MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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.lapuente.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, February 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Director of Recreation Services Lerma, City Engineer Pagett and Assistant Planner Schaetzl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sparks Middle School student, David Morales.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lewis recognized Sparks Middle School Principal, Colin Miller, and Teacher, Mr. Nieto. Mayor Lewis then introduced Sparks Middle School student, Jacqueline Cortez, who gave a brief report on activities their school was participating in within the community. Ms. Cortez also spoke in regards to the "LEAD" program and "Youth in Government Day."

Principal Miller, presented a PowerPoint presentation on current events. He also invited the City Council to a ceremony being held at the school on Friday, March 27, 2015. He further announced that American Civil rights activist, Sylvia Mendez, would be one of the speakers.

Mayor Lewis introduced the National Champions La Puente Warriors Jr. All American Pee Wee Cheerleading Squad. Mayor Lewis announced each member of the cheerleading squad. Coach Gomes gave a brief history of the team. Mayor Lewis then called the cheerleaders to the dais for photos with the City Council.

Council Member Argudo thanked the squad and their parents for being present at the City Council meeting. He congratulated the Warriors Team and expressed his happiness for their accomplishments.

Council Member Muñoz thanked the coaches for all their time spent volunteering. She stated her daughter had participated in the La Puente Warriors twelve years ago and recognized the commitment of the parents and children involved and thanked them for representing La Puente.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway congratulated the team and stated that cheerleaders are athletes.

Craig French, Executive Director for Twin Palms Recovery Center, gave a brief presentation on the sheriff's memorial, which pays tribute to fallen Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective Jack D. Williams, who had been killed in the line of duty. Mr. French, an artist and sculptor, explained how he came up with the design for the memorial and that the piece reflected a celebration of Detective Williams' life. Mr. French thanked the City Council for endorsing the project and further thanked those who donated to the memorial including Haddick's Towing, Valley Vista Services, Inc., former Mayor of the City of Industry, Dave Perez, Twin Palms Recovery Center, Mayor Lewis and her husband Jeff Lewis, and Council Member Klinakis.

Council Member Klinakis thanked Mr. French and everyone involved and expressed how happy he was to finally see Detective Williams honored after almost forty years.

Mayor Lewis recessed the meeting for ten minutes to view the memorial.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Klinakis stated that he had attended a California Council of Governments (COG) meeting the prior week and that the Interim Director was put into place.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway distributed reports to the City Council from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District regarding the increase in mosquito infestation, and asked City Manager Carmany to distribute the information to the Code Enforcement Division. He further stated he received a letter from City of Industry Mayor Spohn asking for support on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Region 37 Board.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated that he visited Los Angeles County Supervisor's office regarding an immigration speech. He also spoke of a program called "Homeboys Industries" which helps former gang members obtain drivers licenses and employment.

Frank Sanchez congratulated the Cheer program. He announced a youth coalition event on March 12-15, 2015, and stated that funds raised benefit many youth groups. He further stated he was grateful to have the support of the City Council. Mr. Sanchez spoke about not being able to advertise on the railroad bridge crossing over Hacienda Boulevard and thanked Council Member Muñoz and Director of Recreation Services Lerma for their assistance in finding a new location for the advertisement. He expressed how he would like to have a digital sign to announce upcoming City events.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and Mr. Sanchez on digital signage and the possibility of an Ad Hoc Committee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015.

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2015; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion 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

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 06-4516 TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the report.

A discussion ensued between City Council and regarding permits and fees.

City Attorney Casso stated that he would research and provide to the City Council at a later time information regarding whether special funds are backed by general funds when subsidized discounts are provided to those residents who are exempt. Mayor Lewis recommended a follow up.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

With no written communication and no speakers from the public, Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Council Member Klinakis recommended that this item be continued to the next regular City Council meeting in order to give the City Council more time to review the fee schedule.

Mayor Lewis re-opened the public hearing and continued the hearing to consider adopting Resolution No. 15-5191 to amend the City's schedule of rates, fees and other charges for planning and development permits to the next City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo moved to approve Item D-1; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1380.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5190 approving Warrant Register No. 1380.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. SA 15-46 APPROVING AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

Council Member Klinakis moved to approve Resolution No. SA 15-46 approving the Successor Agency's Administrative Budget for the time period commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; 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.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. SA 15-47 APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) COVERING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

Council Member Klinakis moved to adopt Resolution No. SA 15-47 approving the ROPS 15-16A for the six-month fiscal period commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2015 and requesting approval of same by the Oversight Board; 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.

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

Council Member Klinakis moved to receive and file the report; 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.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATION IN A STORM WATER FUNDING OPTIONS STUDY THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND THE CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION AT A COST OF $7,500.00

Council Member Argudo moved to; 1) approve the City's participation in joining with other Los Angeles County cities to jointly fund the study; and 2) authorize a budget amendment to transfer $7,500.00 from the Waste Management activity to the Engineering Services activity in the Community Development function; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHLAND TRANSIT INC. FOR FIXED-ROUTE AND DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $2,337,350

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a brief history this Item. A discussion ensued between City Council and Staff regarding fees and services.

Council Member Klinakis thanked Southland Transit for their excellent service and assured them that this would come to a conclusion within thirty days. He requested that this item be brought back in order to conduct a fee study before a five-year contract was approved.

Council Member Argudo suggested that a Request for Proposal (RFP) be conducted.

Mr. Scott Transue, Southland Transit Inc. representative, stated that rates from surrounding cities were provided to the previous City Manager and included Baldwin Park, Arcadia and Rosemead. He informed the City Council that he would provide the information again.

Council Member Muñoz stated that she would like some additional information before she made a decision as she was not on the City Council when previous information was provided.

Mayor Lewis stated that the City Council needed more data before approving the contract and directed that the item be continued to the Tuesday, March 24, 2015, City Council meeting.

City Manager Carmany clarified for the City Council that Southland Transit would continue to operate under the current system for the next thirty days and Staff would return with comparative data and costs from surrounding communities.

Action Taken: The City Council agreed to bring back this item no later than the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway provided an update on the Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee including the status of the hiring process, vehicles for the department and the progress of the Department Manager.

Mayor Lewis formed the Marketing and Advertising Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of conducting research on billboards and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Holloway and Council Member Klinakis to the Committee.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to have better clarification on when City contracts are about to expire.

Council Member Argudo agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Holloway that the City must be transparent and consistent with the contracts.

Council Member Klinakis expressed his thoughts on commitments.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany stated that he and Lieutenant Cacheiro would be attending the annual 2015 City Managers' Educations Seminar sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's later in the week. He announced a meeting with Senator Hernandez on Friday, March 6, 2015, and asked City Council to forward any topics for discussion. He further announced the Youth Coalition Carnival scheduled for March 12-15, 2015, at La Puente Park as well as a budget study session scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2015, at City Hall. Lastly, City Manager Carmany announced the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department gang injunction meeting at the La Puente Community Center on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of March, 2015.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair