

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MARCH 6, 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.lapuate.org.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the La Puente Community Center Workman Room, 503 N. Glendora Avenue, La Puente, California, on Friday, March 6, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis, Holloway, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members absent: Argudo.

Others present: Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, District Director Rob Charles, Field Representative Angelica Hernandez, City Manager Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Hernandez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

A. OPENING COMMENTS

1. Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D.

Senator Hernandez thanked those present at the meeting for attending and spoke about how his office might be able to interact with the City and assist with matters on both the local and State level.

2. Members of the City Council

Mayor Lewis thanked everyone in attendance. Mayor Lewis and the Council Members agreed that the City is committed to change and that there was much work to be done in order to change the current culture and encourage businesses to come to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated he was glad to see like-minded individuals on the City Council.

B. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Legislative update, goals and priorities, including, but not limited to:

1. Storm Water Issues

Discussion ensued regarding SB 485 and the ability of the City to comply with municipal storm water requirements; funding fairs to help facilitate infrastructure projects and the storm water MS 4 permit.

2. Seismic Retrofitting

Senator Hernandez suggested his office might be able to help with grants for seismic retrofitting. Discussion ensued regarding the use of strategic planning to create a mixed-use downtown which would become a destination in La Puente; the potential for loans or tax breaks for retrofitting in the downtown area; compiling a master list of contractors in the City in the event of a natural disaster; affordable housing opportunities; the need for a hazard mitigation plan; and compiling a list of potential sites who might house people in the event of an emergency.

3. Trauma Center

Senator Hernandez spoke about the lack of a trauma center in the San Gabriel Valley and discussion ensued regarding potential sites for a trauma center, as well as funding and cost issues associated with the construction of a trauma center.

4. Impacts of Proposition 47

Senator Hernandez spoke about potential impacts from Proposition 47, including an increase in crime at the local level. Discussion ensued regarding a potential sales tax increase to help fund parks and law enforcement; the need for a public safety/disaster preparedness plan; public opinion polls to gauge voter reaction to a sales tax increase and educating the public on the value a sales tax increase would bring to the City.

Additional discussion items included engaging the Department of Finance to funnel money back to the City to be used to pay down debt; funding sources to complete the sound wall on Valley Boulevard; the proposed election consolidation bill and potential for higher voter turnout; requesting that the City of Baldwin Park join the Vector Control Board; a bill to increase the smoking age to 21 to help reduce healthcare costs; concerns regarding the status of Ontario airport and the general status of the State's economy.

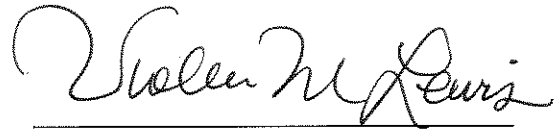
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Approved this 24th day of March, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair