MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 23, 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.lapuente.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 23, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Lewis (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), 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, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would recess into Closed Session to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:33 p.m.

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 the items as posted on the agenda. There was no action taken and nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor 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, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Management Assistant Nih, Administrative Secretary Ramirez, City Engineer Pagett, and Willdan Building Official Guerra.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sparks Middle school student Brandon Ponce.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Colin Miller, Principal of Sparks Middle School, introduced student scholar Victor Prada, who gave a brief synopsis of events that were occurring at Sparks Middle School.

Mr. Greg Galindo, General Manager, of La Puente Valley County Water District distributed handouts to the Council regarding water conservation.

Mr. Richard Meza, Region Manager Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Rule 20 Utility Underground Projects.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. shared memories of his childhood, and suggested prayers for the soldiers who are fighting wars overseas. He inquired about the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program and asked if he needed a permit to replace dead grass in his yard with fake grass. Director DiMario responded that no permit was needed.

Michael Lopez spoke on behalf of his mother Margarita Lopez to express their concerns regarding a tree that was lifting the sidewalk and the wall in front their home. The tree also drops debris into the storm drain and had grown into the power lines. He disturbed photos to the Council.

John Loder noted that he was contributing suggestions to the City's contractor Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) to find a resolution for the Zoning Code issues. He requested the justification for item D-2 on the Agenda which was to consider a contract amendment giving MIG an additional $24,000. Staff and the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and City Attorney responded that the project scope and work load had increased, noting that MIG was attending community workshops and that extra costs have accrued since the first contract was signed several years ago.

Manuel Maldonado stated that he did not support the re-zoning of properties from R-1 to R-2. He added that some residents in his neighborhood had received a letter from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) indicating a recent permit application to operate a paint booth in the City of Industry on Nelson Avenue. He noted that paint fumes are considered hazardous to some people and stated his concern regarding the proximity to Nelson Elementary school. He also stated that there was a rodent problem on his street; that everywhere you look there were rat droppings.

Frank Sanchez expressed that he was happy to see item D-3 on the agenda regarding the consideration of temporarily waiving sections of the Municipal Code to encourage economic development for the downtown area during the Holidays. He was very happy with the pro-business changes that had occurred in the past couple of years. He also was excited to see children from the surrounding schools attending the Council meetings.

Marty Paz asked what was going on with Code Enforcement and inquired regarding the new vehicles that were purchased for that department. He also questioned whether the American Flag at city hall was being illuminated correctly.

City Manager Carmany responded that he agreed with Mr. Paz and that new flags had been ordered and the lights had been repaired temporarily and that money for permanent repairs would be considered in next year's fiscal budget process. Also, the Code Enforcement Department was in the process of recruitment for the new positions and oral interviews would be scheduled within the next two weeks.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014.

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of September 9, 2014; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. 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 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

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Lewis asked the City Clerk if any written communication had been received regarding this matter.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia responded that the City had not received any communications.

With no speakers coming forward, Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to adopt the Ordinance pursuant to government code section 500200.2, 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; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz. NOES: None.

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to adopt the Notice of Exemption; seconded by Mayor Lewis. 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

REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE REDESIGN OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE

Jannelle Salcido, Project Manager with Vision Internet, presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued with Council and staff regarding the PowerPoint presentation and the design of the proposed web page.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the report regarding the status of the redesign of the City's website.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1, through D-6; 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 NO. 1372

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5162 approving Warrant Register No. 1372.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MOORE IACOFANO GOLTSMAN, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE UPDATE ALLOCATING AN ADDITIONAL $24,000.00 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $92,425.00

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Third Amendment to Agreement No. 07-900 between the City of La Puente and Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. to complete the update of the City's Zoning Code.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING SECTIONS 5.08.050(a)-(c) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOR RESIDENTS TO "SHOP LA PUENTE" DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 14-5164 to temporarily waive sections 5.08.050(a)-(c) of the City's Municipal Code.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND JULIAN BLANDINO FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action Taken: The City Council approved the License Agreement No. 14-1164 between the City of La Puente and Julian Blandino and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SIXTH RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) COVERING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015

Action Taken: The Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. SA 14-41 approving the ROPS 14-15B for the six-month fiscal period commencing on January 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2015, and requesting approval of same by the Oversight Board.

D-6 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A POLICY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE TAX CODE RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

Action Taken: The Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. SA 14-39 to ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Tax Code related to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LET'S MOVE! CITIES, TOWN AND COUNTIES INITIATIVE (MAYOR LEWIS)

Action Taken: Council/Agency Member Lewis moved to approve Resolution No. 14-5163 supporting the Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties initiative; 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.

E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (COUNCIL MEMBER KLINAKIS)

Discussion ensued with the Council Members and Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, President, Gino Kwok regarding the possibility of a new pool for La Puente High school and allowing the residents to use the pool during certain times of the year.

E-3 CITY OF LA PUENTE STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT ON OCTOBER 7, 2014

Action Taken: The City Council adjourned the Council Meeting to the Strategic Planning Retreat on October 7, 2014 at the La Puente Community Center in the Workman Room at 8:30 a.m.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Klinakis stated that on Thursday, September 18, 2014, the Youth Activities League celebrated the 29th Annual Salute to Youth Gala at the Beverly Hills Hotel and that one child from the Industry location was awarded a $1,000 scholarship and a lap-top computer. He further stated he was happy to spread good news regarding the community.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that the RFP for the Farmers Market had been released and would remain open until October 16, 2014. Also, negotiations with SEIU had been re-opened and would return to closed session for consideration. He also stated that "Starbucks" would be having their soft opening on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, and hoped to see everyone there.

Mayor Lewis added that "Menchie's Frozen Yogurt" would also be having their soft opening on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, and their grand opening on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting to the Strategic Planning Retreat on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 8:30 p.m. at the La Puente Community Center.

Approved this 14th day of October, 2014.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair