

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 14, 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 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, April 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Holloway, Argudo and Muñoz.

Members Absent: Lewis and Klinakis.

Staff Members Present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, 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 6:35 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 54957.6 TO CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS.
AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: DAVID CARMANY, CITY MANAGER; JAMES M. CASSO, CITY ATTORNEY.
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: SEIU

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway reconvened the City Council meeting to open session at 7:17 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso announced that direction was given to the labor negotiators. No action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis (arrived 7:37 p.m.), Holloway, Argudo and Muñoz.

Members absent: Klinakis.

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, Finance Manager Gitmed, and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sunset Elementary School student Javier Garcia.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carmany introduced Sunset Elementary School Teacher Julian Mirada. Mr. Mirada stated that he was involved with the "LEAD" program and students were present at the meeting to learn about the City's budget process. City Manager Carmany stated that the "LEAD" program had gained a great deal of notoriety and had been submitted for the Helen Putnam Award through the League of California Cities.

City Manager Carmany presented the Proclamation for April 2015 as "National Donate Life Month" to Mr. Daniel Leuanos. Mr. Luevanos thanked the City Council and the community for supporting the organ and tissue donation, adding that he was a liver transplant recipient over eleven years ago. He invited the public to the 13th annual Donate Run /Walk being held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Cal State Fullerton.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma introduced Cheetah Cheer Instructor Cindall Green. Ms. Green gave a brief description of the Cheetah Cheer program and explained that the group was present to donate their trophy to the City to be displayed for everyone enjoy. Ms. Green described other classes that she teaches at the Community Center such as dance and ballet. Each member of the Cheer Squad introduced themselves to the City Council then posed for photos.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. stated that he had attended Church on Easter Sunday. He spoke of miracles and current events on the local news channel.

Pat McMane warned residents about a potential burglary at her home and her concern concerned that the burglar might try to distract other senior citizens in order to burglarize their homes. Ms. McMane asked if the City had some type of warning system.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway thanked Ms. McMane for the information.

Lieutenant Cacheiro stated that Nixle delivers emergency notifications for public safety and government agencies for a fee. He encouraged the community to stay in touch with updates through the City's Facebook page which was free to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway announced the Mayor Lewis had arrived at 7:37 p.m.

John Loder spoke about a recent article in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, the zoning code update and the MVP Lounge.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that he had attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District meeting and the discussion was on reclassification of staff. There was nothing further to report.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2015; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, and Muñoz.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Klinakis.

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 Member Argudo pulled items D-4 and D-6 for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve Items D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-5; seconded by Mayor Lewis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1383 and 31.

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 15-5195 approving Warrant Register No. 1383 and Resolution No. SA 15-49 approving Warrant Register No. 31.

- D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASMINE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC AND EUROSTAR, INC. (WSS SHOES)

Action Taken: The City Council approved the lease agreement between Jasmine Real Estate Investments, LLC and Eurostar Star, Inc. in accordance with the Disposition and Development Agreement between the Successor Agency and Jasmine Real Estate Investments.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A LIABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement No. 15-1181 and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VAN LANT & FANKHANEL, LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,700 PER YEAR

Council Member Argudo requested a brief summary of charges from the previous auditing firm.

City Manager Carmany presented a brief report on the request for proposal process, interviews that were conducted and the total savings which would be achieved during the three year contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked if the Van Lant firm had any prior connection to the cities of Bell or Montebello.

Mr. Van Lant, Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP, stated that they did not have any ties with the cities mentioned.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway moved to approve the professional services agreement No. 15-1182 with Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP for professional auditing services; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-5 DESIGNATE APRIL 2015 AS "MAKE LA PUENTE BEAUTIFUL" MONTH (Mayor Lewis)

Action Taken: The City Council designated April 2015 as "Make La Puente Beautiful" month.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH B.L. ELKINS FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST SERVICES

Council Member Argudo inquired about the annual contract costs and asked if those costs would equal in-house staffing.

City Manager Carmany responded in the affirmative and stated that the interim analyst would be working on a part-time basis and was a retired public works director with a considerable amount of experience.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve the professional services agreement No. 15-1180 with B.L. Elkins for an interim Senior Management Analyst; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Director of Administrative Services Bird presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Argudo thanked staff for the presentation and report and asked the other members of the City Council if they would like a study session or town hall meeting.

Council Member Muñoz stated that she would like to have a study session to review some questions that she had on the budget. She suggested forming an Ad Hoc Committee relating to grant writing and requested staff provide a list of the items eliminated from the budget.

Mayor Lewis agreed a study session would be appropriate and suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee be formed after the City Council reorganization on April 28, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway agreed that a town hall meeting was a good way to show the residents transparency.

City Manager Carmany gave a brief overview of the budget and explained why some items had been eliminated.

Mayor Lewis thanked staff for all their hard work on getting the proposed budget out in a timely manner. She added that a study session would be held and that the date of the study session would be decided at the Strategic Planning Retreat April 15, 2015.

Action Taken: The City Council received the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

E-2 CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS, RE-ESTABLISHING THE EDUCATION AND PUENTE PRIDE COMMISSIONS, AND AMENDING THE PROCEDURES TO APPOINT COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway asked for clarification on the changes made to the appointment process.

Chief Deputy City Clerk responded that the Mayor would appoint two members to the Puente Pride Commission. She further explained that all commission appointments would now be in line with the Planning Commission and terms for all commissions would expire the first meeting in June of odd years.

Council Member Argudo moved to approve Resolution No. 15-5196 Rescinding Various Resolutions Pertaining to the Education Commission and Puente Pride Commission, Re-Establishing the Education and Puente Pride Commissions and Amending the Procedures to Appoint Commission Members; seconded by Council Member Muñoz. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CITY OF LA PUENTE STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT ON APRIL 15, 2015

Action Taken: The City Council adjourned the April 14, 2015, Council Meeting to the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., at the La Puente Community Center located at 501 N. Glendora Avenue.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lewis announced that all Ad Hoc Committees were disbanded in order to allow the newly elected Mayor to reappoint after the reorganization.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo spoke about the loss of Manny Perez and requested that the Mayor adjourn the City Council meeting in his honor.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated he had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Perez and attended the funeral services at St. Joseph's Church.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway commented on a potential plan to pick up hazardous waste at curbside and stated this was something we should keep our eyes on.

Mayor Lewis stated she also attended Mr. Perez's funeral service which was well attended by the community, and noted that Mr. Perez was a respected citizen. She also spoke about the second annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Administrative Services Bird introduced new Finance Manager Joann Gitmed.

City Manager Carmany announced that Assembly Member Ian Calderon would be hosting a Financial Literacy Workshop at the La Puente Community Center on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The flyer was posted on the City's website.

Mayor Lewis announced that in honor of "Make La Puente Beautiful" month residents could place large item pick-ups curbside on their regular trash day.

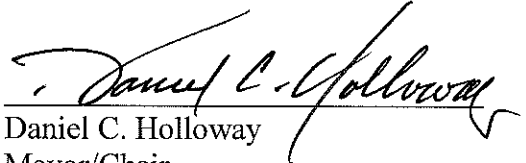
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting to the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. and closed the meeting in memory of Mr. Manuel V. Perez at 8:57 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of April, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair