

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 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.

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 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Munoz, Argudo, Klinakis and Lewis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting City Manager/Development Services Director Di Mario led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented a military banner certificate to US Army Warrant Officer-1, Mervin Terre.

Jason Farned, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, presented a PowerPoint regarding West Nile virus; invasive species; infestation areas; and empty and unmaintained swimming pools.

Discussion ensued regarding swimming pools, the Mosquito District's aerial surveillance program and how West Nile virus is spread. Mr. Farned mentioned the Mosquito District will be meeting with Baldwin Park to discuss that city becoming a member of the District.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about a field trip with his church to see the Dead Sea scrolls and also spoke about the movie "Frozen".

James Harris thanked the City for painting the curb in front of his apartment complex red.

Marty Paz stated he had applied for the Planning Commission but did not attend the July 21, 2015, Planning Commission interviews because he was traveling. He noted his name was not mentioned at that meeting. He asked if dogs and drinking are allowed park and spoke about a lack of sidewalks. He requested that karaoke be allowed at Concerts in the Park.

Mayor Holloway requested that a statement be included in the minutes of the July 21, 2015, meeting to reflect that one applicant was unable to attend due to working late and Mr. Paz was unable to attend due to travel. Mayor Holloway stated that dogs in the park are an issue and it should be enforced. He further mentioned the Open Air Market had recently featured karaoke.

Frank Sanchez spoke about the 3rd of July event and the great job Staff did with regard to safety. He stated he was glad to see a new restaurant opening downtown and noted Staff has been very business friendly. He further spoke about the Open Air Market, the good job the promotor is doing and that the vendors are doing well. Mr. Sanchez commented on the community center judo program and stated many of the kids were placing well in competitions. He requested Staff look into the cost of amending a conditional use permit sell alcohol and asked about parking fees if he were to building apartments on top of his buildings downtown.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Klinakis reported he had attended a transportation meeting and the budget was discussed.

Mayor Holloway handed out information from the Mosquito District relating to West Nile virus. He reported on the status of Senate Bill 485, which will allow sanitation districts to oversee the stormwater issues mandated by the State, and stated opposition to the bill from water districts had been resolved.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF JULY 14, 2015 AND JULY 21, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, Holloway, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the meetings of July 14, 2015 and July 21, 2015. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1390

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5222 approving Warrant Register No. 1390.

D-2 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOURTH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Action taken: The City Council received and filed the report.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The City Council designated Council Member Argudo as the City's voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting at League of California Cities 2015 Annual Conference. Direction was given to Staff to bring the matter back at a future meeting in the event Council Member Argudo could not attend the conference.

A motion was made by Mayor Holloway, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to designate Council Member Argudo as the City's voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting at League of California Cities 2015 Annual Conference. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING STAFFING LEVELS AND SALARIES OF SWORN PERSONNEL WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo presented City Council with a draft resolution in support of restoring Sheriff's Department sworn personnel staffing levels. He reported that staffing levels are at an all-time low, although positions had been budgeted and allocated for. He stated the cities of Carson, Commerce, Hawaiian Gardens, Pico Rivera and South El Monte had drafted similar resolutions and requested the City Council support drafting a resolution tailored to the City's specific needs.

Council Member Klinakis stated he supports adopting a resolution but not in its current form and suggested the resolution be kept generic.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz agreed a resolution had merit and she would support one if it fit our community.

Council Member Lewis stated she was in support of the Sheriff's Department and suggested directing a letter to the Board of Supervisors instead of drafting a resolution. She requested additional information regarding Sheriff's salaries and benefits.

Mayor Holloway agreed with supporting the Sheriff's Department and stated the draft resolution did not reflect the conditions in the City. He suggested preparing a City-specific resolution.

Council Member Argudo stated the resolution should support bringing up the staffing levels and supporting positions that have been allocated to provide better service overall.

City Council directed Staff to move forward with the preparation of a resolution tailored to the City needs and bring it back for consideration at the August 11, 2015, City Council meeting.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Mayor Holloway stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Electronic Signs: Council Member Klinakis reported a meeting was recently held and direction was given to Staff to put together information for review by the City Council.

Health Fair: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Homeless: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported she and Development Services Director Di Mario had attended a workshop earlier in the day hosted by Union Station Homeless Services. She would like to invite a representative from Union Station to ride along with the Sheriff's Department to pinpoint areas of concern in the City. She recommended training Staff on how to assess the homeless population in the City and how to respond and provide information. Council Member Klinakis added it is a huge challenge and the problem is growing.

Public Art: Council Member Lewis reported the committee met on July 20, 2015, and brainstormed about what they wanted to see and what the community might be interested in, such as sculptures or temporary art pieces. Mayor Holloway added it will take time to understand how to move forward and obtain funding.

Valley Wall: Council Member Klinakis reported the committee is having meetings and making progress.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported he attended the NALEO conference in June, 2015. He requested Staff provide City Council with information on powdered alcohol, which is being banned by some cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported she attended the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network lunch earlier in the day which provided an update on approximately 20 bills currently moving through Sacramento and Congress.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway appointed Joy Grueter as his representative to the Education Commission in place of Nadia Mendoza, who was appointed to the Planning Commission.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Holloway relating to National Night Out, Director of Recreation Services Lerma reported Hilda Solis and Ian Calderon's offices would be participating in the event. Applications and RSVPs are still coming in and she expected the Sheriff's Department would also be involved.

Mayor Holloway announced Senator Hernandez would be participating in a walk through downtown La Puente on Friday, August 7, 2015. He requested Staff follow-up with City Council to see who would be attending and determine if a Special City Council meeting would need to be called at 5:45 p.m.

Council Member Klinakis stated he met with a representative from Habitat for Humanity who were building a home in Pomona and looking for a military veteran with a multi-generational family.

Mayor Holloway stated he, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Klinakis had attended the swearing in for the Knights of Columbus.

Council Member Klinakis stated that the Youth Activities League would be taking 25 kids to Catalina Island for a dive trip.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Acting City Manager/Development Services Director Di Mario announced the Mariachi Divas would be playing at Concerts in the Park on July 29, 2015. He announced McDonald's had broken ground at their new location in the Sunkist Shopping Center.

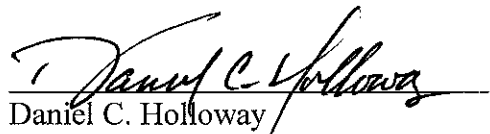
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2015.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair