

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 14, 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.lapueente.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 October 14, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

Mayor Lewis announced that the closed session item would be moved to the end of the regular meeting. However, the meeting would now be paused to have root beer floats with the students who were in attendance from Sunset and Workman Elementary Schools.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by fifth grade student from Workman Elementary, Jaylene Hurtado. She then presented the Council with business letters from her classmates in hopes that the Council Members would answer their letters.

PRESENTATIONS

Workman Elementary School Teacher, Maechelle Brown, introduced Workman Elementary sixth grade student Roselyn Corral who read a thank you letter to the Council; and from Sunset Elementary school student Xavier Garcia who read a report.

Sunset Elementary School Teacher, Mr. Julian Miranda, thanked the City Council for the opportunity for being at the meeting. He then gave an explanation on how the LEAD Program had done a great deal of good for a great number of students. He also thanked the Council Members who had visited the students at their schools.

Recreation Manager Lerma introduced the recipients for the CERT Certificates. They then posed for pictures with the Council Members.

The City Council presented Wanda Edelman of Total Care Dental & Orthodontics a Proclamation for "October 2014 as National Orthodontic Month."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated that he had seen the movie "Left Behind" about the rapture. He noted the importance of getting regular annual medical check-ups and good health.

Delores Zabala expressed her concerns regarding parking citations she had received from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Also, that she had complained in the past regarding trees on Las Vecinas Street. Ms. Zabala's grandson, Daniel, added that his family gets along with everybody but has had conflict with their neighbor Mr. Maldonado for years and that they were tired of the conflict.

SGI-USA Center Director of Community Relations representative Bill Roe stated that he would like to partner with the City in community activities. He shared literature and lapel pins regarding the Buddhist "Victory over Violence" program. He commended the students for doing a good job. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that SGI Center has always been very community oriented and that they have offered use of their property during disaster situations.

Mary Smith expressed her concerns regarding code enforcement citations she had received resultant of property upkeep violations on her property. She mentioned that she had previously received \$6,000 in liens when the city cleaned up her property. Ms. Smith rambled about several subjects, noting that she refused to say the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked why so many Mexican children were being honored, and why no white children were being honored. The City Attorney reminded the speaker about rules of decorum.

City Manager Carmany paused the public speakers so that he could respond to Ms. Smith. First, he explained that the enhancement of an attractive community and positive image for the city of La Puente was a goal in which all residents and property owners have a stake. He explained that toward that goal the City had adopted property maintenance codes requiring that property be kept in decent, safe and sanitary condition. He stated that the goal of code enforcement was always voluntary compliance. Absent voluntary compliance due process would be followed. Second, City Manager Carmany noted that city affirms the dignity and worth of all residents, and admonished Mary Smith that racist comments have no place in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that La Puente honors residents who deserve recognition without regard to race.

Wesley Wong stated that his residential complex had illegal parking issues. He had complained to the property management. However, nothing had been resolved. His concern was for emergency response vehicles that would not be able to enter the complex due to vehicles blocking the streets. He then gave a copy of the HOA regulations to staff in hopes of receiving some assistance.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Muñoz stated that she had attended a Foothill Transit meeting on October 9, 2014, on behalf of Mayor Lewis. Discussion related to their annual program budget and acknowledging pasts Board Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he had attended a meeting at the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and clarified that all Council Members receive the press releases from the Vector Control. City Manager Carmany responded that the City was notified and the press releases were placed on the City's Web page.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF MAY 13, 2014 (as revised), SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 AND OCTOBER 7, 2014

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the meetings of May 13 (as revised), September 23 and October 7, 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 - None
- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
- C-1 REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF MUNICIPAL GRANTS

City Manager Carmany stated that this report was scheduled for a presentation by the Consultant, California Consulting, LLC and requested that it be rescheduled to October 28, 2014.

- D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1, through D-5; seconded by Council/Agency Member Klinakis. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway pulled item D-6 for discussion. 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. 1373 and 26

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5166 approving Warrant Register No. 1373 and Resolution No. SA 14-42 approving Warrant Register No. 26.

- D-2 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FELIPE FREGOSO FOR THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF UNCLASSIFIED USE PERMIT NO. 137 – 16161 E. OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD – LAS MARIPOSAS RESTAURANT

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the report.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE OF LA PUENTE EVENT

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 PARTNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VISION SERVICE PLAN ("VSP") FOR THE MOBILE EYES PROGRAM

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 REQUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO AMEND THE CORPORATE BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO ELIMINATE MEMBERSHIP

Action Taken: The Agency Board approved the amendment to the CRA's Bylaws and articles of incorporation to eliminate membership.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BLUE VIOLET NETWORKS, LLC FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,341.11

Blue Violet representative, Diana Kukendall, presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation and a brief discussion ensued.

Action Taken: The City Council approved Agreement No. 14-1167 with the following roll call vote:

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 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.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS TO DISPENSE WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR TRAFFIC DETOUR AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR CITY SPECIAL EVENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5167 to dispense the competitive bidding process and approved Agreement No. 14-1169 with Traffic Management, Inc. for traffic detour and control services for City special events.

E-2 DISCUSSION REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT (COUNCIL MEMBER KLINAKIS)

Action Taken: Council Member Klinakis recommended an Ad Hoc Committee be formed in order to report to the Council on a monthly basis. The Ad Hoc Committee would include Mayor Lewis and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would recess into Closed Session to discuss the items 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)
2. THE CITY COUNCIL 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 9:40 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. With regard to Item No. 1, the vote was 5-0 with nothing further to report. With regard to Item No. 2, direction was given to the labor negotiators. Council Member Argudo, Council Member Klinakis and Council Member Muñoz voted Yes, 0 Council Members voted No, and two Council Members abstained. There was nothing further to report.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested that the Council meeting be adjourned in memory of resident Rodger Clark. Mr. Clark was a longtime volunteer with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, former member of the Puente Pride Committee as well as an election official and was a well-respected man in the community.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that a drunk driver had hit and destroyed the sign at the corner of Hacienda and Glendora, noting that the City was in the process of recovering the cost of the accident. The sign would be demolished and the City was working with Lamar on an electronic sign for that location. He stated the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony would be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. He further reported on the sidewalk surveyor, which was a

pilot project funded by the California JPIA. Two different firms were hired to complete the survey and would be surveying throughout the City. In addition, City Manager Carmany reported on the Main Street Run, which would begin at 7:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting in memory of Rodger Clark.

Approved this 28th day of October, 2014.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair

