

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 09, 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 Tuesday, December 09, 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, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Recreation Manager Lerma, Finance Manager Purificacion, City Engineer Pagett and Administrative Secretary Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sparks Middle School 7th grade student, Sarah Gutierrez.

PRESENTATIONS

Sunset Elementary School 6th grade student, Estefan Herrera, gave a brief update on the "LEAD" program. He also thanked City officials for helping the students understand how the City runs.

Workman Elementary School student, Emilia Ibarra, gave a brief update on their Science Program called "STEM" which stands for science, technology, engineering and math. She also had a short PowerPoint presentation on their in class experiments.

Sparks Middle School student, Natalie Corolla, stated that she was the voice for her school and then described the programs provided at her school. She also thanked the City Council for being involved with the students.

Sparks Middle School Assistant Principal, David Avilla, presented a brief update on upcoming events which included Career Day being held on Friday, January 9, 2015.

Mayor Lewis thanked teachers Ms. Brown, Mr. Nieto and Mr. Miranda for spearheading the project. She stated it was exciting to see what has become of it in the three months it has been active. She further thanked the parents who were present in support their children.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway expressed how grateful he was with all the support from the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, teachers, students and parents that made this such a great program.

Recreation Manager Lerma presented the Certificates of Recognition from the 23rd La Puente Main Street Run held on October 26, 2014. Each of the participants posed for photos with the City Council as they received their certificates.

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the Certificate of Recognition for Outgoing Planning Commissioner, Greg Young. Mr. Young then posed for photos with the City Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr., resident, spoke of Christmas and the honor of having a family and to be good to them. He read some verses from the Bible and recommended some television programs that are suitable for families to watch.

John Loder, resident, expressed his disappointment with one of the participants in the Holiday Parade. He commented on the UCLA flag which was placed in front of City Hall and thanked the City Manager for taking action and getting the POW flag back up.

Mayor Lewis and City Manager Carmany apologized for the incident concerning the flags. With regard to the participants in the Holiday Parade, Mayor Lewis explained the participants were representing a business within the City and the business owner would be made aware of the concern.

Frank Sanchez, resident, complimented the teachers and staff from Sparks Middle School and Workman Elementary School which his daughter graduated from last year. He was sorry that she was not able to participate in such a great program as LEAD. He complimented the Recreation Manager and staff for a beautiful parade and added the 2014 parade was the best ever held. He stated that one should not throw stones at people; reflected on previous parades and how the parade had doubled in size and commented that he felt Code Enforcement was abused in the past. He further expressed how the downtown area was getting back on its feet and would continue to grow.

Marty Paz, resident, stated that we all make mistakes and would like to put the incident with the flags behind him.

Mayor Lewis stated that she would like to thank Mr. Paz for his support of the Mariachi Divas who were the Grand Marshal for the Holiday Parade.

Mayor Lewis announced that agenda item E-3 would be heard at this time.

E-3 CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM MR. S. CLAUS FOR VARIANCES FROM THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE

Recreation Manager Lerma introduced Santa Claus.

Santa Claus stated it was a pleasure to be here in the City of La Puente; he was present last week for the Holiday Parade and was happy to see all the children; he even got to ride a fire truck. He thanked all the children for waiting until the end of the parade to see him. He also made a request to the City Council to waive the Ordinances in order to deliver gifts to all the good children. Santa Claus then gave a brief history of where he was born.

Council Member Argudo moved to 1) Grant a free business license for a non-profit organization (LPMC 5.04.180); 2) Waive the Noise Ordinance to permit the sound of bells (LPMC 7-2-3); 3) Waive the Trespass Ordinance (LPMC 3.16.130); 4) Waive the Ordinance on Animal Regulations (LPMC 10.68.010); seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lewis announced that she had attended the Sanitation District meeting last month, and that the District had approved an investment and expenditure report. There were no further updates to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 12, 2014; seconded by Council Member Munoz. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL- None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Klinakis moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, through D-8; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTERS NO. 1376 and 27.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5175 approving Warrant Registers No. 1376 and Resolution No. SA 14-43 approving Warrant Register No. 27.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IN-HOME CARE PROVIDER WORKFORCE AND NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution 14-5176 recognizing the importance of the in-home care provider workforce and November as National Family Caregivers Month.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CASTING THE CITY'S VOTES FOR 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: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-5177 casting the City's votes for Louie Aguinaga, Mayor of South El Monte, to represent cities without prescriptive water pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

D-4 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-5 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

Action Taken: the Council received and filed the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOSE GUTIERREZ FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 74 UNIT SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 1040 UNRUH AVENUE

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Settlement and Release Agreement No. 14-1172 between the City and Jose Gutierrez.

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-5170 AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYER PICK-UP FOR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("CALPERS")

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 14-5178 rescinding Resolution No. 14-5170 and established the Employer Paid Member Contributions to the California Public Employees Retirement System.

- D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,215.40 TO RESOLVE THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION FEES ("PTAF") CLAIM

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to approve full release and settlement on the property tax administration fees ("PTAF") claim against the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$122,215.40.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION OR RELOCATION OF NEW AND EXISTING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS

Council Member Klinakis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 14-933 approving a temporary moratorium on the establishment, expansion or relocation of new and existing massage establishments and massage technicians in the City; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Lewis announced that individuals from agenda item No. D-2; In-Home Caregivers, were present in the audience and would pause for photos with the Council.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS, AND TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE OPERATIONS OF THE CITY'S CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Council Member Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-5179 reaffirming the City's commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of life throughout the City's neighborhoods and commercial and industrial corridors, and to further enhance the operations of the City's Code Enforcement program; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lewis stated that the Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee would have an additional meeting and the report was included in item E-2.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Klinakis stated that the Law Enforcement Memorial was close to being completed and a presentation would likely be ready in January, 2015. He further stated that Rotary had passed out over 300 food baskets to the community for Thanksgiving, with 75 being delivered by the Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to thank staff and everyone involved with the Holiday Parade and that it was an amazing event.

Council Member Argudo wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year. He also thanked staff for a great parade and was happy to see a 20% increase for the holiday event.

Council Member Muñoz thanked her fellow Council Members and stated she was looking forward to working with a great group of team members and staff. She further wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Additionally, Council Member Munoz stated she had a fantastic time at the parade and was only disappointed that she did not get to see all the entries of the parade due to the fact she was riding in the parade. She thanked everyone involved in the parade and stated and was looking forward to 2015.

Mayor Lewis commented on the attention to detail regarding the parade and the tree decorations. She also wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Lieutenant Cacheiro commented that Council was moving in the right direction with regard to Code Enforcement. He described arrests that had occurred the night before which included the West Covina Police Department serving multi-location warrants.

City Manager Carmany announced that a Planning Commissioner seat had become vacant and that the City was now accepting applications for the position. He stated that a notice of the vacancy had been posted and applications were available at City Hall. He further stated he would be out of the state from December 20, 2014 through January 2, 2015, and in his absence Director of Administrative Services, Robbeyn Bird, would be acting City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of January, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair

