

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 28, 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 October 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members absent: Lewis and Holloway.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Recreation Manager Lerma, City Engineer Pagett and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

City Manager Carmany stated for the record that Mayor Lewis was traveling out of state and Mayor Pro Tem Holloway was ill and therefore both were excused.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:42 p.m.

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
SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2) (one case).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Council Member Klinakis reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:57 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that the Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss item No. 1 as posted on the agenda: direction was given to the City Manager and the City Attorney's office. The vote was 3-0, no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

Council Member Klinakis announced that the meeting would be paused to have root beer floats with the students who were in attendance from Sparks Middle School.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members absent: Lewis, and Holloway

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, Recreation Manager Lerma, Administrative Secretary Ramirez, City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. German Medina, Associated Student Body President of Sparks Middle school.

PRESENTATIONS

Sparks Middle School student, Alexis Benitez, presented a report on Sparks Middle school activities.

Principal Miller from Sparks Middle school briefly explained different programs that include parent's involvement.

State Assemblyman Ian Calderon presented an Annual Legislative Update. He encouraged the City to reach out to him to make sure the state was assisting the City in resources for the community. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Council Member Klinakis paused the meeting so that Assemblyman Calderon could have photos taken with the students in attendance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated that there were many disasters around the world including the erupting volcano in Hawaii. He also spoke on the attack on Americans in the Middle East. He also expressed his concerns regarding the early prison release program.

Ms. Rose LaZurs, Ms. Frankie Baker, Ms. Maryann King, and Reverend Lupita Lozano of the First United Methodist Church spoke representing the "Women to Women Fellowship", explaining that their organization empowers victims of domestic violence. They presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob and Rose Berdin and the Old Town Puente Association for their work in helping the needy by providing clothing and other necessities.

Council Member Klinakis mentioned that Ms. King was on television for many years on a program called Romper Room.

Old Town Puente Association member Bob Berdin thanked the Women to Women representatives and accepted the Certificate on the behalf of the Association.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Klinakis stated that he had attended the transportation meeting last week. There was nothing to report. The regular Council of Governments (COG) meeting was cancelled.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2014.

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 14, 2014; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis, and Muñoz.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE ON THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Recreation Manager Lerma presented a PowerPoint presentation on the six-month overview of the Strategic Plan.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Monica Vallin, Miss La Puente.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Argudo moved to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1; seconded by Council/Agency Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1374.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5168 approving Warrant Register No. 1374.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CLOSING CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES THE FULL DAY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014, AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to approve the closure of all City facilities on December 24, 2014 and December 31, 2014; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014, DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to cancel the Council Meeting scheduled for November 25, 2014 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION ("SEIU"), LOCAL 721; CONSIDERATION OF A SIDE LETTER WITH SEIU CONCERNING LAYOFFS AND CONTRACTING OUT OF WORK; AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT EMPLOYEES SHALL CONTRIBUTE FOUR PERCENT OF BASE PAY TO FUND THEIR RETIREMENT

Council Member Argudo stated that he would like to thank staff and the SEIU Members for coming to an understanding and an acceptable MOU agreement.

Council Member Klinakis stated that he would like to thank staff for a job well done, as he knew this was an ongoing issue.

Council Member Muñoz stated that it was great to see the City moving forward in the right direction and added that the City Manager was doing a fantastic job. She further stated she was looking forward to providing good city jobs as well as services to the residents.

Action Taken: Council Member Argudo moved to approve Resolution No. 14-5169 approving the MOU with SEIU for the period of October 28, 2014 through June 30, 2015, approve the Side Letter with SEIU concerning layoffs and contracting out of work from October 28, 2014 through June 30, 2018, adopt a Resolution establishing that employees now pay four percent of their base pay to CalPERS to fund their retirement, and authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU and Side Letter; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-5151, AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES AND HOURLY RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Action Taken: Council Member Muñoz moved to approve Resolution No 14-5171 rescinding Resolution No. 14-5151 and amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the number of authorized positions, monthly salary ranges, and hourly rates for all City employees; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis and Holloway.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Muñoz stated that the recent “meet and greet” at Hurley Elementary school turned out to be an excellent event with more than 75 haircuts given to children and their parents by the American Beauty College. She thanked the Sheriff’s Department and all who were involved in making it a great event. She added that Torch Middle School was hosting an event with Senator Ed Hernandez regarding the AB 60 Driver License Implementation on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and would forward the flyer to the City Manager to have it placed on the City’s website.

Council Member Argudo reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 4, 2014 was Election Day and to please remember to vote.

Council Member Klinakis stated that he would like to thank Council Member Muñoz for keeping her word as she said during the election to hold many community events that would benefit the public.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that Harbor Freight Tools held their soft Grand Opening today. Also, the new grocery store Aldi adjacent to Ed Butts Ford was moving along and would be submitting building permits in anticipation of Planning Commission and City Council approval. He added that Aldi runs about 1,300 stores in the United States but their La Puente store may be the first to open in California. Additionally, the new McDonald’s was in plan check with some minor corrections and once corrected, the City would be ready to issue building permits. City Manager Carmany handed out the annual property tax report to the Council, noting that the City’s receipts were up 5% in the year which was good news for the adopted budget. He thanked the entire team, and especially Director Lerma, who made the Main Street Run a success.

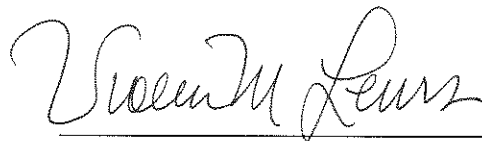
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council Member Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of November, 2014.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair