

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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, February 23, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holloway called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 6:44 p.m.), Klinakis and Lewis.

Members absent: None.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:34 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:	Youth Learning Activity Center, 503 Glendora Avenue, La Puente
City Negotiators:	David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Negotiating Party:	Boys and Girls Club, Executive Director, JR Dzubak
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:11 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that direction was given to staff, 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 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Holloway, Munoz, Argudo, Klinakis, 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

Haley Weske, Sparks Middle School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Samantha Archuleta, Sparks Middle School student, spoke about being on Leadership and being an influence to others on campus. She noted she speaks to 6th graders about being a future Spartan. She spoke about her school's renaissance rally and that teachers and students had a lip sync battle. She thanked the City for promoting the LEAD program.

Nathanial Izquierdo, Sierra Vista Middle School student, was excited about his new principal, Ms. Carrera. He spoke about the basketball team being City champions and was looking forward to soccer and softball seasons. He noted March 2, 2016, is Read Across America and hoped to see City leaders at the event. He further noted March 10, 2016, is arbor day and trees would be donated to the school. Finally, he stated he was looking forward to participating in mock City Council.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma presented a Commendation to David Nieto for Teacher of the Year.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about the movie "Race", the Olympics and other movies he has recently seen.

Raul Sanchez spoke about the increase in trespassing and crime on Hillcrest in the last six months. He requested additional Sheriff's patrols of the neighborhood.

Martha Quinteros expressed her concern about the Boys and Girls Club merger and noted morale at the club seems to be low. She stated she would like to see a place where the kids are happy and have activities to participate in. She requested City Council look into her concerns and speak to kids and parents before the lease is renewed.

Council Member Argudo noted leadership is looking into the issues. Mayor Holloway stated the City had no control over the merger, there were similar complaints regarding the previous club and the City is trying to move forward.

Raul Vasquez spoke about issues with the Boys and Girls Club since the merger. He noted his difficulty in attempting to talk to staff and stated he had contacted the national club regarding his concerns. He requested City Council take a look at the club as the City needs a good after school program.

Council Member Klinakis stated the Ad Hoc Committee is looking into the issues and keeping City Council informed.

Rowena Magalad spoke about how happy her daughter had been attending the Boys and Girls Club. She noted problems started when the leadership changed, specifically, there is a different atmosphere and kids are not being provided with activities. Her daughter noted the kids are stuck in the game room and have nothing to do. Ms. Magalad stated parents were kept in the dark about the merger and not given a voice and she requested City Council look into the matter.

Mayor Holloway noted the merger was between clubs and did not involve the City. He suggested a meeting with the current club and parents to discuss concerns. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz noted the City wants to provide quality services to the community and is in favor of a meeting. Council Member Argudo stated it is unacceptable to not feel welcome at the club. Council Member Lewis stated it is important for the City to make informed decisions moving forward and the City needs to provide adequate programs.

Frank Sanchez spoke about being on the Board of Directors for the East San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club. He expressed his hope that the City Council would find a way to keep the current club viable. He further spoke about the upcoming election and the coalition of concerned citizens he organized. He noted the downtown area is uniting and owners are concerned about the future. He stated the current City Council has done a great job, there are no lawsuits, the City is back on track and the coalition would be backing the incumbents.

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 MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2016. 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 06-4516 AND RESOLUTION NO. 15-5191 TO ESTABLISH REVISIONS TO FEES FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Director of Development Services Di Mario gave a presentation. He noted the City's current fee schedule does not account for modifications to existing entitlements and as such an applicant is charged the full cost of the existing fee if they wish to make an amendment or change. The most common requests are for conditional use permits, minor use permits and master sign review. Staff conducted a survey of fees of neighboring cities and found other cities charge reduced fees for modifications. Staff is recommending a fee schedule for modifications based on the estimated staff time needed to process various types of amendments.

Mayor Holloway opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Mayor Holloway closed the public hearing.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Klinakis, Director of Development Services Di Mario explained the different categories are based on the level of CEQA review. He noted the City will be comprehensively looking at all fees in the future and another fee resolution may come back to the City Council for approval. He also explained the fees are a function of current staffing as the City does not have lower level staff reviewing those permits.

A motion was made by Council Member Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 16-5265 to amend the City's schedule of rates, fees and other charges for planning and development permits. 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 - None

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-3 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-2 and D-4. 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. 1402

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-5264 approving Warrant Register No. 1402.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A PARK AND STREET USE AGREEMENT WITH LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE NON-PROFIT FOR A CARNIVAL AND PARADE

Action taken: City Council approved the Park and Streets Use Agreement for the Youth Coalition Carnival and parade.

D-3 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FORTY-FIVE PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG VALLEY BOULEVARD TO IMPLEMENT PHASE III OF THE VALLEY BOULEVARD WALL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

Council Member expressed his concern with the Mayor having authority to execute the License Agreements and asked if this was the practice for Phases 1 and 2. Mayor Holloway noted the City should proceed as they have done in the past.

City Attorney Casso explained that unless the City Council designates another person to sign a document, the Mayor's office binds the City. He noted occasionally the City Manager signs agreements but it is not unusual for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. He stated for Phases 1 and 2, a side letter was prepared which was signed by the Deputy City Engineer.

Council Member Argudo stated the City should designate the same person who was designated in the past.

City Manager Carmany explained the 45 property owners have already signed the agreements and in the interest of moving the project forward he is reluctant to prepare new agreements for signature.

Mayor Holloway noted he would leave the decision up to the City council. Council Member Klinakis agreed with City Manager Carmany to leave the agreement the way it is and move forward.

A motion was made by Council Member Lewis, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to approve the License Agreement as to form and authorize the Mayor to execute the License Agreement with each of the 45 property owners.

AYES: Munoz, Klinakis and Lewis.

NOES: Argudo.

ABSTAIN: Holloway.

ABSENT: None.

D-4 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 16-938 ADDING CHAPTER 3.76 (SHOPPING CART REGULATIONS) TO TITLE 3 (PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE

Action taken: City Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-938 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente Adding Chapter 3.76 (Shopping Cart Regulations) To Title 3 (Public Safety and Morals) of the La Puente Municipal Code.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PHARMACEUTICALS AND SHARPS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL STEWARDSHIP ORDINANCE

City Manager Carmany gave an overview of the proposed ordinance and noted his concern that the City Council was not supporting a program that will shift costs to the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Klinakis, to approve a letter of support for the proposed Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

Electronic Signs: Nothing to report.

Health Fair: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Lewis reported the February 13, 2016, Health Fair was a great success. Services were provided to around 400 residents by Alta Med, Scan and VSP. Approximately 70 certificates were provided to residents for free eye exams and glasses. Mayor Holloway noted the LEAD schools were also in attendance and free haircuts and manicures were provided.

Homeless: Nothing to report.

Public Art: Nothing to report.

Valley Wall: Nothing to report.

Boys and Girls Club: Nothing to report.

City's 60th Anniversary: Nothing to report.

Grant Writing: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Lewis reported the Kiwanis Club would be holding a chili cook-off on March 19, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the La Puente United Methodist Church.

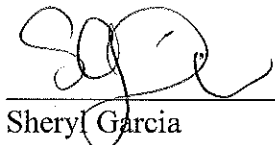
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported that the ground breaking ceremony with the City of Industry for the Valley Boulevard Sound Wall Project would be held on February 26, 2016; Sierra Vista Middle School is looking for Leaders who are Readers for their Read across America event on March 2, 2016; the La Puente National Little Leagues' Annual Opening Day Parade will be held on March 12, 2016; and the City will celebrate Arbor Day on March 10, 2016, at Sierra Vista Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Lastly, he reported he would be attending the annual Contract Law Enforcement Bureau City Managers Educational Seminar on February 25 and 26, 2016.

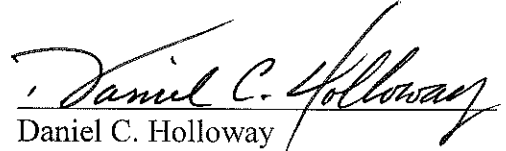
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Holloway adjourned the meeting at 8:29.

Approved this 8th day of March, 2016.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Daniel C. Holloway
Mayor/Chair