

PRESENTATIONS - None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

President of Old Towne Puente Association, Robert Berdin, spoke in regards to the possibility of having a "farmers market" in the downtown area of 2nd Street and Old Valley Blvd., adding that the application had been submitted to staff. There will be live music, certified organic foods, and a kiddie corner. Mr. Berdin would like for the event to be held every Saturday between 4:00-10:00 p.m., and mentioned support from the community and local businesses.

Manuel Maldonado stated that since the Code Enforcement Division was dismantled residents are not moving their vehicles for the street sweeper and not allowing the sweeper to clean the street and all the debris ends up in front of his house. He also spoke about illegal fireworks and suggested that City make better use of its marquee sign; such as to report crime.

Council Member Argudo stated he the City had experienced a transition with the reorganization of Code and Parking Enforcement and noted that this issue would be resolved shortly. He requested that staff respond to Mr. Maldonado's comments regarding illegal fireworks.

Lieutenant Cacheiro stated that he had spoken to Mr. Maldonado in the past few days explaining that the Sheriff's Department had a deployment plan which had led to arrests and the seizure of illegal fireworks.

Council Member Klinakis asked Lieutenant Cacheiro for clarification, that the Special Assignment Officers (SAO) Team were monitoring the street sweeper and were issuing tickets to those who do not move their car for the sweeper.

Lieutenant Cacheiro responded that they have deployed the Community Services Officer; and yes, he was asked to monitor these types of violations. He had been issuing about thirty tickets per week.

City Manager Carmany stated that in response to the speakers' request the marquee sign had been updated to include where to report illegal fireworks.

Marty Paz asked if Code Enforcement would be present at the 3rd of July event, and how much the cost would be to have the deployment of the Sheriff's Department for an event like this; he also expressed concerns regarding parking around his property. He complimented the Town Hall budget meeting that was held last week.

BOARDS COMMITTEE COMMISSION REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he had a press release from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District regarding the Tiger Mosquito and the schedule for spraying; he then distributed copies to the Council Members.

Mayor Lewis requested that the City Manager post the items from S.G.V. Mosquito & Vector Control on the city's Facebook for public information.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2014

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 10, 2014; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo Klinakis, and Munoz. NOES: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORT FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the report.

Mayor Lewis questioned if the City Clerk's Department had received any written communication regarding this matter.

Administrative Secretary Ramirez responded that no written communication had been received.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Manuel Maldonado spoke regarding the sewer levy charges and vacant homes on his street. He also expressed his concerns regarding grass and debris in the storm drains.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that the sewer levy charge is still charged to the property; due to the fact that they are still connected to the main sewer line even if the property was vacant.

City Engineer Pagett gave an explanation regarding the catch basins which capture water going into the storm drain system; and the sewer system which transports effluent water from homes. Mr. Pagett noted that there are some sewer lines that need to be updated and there are also some catch basins that need to be maintained throughout the City.

Council Member Klinakis asked the City Engineer for clarification that in the near future the City will have to pay state mandated fees in the amount of millions of dollars to make sure to keep debris out of the storm drains.

City Engineer Pagett responded in the affirmative. It was called the "new storm water permit" there are several maximum daily levels that can go into the drainage system. The new systems will have a catch screen on them to catch paper, leaves and debris.

With no further speakers; Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked what the fee was for a single family residence.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded $40.50.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5139 confirming the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 sewer charge pursuant to Chapter 4.10 of the La Puente Municipal Code; seconded by Mayor/Agency Member Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

B-2 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORT FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SEWER CHARGES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4.10 OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the report.

Mayor Lewis questioned if the City Clerk's Department had received any written communication regarding this matter.

Administrative Secretary Ramirez responded in the negative. No written communication had been received.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

With no response from the public; Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked for clarification on the cost for a single family residence. He gave a brief history of previous Council actions and how the City has been able to refurbish the sewers without further financial burden on the community.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded the cost for a single family home was $84.00.

Council Member Klinakis asked for clarification if this was a sewer maintenance bill.

City Engineer Pagett responded this was for the capital to replace lines that were under sized. The City took out a bond issue a few years back; the City had $16,000,000 worth of pipe lines that need to be replaced.

Council/Agency Member Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5139 confirming the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 sewer charge pursuant to Chapter 4.10 of the La Puente Municipal Code; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

B-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE TO COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE RATES BY VALLEY VISTA SERVICES

City Manager Carmany gave the staff report and explained the request and process of compliance with California's Proposition 218 notice requirements.

Mayor Lewis announced that the City had received seventeen written correspondence opposing the increase.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. inviting representatives from Valley Vista to speak.

Valley Vista Representative, Mr. Perez, gave a brief explanation for the increase and of the closed landfill and the nearest location for a new landfill for Material Recovery

Facility (MRF), adding that they try to keep the cost down by choosing the least expensive site.

Mayor Lewis asked for clarification on lower rates for senior citizens who do not produce as much trash.

Mr. Perez responded that there was a discount of 25% for senior citizens with low income. The average increase was about $ .39 per week.

Mayor Lewis clarified that the discounts can be applied for through the City.

Manuel Maldonado expressed his thoughts on the higher cost of living.

Margarita Alvarez also expressed her thoughts of no salary increases and the higher cost of living expenses.

With no further comments from the public; Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Council Member Argudo thanked Valley Vista for being present and giving an explanation of the fee increase. He also thanked them for their partnership and involvement with the community and how generous they have been with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway explained that this decision comes from the County Board of Supervisors and not from the Council or Valley Vista.

Council Member Klinakis stated that all our utilities will be rising. Valley Vista does care about our community and cares about their employees some of whom are residents of La Puente.

Mayor Lewis stated that Valley Vista could have requested a higher increase, she appreciated that they kept it reasonable.

Council Member Muñoz stated that it was nice to hear that there are discounted rates for senior citizens with fixed incomes understanding that costs do go up. She would like make sure that these discounts are accessible to the residents.

Council Member Klinakis requested that the written communication letters received by the City be passed on to Valley Vista to ensure they are contacted and allowed to apply for the discounts that are available to the residents.

Mr. Perez thanked the Council for their support and gave a brief history of the company and their employees. He offered to contact the residents who had written to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway suggested perhaps inserting a flier in the billing envelope to ensure the community was aware of the discounts.

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5141 approving Valley Vista Services' request for a rate increase for solid waste collection services to residential and commercial clients based on the documented increases in the cost to provide solid waste services to the City; seconded by Council/Agency Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo stated that he would like to pull item D-5 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-2,D-3, D-4, D-6; seconded by Council/Agency Member Argudo. 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. 1366

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5142 approving Warrant Register No. 1366

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE CITY OF INDUSTRY FOR THE USE OF THE PARK AND RIDE LOT ON JULY 3, 2014

Action Taken: The City Council approved the License Agreement No. 14-1152 between the City of La Puente and the City of Industry and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-3 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE LOCAL STREET RESURFACING AND SANTO ORO STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Action Taken: The City Council: 1) Approved the plans and specifications for the Local Street Improvements and Santo Oro Storm Drain Improvements in the City of La Puente; and (2) Authorizes Staff to solicit for bids.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-5120 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES AND HOURLY

RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES; AND A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LA PUENTE SUPPORTING THE REORGANIZATION OF CITY PERSONNEL AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12-4997 CONCERNING AMENDING THE CITY'S CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved; seconded by Mayor Lewis to adopt Resolution No. 14-5143 and rescinding Resolution No. 14-5120 and amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the number of authorized positions, monthly salary ranges and hourly rates for City employees; and a resolution supporting the reorganization of City personnel and amending Resolution No. 12-4997 concerning amending the City's classification plan and table of organization.

D-5 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Council Member Argudo stated that he pulled this item to acknowledge the hard work staff had done to bring the budget together adding that he was unable to attend the Budget Town Hall meeting: One of the items he would like to discuss that was not in the budget was the $20,000 for green bins for the purpose of beautifying La Puente in which Valley Vista would provide the residents green bins at a discounted rate to help clean up their home. He would like to bring this before the Council for consideration and perhaps bring back at a later time. The amount would be between $16,000 to $20,000 for subsidized green trash bins.

City Manager Carmany noted that the city is at the end of the budget calendar and that balancing the budget was like going to heaven; everybody wants to do it but nobody wants to do what it takes to get there. He offered to take direction to report back to Council on the request as a future agenda item and said that once the budget was adopted it could be subsequently amended. He also recommended that, as the budget is closely balanced, that discipline be followed, items not be added on the expenditure side unless there are increases in revenue or offsetting reductions in other programs.

Council Member Klinakis stated that he agreed with City Manager Carmany in that we do not have any leeway; he also agreed with Council Member Argudo in that if additional funds come up this is one thing that should be at the top of the list.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that this was a great program if the City had the money.

Mayor Lewis recommended that they not hold up the budget for this one item.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None. To adopt Resolution No. 14-5138 approving the City's Fiscal

Year 2014-2015 annual budget in conjunction with the adoption of the City's GANN Appropriation Limit and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds; 4) Directed the City Manager to make any necessary changes to the recommended budget for incorporation into the final budget; 5) Approve carryover appropriations in the amount of $42,000.00 to replace the City's website included in the FY 13-14 IT adopted budget; 6) Approve the one-time use of General Fund reserves to pay the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority retrospective deposit balance of $488,462.00; 7) Approve the refinance of the Successor Agency 2007 Tax Allocation Bonds; and 8) Adopt the final budget.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S REVISED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND CALHOME FUNDED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 5144 approving the City's revised guidelines for the Community Development Block Grant Program and CalHome Loan Program.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved seconded by Council/Agency Member Argudo. To adopt Resolution No. 14-5145 designating Council Member Muñoz as the official voting delegate with Council Member Argudo and Mayor Violeta Lewis as the alternate voting delegates for the League's annual conference; The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Muñoz stated that the Health Fair Committee met on Friday, June 20, 2014. Members present were Mayor Lewis, City Manager Carmany, Recreation Manager Lerma and herself to discuss the upcoming health fair. We have confirmed the date of November 1, 2014 being held at La Puente Community Center; so far we have confirmed for the following services: "BSP Eye Clinic" for eye exams and eye glass prescriptions; "East Valley Community Health Center" "CPR" classes; also, the "Shaky-Quakey School House" which is earth quake simulator; and others that are still pending to ensure we have a successful event for our residents.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Klinakis stated that on June 20, 2014, the Youth Activity League took twenty three children scuba diving at Catalina Island. Industry Station was now a certified drive shop; a

reporter from Dive Magazine participated with the children he took a lot of pictures and will be publishing an article in the magazine on their trip.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Art Walk was well attended by the community. Supervisor=elect Hilda Solis was present; it was nice to see the community having a good time.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that preparations for the City's 3rd of July were moving along, he thanked the team for making this a safe event. Also, he mentioned that a "Household Hazardous Waste Roundup" would be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 9:00 to 3:00 at La Puente Park.

Mayor Lewis stated that La Puente City Hall held an open house during the Art Walk, she would like to see more events like this and suggested that, next time, it be held a little later in the day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council/Agency, Mayor/Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of July, 2014

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair