

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

6:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Munoz, Klinakis and Lewis.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

Property: City owned right-of-way at Old Valley Boulevard and Common Street, La Puente; City owned right-of-way at northeast corner of Hacienda Boulevard and Glendora Avenue, La Puente; City owned right-of-way at southeast corner of Old Valley Boulevard and Valley Boulevard, La Puente

City Negotiators: David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Negotiating Party: Bulletin Displays, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:09 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that the vote was 4-0; direction was given to the City's negotiators; no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Munoz, Klinakis and Lewis.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 620 performed the flag ceremony and Scout Matthew Simonian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carmany, on behalf of the City Council, presented commendations to Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Troy Flath and Captain Steven Cabrera for their dedicated service to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about movies in the park, current events and the good deeds of his church.

James Harris spoke about parking issues at his home and asked the City to paint the curb red.

Adrian Garcia, Southern California Edison, introduced himself as the City's new Public Affairs Region Manager. He extended his services for any issues related to outages or other issues affecting constituents and stated he is looking forward to working with the City.

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION, PUENTE PRIDE COMMISSION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

At the request of Mayor Holloway, this item was moved forward on the agenda.

City Council agreed to postpone making Planning Commission appointments until applicant interviews could be held.

City Council discussed the role and responsibilities of the Education Commission.

The following appointments were made to the Puente Pride Commission:

Mayor Holloway appointed Daniel Stowell
Mayor Holloway appointed Debra Pringle
Council Member Klinakis appointed Lois Maben
Council Member Lewis appointed Leslie Costea

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Argudo's appointments were postponed to a later date.

The following appointments were made to the Education Commission:

Mayor Holloway appointed Nadia Mendoza
Mayor Pro Tem Munoz appointed Rita Garcia
Council Member Klinakis appointed Vanessa Vega

Council Member Argudo and Council Member Lewis's appointments were postponed to a later date.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Holloway reported on the Mosquito Control District's July surveillance report which includes the activities performed by the District, areas of dead birds, viruses and mosquitos. He further reported on the status of Senate Bill 485 which will allow sanitation districts to oversee the stormwater issues mandated by the State.

Council Member Lewis reported that Foothill Transit is currently accepting public comment regarding changes to service which include amendments and changes to bus lines and routes. The deadline to submit comments is July 17, 2015.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Holloway, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 23, 2015. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL - None

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1389 AND 34

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5220 approving Warrant Register No. 1389 and Resolution No. SA 15-52 approving Warrant Register No. 34.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 14-1146 BETWEEN THE CITY AND CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, LLC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Action taken: The City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. 14-1146 between the City and Contractor and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LOCAL (STP-L) FUNDS FOR THE BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND FIND THE PROJECT CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

Action taken: The City Council approved the Agreement and Assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program – Local Funds with the County of Los Angeles for the Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project; (2) made the findings needed to approve an environmental Categorical Exemption; and (3) authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LA PUENTE'S PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5221 approving a request for a fee waiver for the Girl Scouts' Ceremony.

- D-5 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 15-936 REPEALING CHAPTER 4.16 (STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, ADOPTING A REVISED CHAPTER 4.16 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE EXISTING STANDARD URBAN STORMWATER MITIGATION PLAN (SUSMP) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Action taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No.15-936 amending Chapter 4.16 of the La Puente Municipal Code relating to Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) Requirements by Imposing Rainwater Los Impact Development (LID) Strategies on projects that require building, grading and encroachment permits; and (2) approved the Categorical Exemption for the Project.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Code Enforcement Manager Milan Mrakich gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's code enforcement program.

Council Member Lewis commented that the trends shown in the presentation were nice to see. She stated the public seems happy and the City got what it wanted with the code enforcement program. She would like to see another presentation in a few months.

Mayor Holloway stated residents are pleased with the speed of the service being provided and professionalism of code enforcement staff.

Council Member Klinakis commented that the Go Request system seems to be working and thanked Valley Vista for being a partner with the City and quickly picking up debris and mattresses.

Discussion ensued regarding the training of new code enforcement staff, closing old code cases, and staff working in a grid system to get to know the players and the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated there are high quality staff members working in the code enforcement department and she would like to continue to enhance the service to the community. She questioned when the vacant positions would be filled but does not want to sacrifice quality for quantity. Further, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz would like to be sure the department is full-functioning to provide services and acknowledged the City is definitely on the right track.

Mayor Holloway spoke about prior issues with vehicle usage and staff logging their drive times; the expectations of the services provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Control; and making sure there is no disruption in the level of service if the Code Enforcement Manager is out of the office.

Code Enforcement Manager Mrakich commented that a shopping cart ordinance would be presented to City Council at a later date and he would be brainstorming with City staff about graffiti outreach and other services the City provides to residents.

City Council directed the City Manager to bring back an update at a future Council meeting.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Mayor Holloway reported this was covered by Code Enforcement Manager Mrakich's presentation.

Electronic Signs: Mayor Holloway reported this matter was discussed in Closed Session.

Health Fair: Council Member Lewis stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Homeless: Council Member Klinakis reported the committee is still fact finding. He stated he had recently been in downtown Los Angeles and that city seemed overwhelmed with homeless.

Public Art: Mayor Holloway reported the committee would be meeting on July 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Holloway established the Valley Wall Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of addressing and exploring alternate funding opportunities. He appointed Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Klinakis to the committee.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Lewis stated that she is pleased with attendance at the open air market and the community appreciates the event.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz commented that the July 3rd event was fantastic and she had a great time. She stated that Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park are being well received and the City is providing services and quality events to engage the City.

Mayor Holloway stated the July 3rd event was very successful and there is a lot of planning that goes into the event. He mentioned the 4th of July parade was fun and the movies and concerts are going well.

Council Member Klinakis added staff did a good job in putting on the recent Water Conservation Town Hall.

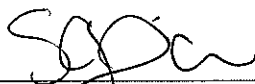
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany distributed flyers for the low-cost pet clinic being held at the Recreation Center on July 15, 2015. He reported he would be out of town the last week of July and Development Services Director Di Mario would be acting City Manager during his absence.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. in memory of Esther Rodriguez and Dora Walker.

Approved this 14th day of July, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair

