MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 13, 2015

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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 Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Lewis, Holloway, Argudo (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Klinakis and Muñoz.
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Assistant City Attorney Sparks, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, City Engineer Freij, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Purificacion, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and Assistant Planner Schaetzl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Workman Elementary student, Kaila Lechuga.

PRESENTATIONS

Alex Valencia, Sunset Elementary School 6th grade student, gave a brief update on the "LEAD" program. He thanked the City Officials for helping the students understand how government works and stated that next week students would be participating in "youth government day."

Mike Ellison, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Representative, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed grant application for Bikeway and Pedestrians Improvements along Puente Creek Channel for 2015.

Melissa Godinez, Workman Elementary School 6th grade student, stated that she and her fellow classmates enjoyed the Holiday Parade. She commented on a field trip they attended to the La

Puente Senior Center and how the students were looking forward to participating in youth government day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke of two recent public access television shows and how meditation and therapy helps the mind and body. He also spoke in favor of Neighborhood Watch programs, and mentioned a recent crime that occurred near Bassett High School.

Lia Hrey inquired about a new fence in the center medians along Hacienda Boulevard near Nelson Avenue. Mayor Lewis responded that the fence was placed for the "Safe Route to Schools Program" to detour the students from La Puente High School from jay-walking. Ms. Hrey then asked about possible site contamination issues on a vacant a lot located on Hacienda Boulevard next to Ed Butts Ford.

City Manager Carmany responded that the City was aware of the contamination issues, as were the appropriate regulatory agencies. He stated the city owned the parcel and was in negotiations to develop it.

Ms. Hrey then expressed concern regarding the Zoning Code Update and parking that she considered to be an issue.

Manuel Maldonado wished everyone a happy New Year. He complimented the new code enforcement division and stated things were running smoothly. He then spoke of a home on Flagstaff Street that needed some attention and mentioned that some residents on Unruh Avenue were not maintaining the green area. He further stated that there were some large pot holes on California Avenue near Nelson Avenue and described an incident that happened a few months ago on Cadbrook Drive and the bike pathways that included a chase by the Sheriff Department.

Marty Paz requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of longtime residents Charlie Jimenez and Rosie Garcia. He thanked the Mayor, Sheriff's Department and everyone involved in handing out toys and food for Christmas at Hurley Elementary School and stated it brought him great joy to see such an event.

Frank Sanchez, Francisco's Halloween Shop, spoke in favor of Item No. D-4 on the agenda (Youth Coalition Annual Carnival). He stated that he was in favor of the City's current administration; adding that he had meet with the Code Enforcement Manager regarding some issues he had on his buildings and was happy to see the Zoning Code Update completed. He further stated that the Recreation Director had reached out to some of the youth groups in town and he expressed how pleased he was to see the effort made and that the City was moving in the right direction.

Andrew Yip, Bike San Gabriel Valley Program Coordinator, thanked the City for making a much friendlier community for those who visit La Puente. He spoke in favor of the Los Angeles County bikeway improvements and described how he rides his bike to school and encouraged other residents to ride bikes for their transportation.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway distributed a handout to City Council entitled "Surveillance Activities Report During December 2014" which contained some important information on mosquito and vectors. He also spoke on a property owner's responsibility and the procedure for compliance.

Council Member Argudo asked for clarification on pools of standing water on south/east corner of Temple Avenue and Unruh Avenue. City Manager Carmany responded that he would take the location as a referral and would follow up. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway suggested that the Code Enforcement team to be the ears and eyes for any standing water in the community.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 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.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo made a request to move the consent calendar up on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to pull items D-3 and D-5 for discussion.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve items D-1, D-2 and D-4; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTERS NO. 1377 and 28.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5182 approving Warrant Registers No. 1377 and Resolution No. SA 15-44 approving Warrant Register No. 28.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASMINE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC AND ANDREA USA OESTE, LLC

Action Taken: The City Council approved the lease agreement between Jasmine Real Estate Investments, LLC and Andrea USA Oeste, LLC.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING A FEE WAIVER FOR THE LA PUENTE YOUTH COALITION'S USE OF LA PUENTE PARK FOR A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 15-5184 for a fee waiver for the Youth Coalitions Carnival.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-5183 APPROVING AN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT / VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested that staff give a brief description of the Tax Assistance Program.

City Manager Carmany stated that the California State Board of Equalization had many programs that were available to governments like the City of La Puente and would be meeting with the Board in the near future regarding other programs that are offered.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Resolution No. 15-5183; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR THE 2015 METRO CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR BIKEWAY AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VALINDA COMMUNITY

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to approve this item but would not like to include specific projects in the support letter. He indicated the City was in support of bikeways and would like to work with the County to determine which projects were best for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve the continued letter of support for the County's application for the 2015 Metro Call for Projects for bikeway and pedestrian improvements in the Valinda community; seconded by Council Member Argudo. 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENSION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 14-933, ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, EXPANSION OR RELOCATION OF NEW AND EXISTING MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the staff report.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Lewis confirmed with Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia that no written communication had been received.

Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

City Manager Carmany read the Ordinance by title only and waived further reading. Council Member Klinakis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 15-934 - An Ordinance extending by an additional 10 Month and 15 Days the Terms and Provisions of Urgency Ordinance No. 14-933 establishing a Citywide Moratorium on the Establishment, Expansion or Relocation of New and Existing Massage Establishments and Technicians; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B-2 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE – CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY (INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHAPTER 10.62 (ADULT BUSINESSES), ADOPTING A REVISED TITLE 10 (ZONING) AND ZONING MAP, AND AN ADDENDUM REGARDING SAME

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a brief update of this item.

Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG) representative, Laura Stetson presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Development Services Director Di Mario stated for the record that written communications had been received by the City on Monday, January 12, 201,5 from Mr. David Meyer with LDM Associates, Inc., representing Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johanson with Lima Recycling Center and Mr.'s Gabriel and Ray Herrera with La Puente Paint & Body. Copies of the letter were provided to the City Council and the public. The letter expressed that the business owners had some concerns regarding the zone change. City Attorney Casso indicated he and Assistant City Attorney Sparks met with LDM Associates and their clients to discuss their concerns and all interested parties were satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. He further indicated the property owners would be able continue to operate their businesses in the similar manner.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concerns regarding the updated Zoning Code book that was given to him on December 9, 2014. He stated he had requested some information from staff and had not received a response. He requested a study session at Council level.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 8:38 p.m.

Frank Sanchez stated that this had been a long time coming and to delay this any further would not be recommended. He felt that everyone was satisfied with the outcome of the previous meetings and the workshops.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia stated that no other written communication had been received.

Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Council Member Klinakis asked for clarification on the meeting with LDM Associates.

City Attorney Casso explained that the two property owners had concerns about whether the zone change from Manufacturing to CM Zone would create a problem with their operations. The property owners were assured they could continue to operate as normal but there would be some restrictions if they were to expand or intensify their operations. Both property owners stated they had no plans to expand and would like to continue business as usual.

Council Member Argudo stated that he had attended one planning workshop but was not given the opportunity to interact. He requested that approval of the zoning code be pushed back for a month so he could have a few items addressed. He commended the Planning Department for doing an excellent job and expressed concern regarding the R-1 to R-2 Zones.

City Manager Carmany responded that he had attended every Planning Commission meeting over the past year and there had been a considerable amount of public input and an extensive public process by which concerns had been heard and answered. He stated at the end of the Planning Commission workshops many of the residents were satisfied. He stated the proposed Ordinance reflects City Council's desire to make La Puente better.

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a history of the General Plan to answer some of Council Member Argudo's questions.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the General Plan and the Zoning Code.

Council Member Klinakis moved to approve Ordinance No. 15-935 repealing Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente Municipal Code in its entirety (including the Zoning Map), with the exception of Chapter 10.62 (Adult Businesses), adopt a revised Title 10 (Zoning), including the Zoning Map, and an Addendum to the General Plan EIR reading same; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Carmany read by Title only Ordinance No. 15-935 repealing Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente Municipal Code in its entirety (including the Zoning Map), with the exception of Chapter 10.62 (Adult Businesses), adopt a revised Title 10 (Zoning), including the Land Use Policy May, and an Addendum to the General Plan EIR regarding same.

Council Member Klinakis moved to introduce Ordinance No. 15-935; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

Development Services Director Di Mario presented a staff report.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 9:30 p.m.

Marty Paz questioned how many applicants were on the waiting list.

Development Services Director Di Mario responded that currently there were a total of fifty-six applicants. Sixteen applicants would be moving forward on February 1, 2015, with an additional eighteen loans scheduled for 2015/2016.

Mr. Paz stated that once the public was aware that more funds were available the list would continue to grow with residents still waiting for five or more years. He suggested making cuts from other areas to get this issue resolved.

Mayor Lewis confirmed with Chief Deputy City Clerk that no written communication had been received.

With no other speakers, Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 9:32 p.m.

Discussion ensued between City Council and staff regarding how many loans and grants were provided per year; how CDGB funds were allocated; and how the funds could be used for code enforcement violations.

City Manager Carmany gave a brief report on the California JPIA City Manager's Committee meeting he attended on January 12, 2015, relating to the Sidewalk Inspection Pilot Program and added that this might be an opportunity to use CDBG funds to address "slip and trip" accidents and claims.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve Resolution No. 15-5181 authorizing the City's CDBG Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Director of Recreation Services Lerma provided an update on the City of La Puente's Strategic Plan.

<u>Action Taken:</u> The City Council received and filed the update.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL - None

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he attended the Pizza Hut Grand Opening on January 10, 2015, and that it was a well-attended event. He also attended a meeting at AQMD on January 9, 2015, and received information about their pilot programs. In addition, he attended the Sparks Middle School Career Day Program with several City staff members and announced it was a great event. He asked about lobbyist services the City receives from Joe A. Gonsalves & Son in Sacramento.

Council Member Klinakis stated that the representative from Sothern California Edison, Mr. Rick Meza, retired after thirty-six years. Mr. Meza was involved with many great programs such as the Youth Activities League. Council Member Klinakis wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Lewis thanked staff for all their hard work on the Zoning Code Update.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m. in memory of Mr. Charlie Jimenez and Ms. Rosie Garcia, both longtime residents.

Approved this 27th day of January, 2015.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair