MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 10, 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, March 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Lewis, Holloway, Argudo (arrived at 5:37), Klinakis and Muñoz.
Members Absent:	None.
Staff Members Present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would recess into closed session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss items as listed on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:
   PROPERTY: 305 N. SUNSET AVENUE, APN 8203-022-015
   CITY NEGOTIATORS: DAVID CARMANY, CITY MANAGER AND JAMES M. CASSO, CITY ATTORNEY
   NEGOTIATING PARTY: SADITH SANCHEZ
   UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:
PROPERTY: 706 N. HACIENDA BOULEVARD, APN 8213-020-028
CITY NEGOTIATORS: DAVID CARMANY, CITY MANAGER AND JAMES M. CASSO, CITY ATTORNEY
NEGOTIATING PARTY: ARTURO AND FRANCISCA MUNOZ
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

3. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
TITLE: CITY MANAGER (Per City Manger's Employment Agreement No. 13-1131)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lewis reconvened the City Council meeting to open session.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that Council Member Argudo arrived during closed session at 5:37 p.m. Discussion had not begun and Council Member Argudo participated in all items discussed.

With regard to Item No. 1, the vote was 5-0 and direction was given to the City's negotiators.

With regard to Item No. 2, the vote was 5-0 and direction was given to the City's negotiators.

With regard to Item No. 3, the item was continued to the conclusion of the open session agenda.

There was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 City Manager Carmany.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lewis introduced the La Puente Junior All American Football & Cheer Squad. The squad's coach provided a brief history on performance locations and challenges the team had overcome. The squad performed a cheer and posed for photos with their Certificate of Recognition and the City Council.

Angela Barrientos, Children's Librarian from the County of Los Angeles Public Library, gave a brief description of the Bookmark Art Contest and how the winner, Annalise Gomez, was chosen. Ms. Gomez thanked everyone present and posed for photos with the City Council.

Director of Recreation Lerma gave a brief history of Mr. Luis MacFarland's 22 Years of Service with the Recreation Department in the City of La Puente. Mr. MacFarland stated that it had been a pleasure working for the City and it had assisted him with sending his children to college. He further stated he has been a resident of La Puente since 1968 and was very proud of his City. Mr. MacFarland posed for photos with his certificate and the City Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cesar Hernandez, Express Transportation Representative, expressed concerns regarding the La Puente Link shuttle buses. He stated that his company would be able to provide different options and the possibility of savings for the City and hoped the City would take this matter out to bid.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated that he and his brother would be participating in a play at their local Church called "I Will Follow Christ" during the week of March 29 through April 5, 2015. He invited everyone to come and visit.

Henry Nodal expressed his concerns regarding the signal light on Temple Avenue and Del Valle Avenue. He stated that the wait time for the red light was extremely long and felt as though drivers were running the red light to try to avoid waiting for the light to change. He also inquired about red curb painting on Sierra Vista Court between Hacienda Boulevard and Glendora Avenue. He informed the City Council that the nearby residents and patrons of local businesses were parking their vehicles close to the corner of Sierra Vista and blocking the view of oncoming traffic.

City Council Member Argudo thanked Mr. Nodal for bringing the concerns to the City Council. He requested that Staff bring back a report to the City Council on how the determination was made for red curb painting on residential streets.

Christopher Trevilla promoted the "La Puente Art Walk" on March 21, 2015, and invited the public to visit www.lapuenteartwalk.com for more information. Bryan Coreas invited the public to a stage play entitled "Kita Y Fernanda" being held on Saturday, March 28, 2015, at the La Puente Women's Club. He announced there was no charge for the event and food would be served.

City Council Member Argudo requested that the events be placed on the City's Facebook page and cable channel.

The City Council Members agreed that the Art walk was an excellent event and were happy to see such events being promoted within the City.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he had distributed reports to the City Council on a regular basis from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District regarding the increase in mosquito infestation. He announced concerns that the District had with the City of Baldwin Park not being a member and the effects on the surrounding cities.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015.

Council Member Argudo moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 06-4516 TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development Services Director Di Mario stated that the public hearing was continued from the February 24, 2015, City Council meeting and gave a report on the item.

A City Council and Staff discussion ensued on permits and fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested that City Attorney Casso give a brief explanation of the restrictions on how Cities are imposing fees on their residents. City Attorney Casso responded that the City must figure out what reasonable costs are for the services provided and the cost was passed onto the resident. He further stated staff time to review and process permits are part of the service fees and he felt that the fees were reasonable.

Mayor Lewis moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-5191 to amend Resolution No. 06-4516 to establish fees for the Planning and Development Permits; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Klinakis pulled items D-2 and D-3 for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway pulled Item D-4 for discussion.

Council Member Munoz moved to approve Items D-1 and D-5; 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-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1381 and 30.

Council Member Muñoz moved to approve Resolution No. 15-5192 approving Warrant Register No. 1381 and Resolution No. SA 15-48 approving Warrant Register No. 30; 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-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-5171, AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS, MONTHLY SALARY RANGES, HOURLY RATES, FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

City Council Member Klinakis requested clarification that the City was not eliminating any employee positions and was only changing the hourly rate. Development Services Director Di Mario responded that was correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked if the position was a bargaining unit position. Development Services Director Di Mario clarified it was not.

Mayo Pro Tem Holloway moved to: 1) approve Resolution No. 15-5193 rescinding Resolution No. 14-5171 and amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing the number of authorized positions, monthly salary ranges and hourly rates for City employees; 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-3 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 14-1157 BETWEEN THE CITY AND MILAN MRAKICH FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

City Council Member Klinakis asked if the agreement would be extended until August, 2015, if the funds that were allocated to Code Enforcement were based on what was already spent and if the intention was to hire a permanent Code Enforcement Manager by August 2015. City Manager Carmany responded that was correct and the City would be addressing the creation of a permanent position as part of the budget that would be adopted by July 1, 2015.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. 14-1157 between the City and Contractor and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement; 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.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND MWH AMERICAS INC. FOR GEOTECHNICAL TESTING AT LA PUENTE PARK

Development Services Director presented the report.

A Council and staff discussion ensued on geotechnical testing and designated site locations and soil testing at La Puente Park.

Council Member Klinakis moved to approve the License Agreement between the City and MWH Americas, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A PARK AND STREET USE AGREEMENT WITH LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE NON-PROFIT FOR A CARNIVAL AND PARADE

Council Member Muñoz moved to approve the Park and Streets Use Agreement for the Youth Coalition Carnival and Parade; 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.

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that the Marketing and Advertising Ad Hoc Committee had a meeting with Digital Displays President, Mark Krugler. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway gave a brief update on locations of potential billboards and the possibility of moving forward with an agreement.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council would reconvene into closed session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss Item No. 3 as listed on the closed session agenda.

3. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
TITLE: CITY MANAGER (Per City Manger's Employment Agreement No. 13-1131)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Lewis reconvened the City Council meeting to open session at 9:27 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council had reconvened to closed session in regards to Item No. 3 on the closed session agenda. The performance evaluation was completed and there was nothing further to report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he would like to thank City Manager Carmany for the exceptional work for the past year. He expressed how the City has made significant progress.

City Council Member Klinakis stated that he would like to thank his fellow Council Members for conducting a professional evaluation and was looking forward to moving in the right direction as a City and a Council Member. He also reminded everyone of the Little League Parade being held Saturday, March 14, 2015.

City Council Member Muñoz agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Holloway and City Council Member Klinakis and expressed how happy she was to see such a great working relationship between the City Council and Staff.

City Council Member Argudo stated that he would like to express his gratitude for the work that the City Manager had accomplished and with his direction Staff was moving along well and embracing the changes. The transformation was very pleasing to this leadership.

Mayor Lewis agreed and thanked City Manager Carmany for his leadership. She stated his commitment to the community was very apparent and she was looking forward to working with City Manager Carmany in the future to move the community forward. She felt that the community was excited with the new changes and that was due to City Manager Carmany's dedication.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany thanked the City Council for the kind words. He announced the Sheriff's Memorial dedication ceremony being held on Friday, March 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. He further announced Valley Vista rate adjustments which would bring monthly charges to about twenty six dollars. Lastly, he mentioned Staff was working on the Link Transit agreement with Southland Transit which will be heard at the April 28, 2015, City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of March, 2015.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Violeta M. Lewis
Mayor/Chair