

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10<sup>th</sup> 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.lapueunte.org](http://www.lapueunte.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 September 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, Director of Administrative Services Bird, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Administrative Secretary Ramirez, City Engineer Pagett, and Wildan Building Official Guerra.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Workman Elementary student, Christian Moreno.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lewis introduced Workman Elementary Principal, Mona Diaz.

Ms. Diaz stated that she and the students from Workman Elementary were very pleased to represent their school. She then introduced the teachers from the project "LEAD" (Life Experiences About Democracy) who were responsible for making this event possible. From Workman Elementary, Ms. Maechelle Brown and from Sunset Elementary, Mr. Julian Miranda.

Ms. Brown stated that she taught a combination class of fifth and sixth grade at Workman Elementary. She, Mr. Reyes and Mr. Miranda teach together. She thought that this project would be a great way to get the children and their parents involved in the community, participate in their City and experience it in real life. She then introduced her student Christopher Esquiedo to give an explanation of what was going on at Workman Elementary.

Christopher Esquiedo greeted the City Council members and spoke about a special program at Workman called "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) he then described an experiment and thanked the Council.

Sunset Elementary Teacher Mr. Julian Miranda stated that he would like to thank everyone for the opportunity for the program. He was also a Council Member from the City of Irwindale; adding that they were not as ambitious as La Puente and that he would use this City as a model for Irwindale. Mr. Miranda introduced Kori Sethman, his sixth grade student from Sunset Elementary.

Kori Sethman introduced herself to the Council adding that it was a pleasure to be here to represent her school. She has attended Sunset Elementary since Kindergarten and was proud to be a Sunset Tiger. She acknowledged her Principal, Dr. Leslie Miller, and the wonderful teachers. She further stated her school had been named a California Distinguished School. She also recognized Ms. Mercedes Michael who was named the "District Teacher of the Year".

Mayor Lewis thanked everyone for being present and for having an interest in democracy.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway echoed what Mayor Lewis said and stated it was an honor working with the students. He was "Principal for the Day" at Sparks Middle School and attended back to school night.

Council Member Argudo stated that he also would like to thank the school Principals for being present; he also thanked former Mayor and Council Member Miranda for his great leadership as an Elected Official and as an Educator. He further thanked all who were involved in putting this great program together and addressed the children in the audience stating people may think things are impossible, but the impossible are always possible. He attended Workman Elementary from kinder to fifth grade, he was happy to see Workman and Sunset Elementary students present and just one more message to stay in school, do the right thing.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke in regards to God working miracles in people's hearts and how he had a physical exam and all his medical tests came back good.

Starbucks Representative, Julicent Lopez, stated that she was resident of La Puente and was happy to announce that she would be the Manager for the new Starbuck's on Hacienda Boulevard. Opening day was scheduled for September, 18, 2014 and a Grand Opening scheduled for October 9, 2014. She was extremely excited being that she had been a longtime resident and graduated from La Puente High School and was able to be involved with the first Starbucks to open in La Puente.

Tahoe Christmas Company owner, Julian Blandino, stated that he had been selling Christmas trees for over twenty five years and requested a change to the current Ordinance that only allows him to sell pumpkins and Christmas trees thirty days per event. He requested at least sixty days

to sell pumpkins and Christmas trees and requested a speedy decision since the holidays are coming up.

City Attorney Casso responded that the City would look into the issue. Development Services Director Di Mario stated that a modification was in the draft Zoning Code Update but was not ready for adoption.

Council Member Klinakis requested confirmation that Mr. Blandino's lot was previously on the corner of Hacienda and Stafford. Mr. Blandino responded yes. Council Member Klinakis stated that he would like to recognize Mr. Blandino for being a great supporter for many years of the Sheriff's Youth Activity League and other community events.

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification on the Ordinance and questioned if the lots could be run as two different events, with the fee waived for one event. City Attorney Casso responded that he would look into it.

#### BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that the San Gabriel Valley Vector and Mosquito Control District are continuing to ground spray for the Tiger Mosquito in the foothill communities. Orange County has also begun ground spraying for the regular mosquitos; a rate of 80% are being found with West Nile Virus. It was at a historical rate and to please be careful and dusk and dawn to wear mosquito repellent or long sleeves.

Council Member Argudo stated that he would like to report during the general assembly at the League of California Cities. The resolution called upon the Governor and the legislators to address the devastating environmental impacts where the Resolution was passed regarding "Illegal Marijuana Grows Sites" with a small amendment, nothing further to report.

#### A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

##### A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2014.

Council Member Klinakis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 26, 2014; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. 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

##### B-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SELF-CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the staff report.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

With no one coming forward, Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to adopt the Resolution certifying that the City is in compliance with the 2010 Congestion Management Program and adopting the 2014 Congestion Management Program Local Development Report and directing the City Clerk to forward a certified copy of said Resolution to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; seconded by Council Member Argudo. 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 moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1, and discuss items D-2, and D-3; 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.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1371 AND 25

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5156 approving Warrant Register No. 1371 and Resolution No. 14-40 approving Warrant Register No. 25.

D-2 APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EMPLOYER PICK-UP FOR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS)

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5160; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Klinakis and Muñoz. ABSTAIN: Argudo. NOES: None.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE LA PUENTE ART WALK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to waive the fees associated with the La Puente Art Walk Committee Meetings held at the La Puente Community Center on September 8, 2014, and September 15, 2014 and purchase insurance on behalf of the La Puente Art Walk; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-5157 TO NOMINATE A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT CITIES WITHOUT PRESCRIPTIVE WATER PUMPING RIGHTS ON THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5157 nominating Mayor Luis Aguinaga of South El Monte as the representative for cities in the San Gabriel Basin without prescriptive water pumping rights; 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.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 32 – FIRE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to: waive the reading Ordinance No. 14-932 and read by title only; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to introduce Ordinance No. 14-932 by title only and to set the date of September 23, 2014 to conduct a Public Hearing for the adoption; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

City Manager Carmany then read Ordinance No. 14-932 by title only: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE 2013 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to: waive the reading Ordinance No. 14-932 and read by title only; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

## F. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso stated that he did not have an update to report at this time and would like to request to the Council that the closed session item be moved to the next regular schedule Council meeting of Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

## ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lewis provided a brief update on the Community Health Adhoc Committee which met today and scheduled another meeting for September 26, 2014.

## AB 1234 REPORTS

City Attorney Casso stated that Council Member Argudo had made his AB1234 report when he mentioned what had occurred at the League of California Cities.

## ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that the California Disguised School was awarded to Sunset Elementary. He and Council Member Klinakis were both very proud to have been present. Also, City Manager Carmany, Recreation Manager Lerma and himself attended Spark's Middle School for "back to school night".

Mayor Lewis stated that a special Mass was held at Saint Louis of France Catholic Church to honor individual in public service; fire fighters, police officers, EMTs and anyone else who puts their life in service; it was a very moving service attended by the Special Assignment Officers (SAO) Team and Fire Station No. 18. She encouraged everyone to attend next year.

Council Member Muñoz stated that on September 2, 2014, she was given the opportunity to ride along with the Sheriff's Department in conjunction with the National Latino Peace Officers Association. They handed out back-packs and school supplies to local elementary schools. She expressed how pleased she was to see a working and building relationship with the citizens and students in our community.

## ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that he had exciting news regarding library service. Los Angeles County, La Puente Library Branch Manager, Jeanette Fred stated that she was pleased to announce that the library would now be open five days a week. Since 2009 they had not been open the full five days per week. She also would like to thank the City for their support during the re-model giving them a place to be and work out of at the La Puente Community Center. It was a great team effort.

City Manager Carmany stated that he would like to announce that the City was recruiting for part-time Code Enforcement Officer. The posting has been listed on Facebook, LinkedIn, and on the City's website; we are getting some interest on the positions. Also, he would be out of state attending the International City Managers Conference starting September 12, 2014. In his

absence Robbeyn Bird would be acting City Manager. On behalf of the City he attended the celebration of life for former City employee Barbara Brannan, she had given thirty plus years of service to this community.

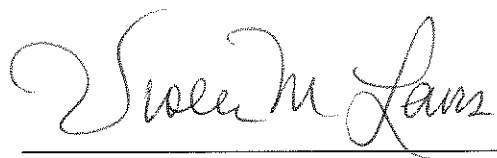
#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor/Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. in honor of September 11, 2001, where 2,977 people lost their lives at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It is something we will never forget.

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2014



Sheryl Garcia  
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis  
Mayor/Chair

