MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 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, September 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia and Finance Manager Gitmed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: City Manager
(Per City Manager's Employment Agreement No. 13-1131)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:06 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that direction was given to the City Attorney, 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 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Holloway, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 7:06), Klinakis and Lewis.
Members absent:	None.
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, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kaila Lechuga, Workman Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mona Diaz, Workman Elementary School Principal, provided an overview of the LEAD project, its creation and future goals.

Danielle Villacano, Workman Elementary School student, provided a presentation on the new sidewalks in front her school and thanked the City for continuing with the LEAD program.

Diana Alfaro, Sunset Elementary School student, expressed her thanks for the LEAD program and noted the program is making a difference in the City.

Francisco Hernandez, Sierra Vista Middle School student, stated he was looking forward to learning about the functions of government and thanked members of the City Council for attending recent events at his school.

Annelyssa Vargas, Sparks Middle School student, talked about her school experiences, joining the sports program, and how debate and speech class has been beneficial to her.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented a commendation to Sierra Vista Middle School Principal Terry Ceja on her retirement and for her contributions to the school and community.

David Sharp of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) presented Mayor Holloway with the "Justice" Award.

Representatives of SGI presented Director of Recreation Services Lerma with an award for her dedication to the community.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented a commendation to SGI for their assistance with National Night Out and contributions to the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about a new building being built at his church and donating clothes to the needy.

Maggie Serna, American Cancer Society, provided an update on the 2015 Relay for Life, noted over $29,000 was raised and 600 people were in attendance. She further spoke about Relay Recess and congratulated the participating schools and kids for their support. Ms. Serna then presented the City with a plaque and thanked the City Council for their support.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that she attended the Foothill Transit meeting on September 18, 2015. The meeting focused on program updates and combatting vandalism on buses. A further topic of discussion was the fare reconstruction study which will begin in December, 2015, and will analyze the current system to ensure services are up to par and fares are current.

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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2015. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 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

This item was continued from the City Council meeting of September 8, 2015. Development Services Director gave a brief report and explained that per Edison there was not sufficient funding to do both projects. As a result, staff was recommending the undergrounding project along Amar Road as it is a commercial corridor and a major highway that traverses the City. He recommended that the City Council open the public hearing, take testimony, close the public hearing and adopt the resolution.

City Attorney Casso noted for the record that Council Member Klinakis and Council Member Lewis had previously recused themselves from this item due to property conflicts for the Stimson/Old Valley portion of the project. As this portion of the project was not moving forward, there was no longer a conflict.

Mayor Holloway opened the public hearing. Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia noted for the record that Mark Brazeau, Sunkist Shopping Center, had called the City to state his support for the project.

Robert Ciccarelli, Southern California Edison, stated the project was straight forward and would look great once completed. He noted the street lights will be replaced with stand-alone light fixtures.

Mayor Holloway closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) take public testimony; (2) close the public hearing; and (3) adopt Resolution No. 15-5234 establishing underground utility district No. 15-02 along Amar Road between Willow Avenue and Puente Avenue. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR A PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $300,000

Development Services Director Di Mario gave a presentation on the project and discussed rehabilitation of the building versus a complete tear down and rebuild. He noted the architect would determine the status of the structure and advise accordingly.

Mayor Holloway opened the public hearing.

Luis Molina, Sunset Elementary School student, stated his support for the project as the community needs better restrooms, better schools and better supplies.

Danielle Alfaro and Natalie Nunez, Sunset Elementary School students, stated their support for the project because the community deserves better bathrooms.

Freddie Conseca, student, asked for clarification on "reconstruction". City Manager Carmany explained that some City buildings need to be brought up to standard and in this case staff is recommending the budget be amended so the City can hire an architect who can determine the best course of action for the project.

Mayor Holloway closed the public hearing.

Council Member Klinakis appreciated that staff was looking at rehabilitation and getting the best bang for the City's buck.

Council Member Argudo asked how staff came up with the $300,000 number and what other programs are being offset. Development Services Director Di Mario explained the number was a rough cost when the budget was developed and was a good number for new construction. He further explained these are unprogrammed funds and the City had some saving from Code Enforcement not being fully staffed as well as loan repayments that have come in.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to: (1) open the public hearing; (2) take public testimony; (3) close the public hearing; and (4) adopt Resolution No. 15-5235 authorizing an amendment to the City's CDBG Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for a park restroom improvement project at La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 QUARTERLY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Director of Recreation Services Lerma presented an update on the City's special events.

Action taken: City Council received and filed the update.

C-2 QUARTERLY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 – 1st QUARTER

Development Services Director presented an update on the City's capital improvement projects.

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, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-7. 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 A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1394

Action taken: City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5233 approving Warrant Register No. 1394.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AMERINATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR LOAN SERVICING AND ESCROW SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S CALHOME HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

Action taken: City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with AmeriNational Community Services, Inc. for the CalHome Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program for loan and escrow services; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-3 ACCEPTANCE OF WORK/NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE 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: City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR STREET TREE TRIMMING AND URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $405,000

Action taken: City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for street tree trimming and urban forestry services; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH STUDENTS RUN AMERICA/STUDENTS RUN LOS ANGLES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY'S 2015 MAIN STREET RUN

Action taken: City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Students Run America/Students Run Los Angeles for participation in the City's 2015 Main Street Run; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE OF LA PUENTE EVENT

Action taken: City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-5237 approving a request for a fee waiver in the amount of $4,290.00, for the American Cancer Society California Division Inc. 2016 Relay for Life of La Puente event.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS) COVERING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

Action taken: The Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. SA 15-55 approving the ROPS 15-16B for the six-month fiscal period commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2016, and requesting approval of same by the Oversight Board.

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

Electronic Signs: Nothing to report.

Health Fair: Nothing to report.

Homeless: Nothing to report.

Public Art: Mayor Holloway reported the committee had been put on hold and would meet at a later date.

Valley Wall: Nothing to report.

Boys and Girls Club: Mayor Holloway reported that the committee met with the East Valley Boys and Girls club to discuss the particulars of the merger between the East Valley and West Valley clubs. Council Member Argudo expressed his concern that a communication gap continues to exist.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Holloway mentioned an upcoming charity fundraising event to be held October 9-11, 2015, at the Industry Hills Expo Center Grand Area, the Charity Pro Rodeo.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of October, 2015.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair