MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

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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 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Holloway and Solis.
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Director of Development Services Di Mario and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported Council Member Argudo would not be participating in Item No. 1 due to a conflict as he has an interest in real property within 500 feet of the subject property.

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

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

Property:	15849 Main Street, La Puente, CA 91744; APN 8246-009-017
City Negotiators:	David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Negotiating Party:	County of Los Angeles
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:

Agency Designated Representatives: David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Employee Organization: SEIU

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:04 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, no reportable action was taken. He noted Council Member Argudo did not participate in Item 1 due to an interest in real property within 500 feet of the subject property. City Attorney Casso further reported that as to Item 2, no reportable action was taken. He noted Council Member Argudo joined the closed session meeting at 6:50 p.m.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA
OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

The presentation of the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley's "Youth of the Year" was postponed to a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Munoz announced that Item E-1 would be heard at this time.

E-1 PRESENTATION OF ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS AT LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL BY THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mark Hansberger, Director of Facilities for the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, presented an update on the La Puente High School pool project and other projects within the District. Discussion ensued regarding the depth of the pool, new track fields at Workman High School and types of materials used for the fields.

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

Mayor Munoz spoke about the adopted rules of decorum that govern City meetings. She reflected on City Council's obligations as public officials to hold to a higher standard. She noted that the manner in which elected officials act, and react to situations, is a reflection of the City and the City Council as whole.

She reminded City Council that each member proudly, and willingly, took an oath to faithfully discharge their duties as Council Members in the City of La Puente, and that the most sacred duty is to respect not only the office held, but also to respect the members of the public by addressing one another in an orderly manner that does not cause a disruption to the City Council meeting.

Mayor Munoz stated that her focus and first priority is to continue moving the City forward, and to ensure that the City Council acts in the best interest of the community. She stated that Council Members may disagree, but cannot be disagreeable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ortencia Carranza spoke about the grant provided by the City to Jr. All American Football. She noted the cheerleaders had not received any of the funds and requested the City provide money to the cheerleaders to purchase mats. The matter was referred to the City Manager.

Emma Romero spoke about a recent incident involving a party on her street. She asked about Sheriff's Department response times. The matter was referred to Lt. Cacheiro.

Corrine Valenzuela spoke about Jr. All American Football and cheer and noted the programs keep the kids in the City. She was concerned that kids are not treated equally across the board.

Arturo Diaz spoke about Council Members acting for personal gain and thanked Mayor Munoz for her speech on rules of decorum. He thanked the City Council for giving up their time and the efforts they have made and noted he would like to see the travel budget get back under control. He noted some of the City's municipal codes, such as those relating to campaign signs, do not operate in the best interests of the City.

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of September 13, 2016. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, Solis
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE AND PRESENTATION ON CRIME STATISTICS AND "BUILD–A-BIKE" PROGRAM BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Captain Murakami presented a report on quarterly crime statistics. Discussion ensued regarding how some categories are defined, FBI reporting standards and changes in homeless regulations. Captain Murakami further discussed the joint graffiti task force and the decrease in gang related crimes. He noted the patrols are adequate based on crime in the City.

Deputy Marez provided an update on the Build-A-Bike program through Golden State Foods. The program pairs kids with adult mentors and provides them with an opportunity to build their own bike. Deputy Marez noted Hurley Elementary was recently approved as a receiver and two other local schools would be receiving 30 bikes each.

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

C-2 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ("PACE") FINANCING PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo requested Brent Neben, Ygrene Account Manager, provide the City Council with an update on the Ygrene program.

Mr. Neben provided information on consumer protection programs and noted the Ygrene program had not been approved by the County of Los Angeles and would likely not be added any time soon. Discussion ensued regarding consumer protections offered by other providers and programs offered by other cities.

Council Member Argudo suggested adopting a resolution approving the Ygrene program in order to increase competition and get a fair and equitable product.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis suggested looking at the resolution adopted by the City Council in 2010 to see what authorization was initially given. She noted concerns regarding consumer protections and wanted to be sure the City Council knows that they would be authorizing with the Ygrene program.

Council Member Holloway noted the County's concerns with cities adding their own providers and the confusion it has caused. He further noted the County is looking to expand their program to include more providers. Council Member Holloway stated he would like to hear back from the County as to what action they took on this matter and where they stand on increasing the number of providers. Mayor Munoz supported Council Member Holloway's recommendation.

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

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on Items D-3 and D-6. Council Member Solis requested clarification on items D-4 and D-9.

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-9. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, Solis
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1415

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-5304 approving Warrant Register No. 1415.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL'S 2017 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-5305 establishing the 2017 City Council regular meeting schedule.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-5153 AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Council Member requested clarification on this item. In response, Chief Deputy City Clerk provided an overview of the City's conflict of interest code and Staff's recommended revisions.

Action taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the Local Agency Biennial Notice; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 16-5306 rescinding Resolution No. 14-5153 amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of La Puente.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR TRAFFIC DETOUR AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR CITY COMMUNITY EVENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $80,000.00

Council Member Solis asked if TMI was the only company that did this kind of work and whether the City would be going out to bid for these services. City Manager Carmany noted the City had a good relationship with the vendor and could shop it at the end of the contract.

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the amendment to the agreement with Traffic Management, Inc. for traffic detour and control services for City community events; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOSE GUTIERREZ FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 1040 UNRUH AVENUE

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Amended and Restated Settlement and Release Agreement between the City and Jose Gutierrez; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF EASEMENT FOR ROAD PURPOSES AT THE INTERSECTION OF SUNSET AND NELSON AVENUES IN THE CITY

Council Member requested clarification on this item. In response, Development Services Director Di Mario explained this is a City of Industry project to widen the intersection at Sunset and Nelson and the easement was necessary for proper curb alignment.

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-5308 accepting an easement for road purposes at the intersection of Sunset and Nelson Avenues.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND JULIAN BLANDINO FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the License Agreement between the City of La Puente and Julian Blandino; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-8 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TECH SHIRTS FROM GILLMAN SURGE, LLC, FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S ANNUAL MAIN STREET HALLOWEEN RUN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,500

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase with Gilman Surge, LLC, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $20,500; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the purchase order on behalf of the City.

D-9 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CLOSING CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY FACILITIES THE FULL DAY ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016

Council Member Solis noted this was a discussion item. City Manager Carmany stated this item was popular with the employees.

Action taken: The City Council supported the closure of all City facilities for the full day on December 23, 2016.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-5307 ADOPTING THE REVISED COUNCIL POLICY CC-2.1, TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 12-5032

Director of Administrative Services Bird provided a staff report regarding the City Council travel policy.

Mayor Munoz noted $1,000.00 had been approved per Council Member in the current fiscal year and the City should continue to standardize the policy and move forward. She recommended that Council Members pay in advance for their travel expenses, minus registration, and submit for reimbursement up to the allotted amount. She noted this approach would hold Council Members accountable for their expenses.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the policy, how to obtain the cheapest airfare and hotel rates and utilization of the State travel program.

Council Member Argudo called the question. City Attorney Casso noted there was no motion before the City Council as the Mayor had not called for a motion. Mayor Munoz recommended Staff return with a revised document at the October 11, 2016, City Council meeting to add to the policy that Council Members be responsible for paying all travel expenses upfront and then seek reimbursement. She also requested that Staff take into account Mayor Pro Tem Lewis's recommendation to include written instructions on how to complete the expense report.

Council Member Holloway suggested considering a motion tonight. Mayor Munoz made a substitute motion to include all travel expenses, excluding registration, be paid by Council Members upfront and submit receipts for reimbursement and to add an addendum with written instructions on how to complete the expense report.

Council Member Solis suggested to avoid confusion, the policy should apply to all City staff. Mayor Munoz stated her recommendation was for City Council only.

A substitute motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 16-5307 amending Council Policy CC-2.1, Travel Expense Reimbursement, to: (1) set forth that all travel expenses for conferences, excluding registration, be paid by Council Members upfront and they shall seek reimbursement for expenses; and (2) add an addendum to Council Policy CC-2.1 including written instructions on how to complete the expense report. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway, Solis
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape and Lighting District: City Manager Carmany reported on a fruitful meeting with the County Board of Supervisors to authorize the withdrawal of the City from the County landscaping and lighting district. He noted the Board of Supervisors had set the matter for public hearing on October 25, 2016.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park and Youth Program Oversight: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Carol Perez.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lia Hrey.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported the Prichard Apartments received financing approval from the State Tax Credit Commission. He further reported the next strategic planning retreat had been confirmed for October 26, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting in memory of Carol Perez and Lia Hrey at 9:27 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of October, 2016.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair