

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 10, 2017

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.lapuate.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, January 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo and Solis.

Members absent: Holloway.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Development Services Di Mario and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

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 SUCCESSOR AGENCY WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, no reportable action was taken and there was nothing further to report. 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.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo and Solis.

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 and Director of Recreation Services Lerma.

City Manager Carmany noted for the record Council Member Holloway had a planned absence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Luis Molina, Sunset Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Maya Mandy, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution.

Kalino Kealoha, Sunset Elementary School student, spoke about seeing and experiencing the connection between local revenue and schools. He spoke about analyzing and problem solving and learning life skills and how the City conducts business.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented Certificates of Recognition to the Guerreros Judo Club participants.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Celeste and Raymond Ochoa thanked the City for sponsoring their family for the holidays and for making it special for them.

Cody Hrey asked about the potential to lose federal funding if the City is declared a sanctuary city.

Brian Gutierrez, Gilda Ochoa, Margarita Ortiz de Colunga, Jeffrey De la Torre, Manual Maldonado, Yael Pineda, Araceli Garcia, Rocio Mendoza, Billie Joe Wright, Alonzo Campos, Sharon Shellman, Reina Schmitz, Enrique Ochoa, Azucena Cisneros, Miriam Burbano, Angeles Martinez, Gabriela Bilich, Jesus Rivera, Marta Samano, Anthony Duarte, Rachel Barbosa, Karen Osorio, Lauran Santos, Alejandro Juarez, Rene Jimenez and Madeline Rios spoke in favor of declaring La Puente a sanctuary city.

Willis Somervell stated the sanctuary city topic was emotional. He noted we are nation of laws and should protect our borders to keep people safe.

At 8:53 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Munoz reported she attended the Sanitation District meeting on December 19, 2016. She noted it was a general review meeting.

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 DECEMBER 13, 2016

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Solis, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of December 13, 2016 and October 26, 2016. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Solis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Holloway

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 Council Member Solis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1420

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5318 approving Warrant Register No. 1420.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND SUNESYS, LLC FOR ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING DECLARING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE A SANCTUARY CITY (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo provided some background on this matter. He noted declaring the City a sanctuary city has come up in the past and some groups reached out to him and together they drafted "Resolution B" on the agenda. He noted that while we should not lose sight of standing behind the President-elect, he needs to hear the people's voices and we need to work together. Council Member Argudo noted this issue is especially important to students who were brought to this country at a young age. He stated there were two resolutions on the agenda because initially there was a basic resolution but in discussions with the community they favored a more inclusive resolution. He stated he supports "Resolution B" and asked that his colleagues also support it.

Mayor Munoz stated the City is open to those of all backgrounds and she is proud to represent the community. She noted almost 10% of the state's workforce is undocumented and compassion should always trump bigotry.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz to adopt Resolution No. 17-5319 declaring the City a sanctuary city. A substitute motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Solis, to adopt "Resolution B" declaring the City a sanctuary city. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Munoz noted she supports the rights of those in the community but is concerned about the budgetary nature of sections 4, 5 and 6 of Resolution B, which have the potential to tie the City's hands. She stated she would support a resolution with modifications that respect the budget. After discussion, those modifications included: titling the document "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California, Declaring the City of La Puente A Sanctuary City For Immigrants, People of Color, Religious Minorities, LGBTQ People and People With Disabilities"; replacing "muslims" with "religions minorities" throughout; keeping the "Whereas" sections from Resolution B; and keeping the findings from Resolution A.

Council Member Argudo noted he would be in favor of the modifications if the essence of Resolution B stays intact. Council Member Solis supported the modified resolution given the City's budgetary constraints.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis and Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 17-5319 declaring the City a sanctuary city, with modifications as noted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape and Lighting District: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Lewis reported a meeting of the committee would be held in the coming week.

Military Banner Recognition Program: Mayor Munoz reported a meeting of the committee would be held in the coming week.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo noted LA Voice would be holding a “know your rights” event at St. John the Baptist church in Baldwin Park on January 12, 2017. He reported he and City Manager Carmany attended the recent City Selection Committee meeting where appointments were made to committees.

Council Member Solis thanked the community for coming out and for the time they put into the sanctuary city issue.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported the health fair would be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

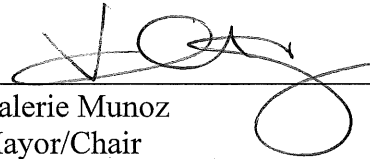
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 9:31p.m.

Approved this 24th day of January, 2017.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair