MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 8, 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.lapuente.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, August 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 7:02), Klinakis and Lewis.
Members absent:	Holloway.
Staff members present:	City Manager Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Manager Gitmed, Management Assistant Mastrosimone and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, on behalf of the City Council, presented a military banner certificate to Corporal Jaime Ramirez, USMC.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about the Christian DVD "Left Behind" movie, being saved, the rapture and a website dedicated to angels.

Reverend Lupita Alonso extended her thanks to City Council for supporting various ministries and also thanked Mayor Holloway for attending the recent citizenship and immigration clinic. She invited City Council to "Prayers for Peace" being held on 9/11 in remembrance of first responders who lost their lives. Reverend Alonso announced the "Blast from the Past" event being held on September 13, 2015, which would help raise funds for a new ministry called

"Bridges". The fundraiser would celebrate Grandparent's Day as well as raise money for the Bridges project.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF AUGUST 25, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the meetings of August 25, 2015. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15-01 ALONG STIMSON AVENUE BETWEEN OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD AND 100 FEET NORTH OF MAIN STREET AND UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15-02 ALONG AMAR ROAD BETWEEN WILLOW AVENUE AND PUENTE AVENUE

City Manager Carmany recommended that the City Council open the public hearing, take testimony and continue the public hearing to the September 22, 2015, regular City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz continued the public hearing to the September 22, 2015, regular City Council meeting.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING GRANT FUNDING ACTIVITIES

Management Assistant Mastrosimone presented an overview of grant funding activities received and introduced Mr. Haig Kartounian, California Consulting, to talk about the grants that had been applied for and grants that may be available to the City.

Mr. Kartounian spoke about grants received, grants recently submitted and those available and being considered by the City. Those grants include PetSmart, LA84, Foothill Transit, State of California Land, Water and Conservation Fund, Major League

Baseball, State Farm, Union Pacific Foundation, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, CalRecycle and the US Soccer Foundation.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, Mr. Kartounian explained how information on grants is provided to the City. He stated the City is notified via email as grant announcements become available. Approximately once a month, California Consulting meets with the City to talk about grants available and deadlines. The City then determines if it meets the criteria and if matching funds are available. Once California Consulting has the green light, they move forward with the grant process. California Consulting then prepares a recap of the meeting with responsibilities and next steps. Attendees typically include Mr. Kartounian, the grant writer, Management Assistant Mastrosimone and City Manager Carmany. Council Member Klinakis noted it brings more credibility to the process when the City Manager is able to attend the meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding Mayor Pro Tem Munoz' desire to attend the monthly meetings and whether an Ad Hoc Committee should be appointed.

Council Member Lewis asked how one community was leveraged over another. Mr. Kartounian responded that the same grants are available to all their clients and they make sure the grant writer is not working in an adjacent city so there is no conflict of interest.

Council Member Munoz asked for a better understanding of what grants were being brought forward so consulting services were being utilized as much as possible. Council Member Argudo asked for a breakdown of how many grants were applied for in the last 18 months, how many were awarded, how many were presented to the City, how many were of interest to the City, how much grant money has been awarded thus far and how many of the grants require a match. He stated he would either like to participate in an Ad Hoc Committee or have Mayor Pro Tem Munoz attend the monthly meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested minutes of monthly meetings to see what was on the agenda. Council Member Klinakis stated he would like to see the list of available grants.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Lewis, Mr. Kartounian responded that David Marquez is the grant writer currently assigned to the City of La Puente, however, more help can be brought in if the City applies for numerous grants in one month. He further stated that though thousands of grants are available each year, the City does not qualify for all of them. For example, out of 20 pages of available grants, 7 or 8 would be a good fit for the City of La Puente.

Action Taken: City Council received and filed the update.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1393 AND 36

Action taken: City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5231 approving Warrant Register No. 1393 and Resolution No. SA 15-54 approving Warrant Register No. 36.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING, INC. FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $403,700.00 AND ADOPTING FINDINGS TO DISPENSE WITH THE CITY'S COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES

Action taken: City Council: (1) approved the Agreement between the City and Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc.; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 15-5232 dispensing with the City's competitive bidding requirements.

D-3 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO GENTRY BROTHERS, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON GLENDORA AVENUE AND PARKWAY/MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG TEMPLE AVENUE

Action taken: City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Gentry Brothers, Inc. in the amount of $884,123; and (2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that a Blue Mass would be held on September 13, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Louis of France, in honor of first responders.

Council Member Lewis reported that the City would honor first responders at 6:30 p.m. at the upcoming La Puente Live.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported that the City is working toward having all vendor contracts in place and up to date. To that end, the city is shopping for landscaping and tree trimming services.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz adjourned the meeting in memory of Faith Ashby Moulton at 7:49 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2015.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair