

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 28, 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.lapueente.org

4:30 P.M. STUDY SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lewis, Holloway, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members Absent: Argudo.

Staff Members Present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, Director of Administrative Services Bird, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma, City Engineer Pagett, Code Enforcement Manager Mrakich and Assistant City Attorney Sparks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

STUDY SESSION

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

City Manager Carmany introduced the budget session.

Director of Administrative Services Bird presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Action Taken: City Council discussed the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget and agreed to schedule a Town Hall meeting in the near future.

City Council recessed at 6:21 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

At 7:06 p.m., City Attorney Casso announced that the City Council did not hold the closed session and the item would be heard at the next City Council meeting. There was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo, Klinakis and Muñoz.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, Director of Administrative Services Bird, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma, City Engineer Pagett and Assistant City Attorney Sparks.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Workman Elementary Student Johie Noetzel.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lewis introduced Sunset Elementary, Workman Elementary and Sparks Middle School students attending the City Council Meeting.

Maechelle Brown, Workman Elementary teacher, presented Mayor Lewis with the first Butterfly LEAD Effect Award. Ms. Brown expressed the student's gratitude for all the events the Mayor and City Council had participated in over the last few months.

Mayor Lewis expressed her deepest gratitude for all the kind words and thanked Ms. Brown for creating the LEAD program.

Vanessa Jamie, Sparks Elementary school student, described a visit to her school from civil rights activist Sylvia Mendez, who had fought and won a case of education segregation when she was a child. Ms. Jamie also spoke about activities related to Earth Day.

David Avila, Sparks Middle School Assistant Principal, thanked the City Council for their involvement in creating a successful Earth Day event. He invited the City Council and the public to celebrate Arbor Day. Mr. Avila also spoke about an upcoming field trip to California State University Fullerton where the students would learn about college life and enjoy a free concert.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Outgoing Remarks by Mayor Lewis

Mayor Lewis spoke about her term as Mayor and expressed gratitude for the support she had received from the community. She stated that being the Mayor is more than a job title, that there is a tremendous responsibility as well as opportunity to be a positive example for others.

Mayor Lewis quoted John Quincy Adams, the 6th President of the United States: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Mayor Lewis said our actions define who we are as leaders, and that leading with integrity means being honest and sincere in our actions without compromising our fundamental principles. At the end of the day, one must reflect upon the decisions made and ask, "Did I do my best keeping the best interest of the community at heart?"

Leadership offers many lessons in our successes and failures. Our mistakes help us make better decisions in the future while our successes pave the way for others to have an easier path. She said that as we move forward under the leadership of the new Mayor, we will continue to keep the focus on the future of the La Puente community as our number one priority. She noted a few accomplishments of the past year, including development of new retail businesses and the reduction of the crime rate by 67%.

Mayor Lewis thanked her family, friends, and many community members for their love and support this past year.

Mayor Lewis recognized members of the audience including Hacienda La Puente School Board President Anthony Duarte and Superintendent Ms. Cynthia Colfer, Elena Robles from Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's office, Samantha Marquez from Assembly Member Ian Calderon's office and Andrea Moreno from Supervisor Hilda Solis's office.

Elena Robles presented Mayor Lewis with a Certificate of Recognition and then posed for a picture with Mayor Lewis.

Samantha Marquez presented Mayor Lewis with a Certificate of Recognition and then posed for a picture with Mayor Lewis.

Anthony Duarte thanked Mayor Lewis for her year of service to the City of La Puente. He expressed how proud he was to be a part of the great relationship between the City and the School District and invited Mayor Lewis to a future Board meeting to be presented with a certificate. He further expressed how excited he was to see the children attending the City Council meeting.

Council Member Klinakis stated that that partnership between the Hacienda La Puente United School Board and the City had grown tremendously and attributed the relationship to the City Council working as a team and focusing on the community. He then presented Mayor Lewis with a plaque and a bouquet of flowers on behalf of City, thanking her for her excellent service as Mayor.

Jeff Lewis presented his wife Mayor Lewis with a bouquet of flowers and expressed his thankfulness for everyone's support during her term as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated that it had been an honor working with Mayor Lewis over the last year. He addressed the students in the audience and used Mayor Lewis as an example of someone seeing a need in the community and taking action to make La Puente a better place.

2. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Lewis relinquished the gavel to Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia opened the nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Lewis nominated Council Member Holloway for Mayor. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia introduced Mayor Holloway, the City's newly selected Mayor.

Mayor Holloway thanked the Council, adding that it was an honor to serve as Mayor and he was looking forward to keeping the City on track.

Mayor Holloway opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Members Klinakis and Argudo nominated Council Member Muñoz for Mayor Pro Tem. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

3. Incoming remarks by newly appointed Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members.

Mayor Holloway congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz on her new position.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz thanked the City of La Puente for electing her as a Council Member a year ago and expressed her gratitude for selecting her as Mayor Pro Tem. She stated she was looking forward to a productive upcoming year.

Mayor Holloway recessed the City Council meeting at 7:37 p.m. for a cake and punch reception.

Mayor Holloway reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about the drought and new water regulations set by Governor Brown. He also expressed concerns about earthquakes and climate change.

Cesar Hernandez, Express Transportation, spoke about the Southland Transit agreement and the money his company could potentially save the City. He gave statistics from surrounding cities on how much each city pays for taxi and transit services.

Jasmine Hardiman, SMS Transportation Services, requested that the City go out for bid on transit services.

Craig French, Twin Palms Recovery Center, spoke about the sheriff's memorial and thanked Council Member Klinakis for his commitment and dedication to the memorial. Mr. French also recognized City Manager Carmany and Council Member Lewis for their involvement. He added that the Sheriff's Department was an excellent organization and mentioned La Puente was one of the 50 safest cities in California. He also thanked outgoing Mayor Lewis for her dedication and honesty.

Frank Sanchez expressed his gratitude to outgoing Mayor Lewis. He added that he was very proud to live and own a business in La Puente and that businesses in the downtown area are thriving. He recognized newly selected Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz and the great things staff were working on along Hacienda Boulevard.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway distributed documents from the Sanitation District regarding Assembly Bill 45, hazardous waste pick-up at curbside, and requested the item be placed on an upcoming City Council agenda.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2015 AND APRIL 15, 2015

Council Member Klinakis moved to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of April 14, 2015 and April 15, 2015; seconded by Council Member Argudo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Holloway, Muñoz, Argudo, Klinakis and Lewis.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 33431 AND 33433, BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, AND CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE AGENCY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND 1545 HACIENDA LLC, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1545 HACIENDA, LA PUENTE

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the staff report.

Mayor Holloway opened the public hearing.

Dan Almquist, Frontier Real Estate Investments representative, expressed his appreciation in working with City Manager Carmany and Development Services Director Di Mario and stated they went above and beyond in getting this project on track.

Frank Sanchez stated that this was a great project for the City and was looking forward to the store.

With no other speakers Mayor Holloway closed the public hearing.

Action Taken: Council/Agency Member Klinakis moved to approve Resolution No. 15-1599 approving the DDA and Summary Report, and directed staff to file the notice of exemption under CEQA; seconded by Council/Agency Member Argudo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 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 (CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2015)

Development Services Director Di Mario presented the report.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the budget for fiscal year 2015-16 transit services.

Council Member Lewis moved to approve a five-year Professional Services Agreement with Southland Transit Inc.; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Casso recommended the City Council approve a shorter agreement with Southland Transit or provide direction to staff to go out for bid.

Mayor Holloway moved to approve a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Southland Transit Inc., for fixed-route and dial-a-ride transit services; seconded by Council Member Klinakis. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council/Agency Member Lewis moved to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1384

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5197 approving Warrant Register No. 1384.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5198 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for funding from the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program as provided through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

D-3 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO GENTRY BROTHERS, INC., FOR LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON AILERON AVENUE, MENTZ AVENUE, WORKMAN AVENUE, FERRERO LANE, ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS, AND CONCRETE REPAIRS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) Awarded the contract to Gentry Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$526,180.00; and (2) Authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to seven percent (7%) of the original bid amount.

D-4 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 72941 FOR PROPERTY AT 527 LEAGUE AVENUE, LA PUENTE, LUIS & MARIBEL BOBADILLA (Developer)

Action Taken: The City Council took the following actions: (1) The Final Tract Map complies with all of the Conditions of Approval set forth within the Tentative Parcel Map No. 72941; (2) Approved the attached Subdivision Agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) Approved the Final Tract Map and authorize the City Clerk to endorse the face of the Final Tract Map, the certificate which embodies the approval of said Map for recordation with the County of Los Angeles

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway reappointed the Health Fair Ad Hoc Committee with Council Member Lewis and Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Klinakis stated that he had hoped the new trees being planted for Arbor Day would be palm trees since they do not require much water.

Council Member Argudo congratulated both incoming Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz. He also thanked outgoing Mayor Lewis.

Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz thanked her colleagues for appointing her as Mayor Pro Tem and was looking forward to another year on the City Council and moving the City forward.

Mayor Holloway suggested that the Puente Pride Commission look for the best drought resistant yards during the summer awards period.

Council Member Lewis congratulated Mayor Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Muñoz on their appointments and stated it was her pleasure to serve the community as Mayor.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany announced that Fire Division Chief Troy Valf and Captain Steve Cabrera had been dispatched to Nepal to assist with search and rescue efforts after the recent earthquake. City Manager Carmany expressed how proud he was of Los Angeles County Fire for their involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:24 p.m., Mayor Holloway adjourned the City Council and Successor Agency Meeting in memory of Albert M. Rosas, a WWII veteran of the D-Day landing at Normandy Beach and winner of the Purple Heart.

Approved this 12th day of May, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk


Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair

