MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 12, 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 Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Lewis (arrived at 7:37 p.m.), Holloway, Klinakis and Muñoz.
Members absent:	Argudo.
Staff members present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, Assistant City Attorney/Legal Counsel Sparks, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Management Assistant Nih, City Engineer Pagett and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

Pro Tem Holloway announced that Mayor Lewis had just finished her shift at the hospital and would be arriving shortly.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that the closed session item would be moved to the end of the meeting and the meeting would be recessed until 7:00 p.m.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Lewis (arrived at 7:37 p.m.) Holloway, Klinakis and Muñoz.
Members absent:	Argudo.
Staff members present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, Assistant City Attorney/Legal Counsel Sparks, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Purificacion, Recreation Manager Lerma, Management Assistant Nih, City Engineer Pagett and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by La Puente High School Principal Fernando Sanchez Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

The introduction of Sunset and Workman Elementary School students was rescheduled.

The recognition of Kick-Off for La Puente High School's Centennial Celebration began with Hacienda La Puente School Board President Gino Kwok announcing that he was happy to see the City and the Hacienda La Puente School Board Members working together to build a better future for their community. He then went on to describe how proud everyone was to be involved in the Centennial Celebration and described how the school got its name and colors.

La Puente High School Principal Fernando Sanchez thanked the City Council for having La Puente High School recognized at the City Council meeting adding that he had graduated from La Puente High twenty five years ago and was honored to be able to celebrate the one hundred year celebration as Principal. He then introduced Vice Principals Daniel Monarrez and Candice Cayer and students Vivian and Victoria. He added that the Centennial Celebration would begin in 2014-2015 and continue to 2015-2016 in order for both classes of 2015 could be involved. He described future events such as a Toy Drive and added that the City would be invited to those events.

The City Council presented the Certificate of Recognition to the staff members from La Puente High School and the Hacienda La Puente School Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway recessed the meeting for pictures and refreshments in the lobby.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced that Mayor Lewis had arrived and relinquished the gavel to her.

Ms. Barnesa Chatterfield, Union Representative with the United States Postal Service, presented a report regarding the closing of the City of Industry processing center which serves La Puente and surrounding communities. She spoke about promoting the National Day of Action which was happening around the county and presented a flier for an upcoming event in the City of Pasadena to support jobs and employees. She explained how the closing of 82 processing centers would delay first class mail; eliminate overnight delivery and cause a loss of jobs. She asked for the City's support by adoption of a Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway responded that this matter was an on-going fight and that there were numerous Unions working on this issue. He thanked Ms. Chatterfield for bringing this to their attention.

Mayor Lewis stated that this was a concern for her and was something the Council would definitely consider.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

La Puente resident Mary Smith angrily shared some of her myriad troubles. She sarcastically thanked the City Council for keeping her waiting through the "ice cream social" recess. She then expressed to the City Council her confusion and aggravation regarding the letters she had received asking her to comply with the City of La Puente municipal codes. She placed a roll of toilet tissue on the speaker lectern and asked where she could get a permit to use the toilet tissue. She pulled a few letters from the City out of her purse and asked why she had to pay more money. She waved four (4) one hundred dollar bills at the Council saying this is what you want. She made profane insults involving body fluids, body parts, and body functions towards the City Council; Mayor Lewis asked her to please refrain from using foul language. Adding she had no problem paying her fines, Ms. Smith expressed that none of her complaints have ever been answered.

Mayor Lewis informed Ms. Smith that she was out of time and asked her to please wrap up her comments.

Council Member Klinakis inquired about Ms. Smith's concerns.

Through the chair, City Manager Carmany responded 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 conditions. He stated that the goal of code enforcement was always voluntary compliance, and noted that in these cases the city obtained voluntary compliance about 99% of the time. Absent voluntary compliance due process would be followed. The City Manager explained that the Code Enforcement Manager had spent an hour and a half today with this resident, noting that the

answers that were given may not be the answers that the resident desired. We will continue to follow up for voluntary compliance; if not we will follow due process and ultimately a court proceeding; adding that this was an on-going issue.

Ms. Smith continued making loud, angry and vulgar comments; staff turned off her microphones at that point. However, she continued yelling and cursing at the Council Members.

Mayor Lewis asked Ms. Smith if there was anything the City could do to assist her. She then asked Ms. Smith to work with the City Manager and the Code Enforcement Manager that they would do their best to resolve this issue.

One Legacy Donate Life, City Ambassador, Daniel Luevanos, spoke about the importance of organ donation. He gave a brief description on the statistics of recipients on the waiting list. He stated he was also a recipient of the donor program and had received a liver back in 2003. Mr. Luevanos invited the City to participate in placing a rose on the "Donate Life Float" which was scheduled to be in the 2015 Rose Parade on December 29, 2014.

Marty Paz stated that he would like to thank the City for honoring veterans at the Veteran's Day Ceremony. This was the first time he had attended the event and was very impressed with ceremony; he thanked the Recreation Director and her staff for organizing the event. He expressed that veterans should also be honored on Memorial Day. He spoke about the Sheriff's department having extra deputies working in La Puente with no additional charge to the City and stated he appreciated all that the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted that the Sheriff's Department does this frequently. Mr. Paz requested that the meeting tonight be adjourned in memory of Margaret (Peggy) Reible, who was the first women Planning Commissioner of La Puente.

Matt Kozlo stated that he was a letter carrier and lived in the City of La Puente. He voiced his support for Barnesa Chatterfield who made an earlier presentation regarding the postal service and spoke of a seven-day-a-week program that the Postal Service had made with Amazon to make deliveries on Sundays. He further spoke about "Amazon Fresh" where the postal service would make same-day and early morning deliveries of fresh groceries and everyday essentials. He also thanked the City for supporting the City of Industry processing center by adopting a Resolution.

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 OCTOBER 28, 2014.

Council Member Klinakis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28, 2014; seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF EFFORTS IN SECURING GRANTS FOR THE CITY

Management Assistant Jonathan Nih presented the staff report.

California Consulting representative Steven Samuelian presented a report on grants that have been awarded, grants that are in progress and potential grants for 2015.

Discussion ensued with the City Council and Mr. Samuelian on grants that the City had received, grants the City was in the process of applying for and grants the City would be interested in.

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-2, and D-3; seconded by Council/Agency Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1375.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5172 approving Warrant Register No. 1375.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS PROHIBIT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FROM CLOSING THE CITY OF INDUSTRY PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution 14-5173 requesting that Congress prohibit the United States Postal Service from closing the City of Industry Processing and Distribution Center.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL'S 2015 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5174 establishing the 2015 City Council regular meeting schedule.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING POTENTIAL UNDERGROUND CONVERSION PROJECT – RULE 20A

City Engineer Pagett presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Action Taken: The City Council gave direction to City Engineer Pagett begin with Puente Avenue to Willow; Stimson and Old Valley to Main and return to City Council with a Resolution to establish one or two undergrounding districts.

E-2 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2014 HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

City Manager Carmany gave a brief update followed by a report from Recreation Manager Lerma.

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

CLOSED SESSION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

CLOSED SESSION

1. THE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:
   PROPERTY: 15849 MAIN STREET, APN 8246-009-017
   CITY/AGENCY NEGOTIATORS: DAVID CARMANY, CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BIANCA SPARKS, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY/ AGENCY COUNSEL
   NEGOTIATING PARTY: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
   UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

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

The City Council recessed into closed session at 9:21 p.m. with Council Member Klinakis recusing himself.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lewis reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:55 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Sparks reported that the City Council and Successor Agency Members 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. Council Member Klinakis did not participate in the closed session.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated the Ad Hoc Committee met with City Manager Carmany, Lieutenant Cacheiro, Administrative Services Director Bird and Code Enforcement Supervisor Millan to review the Code Enforcement Department. Charts and graphs were reviewed along with information such as how long the City takes to respond to items and concerns.

Council Member Muñoz stated that the Community Health Fair was a great event despite the rain and over two hundred people attended. The mobile eye clinic provided fifty-five patients with full comprehensive exams and glasses and provided an additional forty gift certificates for free exams and glasses.

Mayor Lewis thanked Council Member Muñoz for coordinating the eye clinic which was the highlight of the event. She stated there were many vendors from health clinics, dental information, Relay for Life, health food choices, WIC and information regarding car seats.

The Fire Department participated with the "Shakey-Quakey" school house that simulates earthquakes. Mayor Lewis thanked staff for all their hard work and stated she was looking forward to future events.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to thank staff for a fine Veteran's Day event. Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Representative Caldron and many others helped make the day a great event. He requested that the Council meeting be adjourned in memory of the veterans who have served and died defending our County and also in memory of Peggy Reible, the first female Planning Commissioner and longtime resident.

Council Member Klinakis stated that he would thank the Mayor and Council Member Muñoz for the health fair. He further thanked Senator Hernandez who was present all day and showed his commitment to the community.

Council Member Muñoz thanked Senator Hernandez for providing services at the eye clinic. She shared stories of several residents who were treated by Senator Hernandez and thanked Western University of Health Sciences for sending students to assist at the clinic.

Mayor Lewis thanked everyone involved and stated the participants were very appreciative of the free services and eye glasses. She also reminded that community that an AB 60 Forum was being held at Torch Middle School on November 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and that Senator Hernandez was also involved in this event.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he had known Senator Hernandez for a very long time and he often goes out of his way for the community. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway further commented that he had attended the Hacienda Heights La Puente Community Center Grand Opening recommended everyone visit the facility.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Assistant City Attorney Sparks stated that with regard to Item No. A-1 on the Agenda, the abstention was not due to a conflict of interest and the two-two vote allows the minutes to be passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m. in memory of former Planning Commissioner Peggy Reible and also in honor and memory of all veterans who have served to defend our county.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2014.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair