MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 14, 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.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, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo (arrived after roll call), 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, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Holloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about the homeless population and the County's Measure H.

Manuel Maldonado spoke regarding Agenda Item D-9, a fee waiver request.

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 JANUARY 24, 2017

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of January 24, 2017. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Director of Recreation Services Lerma presented a powerpoint on the City's six-month strategic plan objectives and goals.

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

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Holloway pulled Items D-5 for further discussion.

Council Member Solis pulled Items D-4 and D-8 for further discussion.

Mayor Munoz pulled Item D-9 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Solis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-2, D-3, D-6 and D-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1422

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5327 approving Warrant Register No. 1422.

D-2 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-946 PROHIBITING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY TESTING, LABELING, STORING AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS IN THE CITY, AND PERMITTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE PERSONAL CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES (MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 142)

Action taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-946 of the City of La Puente Adding Chapter 10.44 (Marijuana Regulations) to Article 3 (Regulations Applicable to All Zones) of Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente Municipal Code to Prohibit the Cultivation, Processing, Manufacturing, Laboratory Testing, Labeling, Storing, and Wholesale and Retail Distribution of Cannabis in the City, and Permitting the Planning Commission to Adopt Regulations for the Personal Cultivation of Cannabis in Private Residences, and adopt a Notice of Exemption Regarding Same.

D-3 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-947 APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 16-01 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 45 DETACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS AT 747 DEL VALLE AVENUE (APN 8251-003-011)

Action taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-947 approving Development Agreement No. 16-01 for the Development of a 45 Unit Detached Condominium Project at the property located at 747 Del Valle Avenue.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CITY HALL AND SENIOR CENTER PAINTING PROJECT

This item was pulled by Council Member Solis for further discussion.

Council Member Solis noted his concerns with the pool players marking the walls with chalk and the metal doorframes not being painted. He also noted some of the marks on the walls are from the barstools. Development Services Director Di Mario stated the doorframes were not part of the specifications and staff has painted them. He also noted the change order for the code enforcement room was due to the need to properly prep and repaint the walls. He further stated staff was finishing the installation of the ceiling tiles at City Hall.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to: (1) accept the project as complete; (2) approve Change Order No. 1; and (3) authorize the City Clerk to execute and record the Notice of Completion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEASURE H - THE "LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLAN TO PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS" BALLOT MEASURE (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)

This item was pulled by Council Member Holloway for further discussion.

Council Member Holloway noted Measure H was on the ballot for the March 7, 2017, County election. He stated the City previously had an ad hoc committee which was active in searching out resources and aid for homeless in the community. He noted Measure H would be a tax spread evenly across Los Angeles County.

Andrea Moreno, on behalf of Supervisor Hilda Solis, read a brief statement from the County regarding Measure H and thanked the City for their support. Council Member Holloway asked his fellow Council Members to support this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 17-5328 supporting Measure H - Los Angeles County's plan to prevent and combat homelessness. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PARK AND STREET USE AGREEMENT WITH LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE NON-PROFIT FOR A CARNIVAL AND PARADE

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Park and Streets Use Agreement for the Youth Coalition carnival and parade; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE LA PUENTE KIWANIS CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,200

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-5329 approving a request for a fee waiver for the La Puente Kiwanis Club's second annual car show in the amount of $4,200.00.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE SERVANTS ARMS COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION FOR A COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY AT LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER/YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER AND LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,910

This item was pulled by Council Member Solis for further discussion.

Council Member Solis requested staff bring back to the City Council a program of what organizations the City helps and how we help them. Mayor Munoz asked that the current policy be revisited and noted she was in support of non-profit organizations and organizations that provide a service to the community. City Manager Carmany stated that the fee schedule assigns charges for use of City facilities to all groups equitably to recover costs and the policy at the staff level is to enforce the fees set by resolution uniformly unless a group requests of City Council a fee waiver. He noted there are legacy events that go on every year that are community based organizations which provide services to the community. He further noted there are a lot of facility reservations that are a matter of course for which the City charges. City Manager Carmany stated staff can bring back a list of groups the City Council may identify that are automatically granted fee waivers and others that are not.

Chandra Howden, Servant's Arms, highlighted the prior year's block party and the services it provided to the community.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Solis, to adopt Resolution No. 17-5330 approving a request for a fee waiver for the Servants Arms community based organization for a community block party in the amount of $3,910.00. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER BY THE PUENTE COALITION OF SANCTUARY CITIES

This item was pulled by Mayor Munoz for further discussion.

Mayor Munoz thanked Manuel Maldonado for his work in the community. She noted the City's history of recognizing non-profits and the need to establish a protocol for fee waivers. She stated the Coalition has paid in the past for use of the community center and she would be inclined to support non-profit groups and stay with past practice. Council Member Argudo stated the City has granted fee waivers for organizations that do not have a tax identification number and are not non-profits and the City should establish policies. Council Member Holloway noted if the activities of the committee are political it is a concern to waive fees for that usage. Director of Recreation Services Lerma stated the community center is available to the Coalition if they go through the protocol and pay the fee. Council Member Holloway noted the City has accommodated the Coalition in the past.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to deny the fee waiver request from the Puente Coalition for Sanctuary Cities. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS OF UTILITY ENERGY AUDIT COMPLETED BY CLIMATEC LLC AND DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING SAME

Frank Mann, Climatec, provided a PowerPoint outlining the utility audit findings.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline of actions, solar, other cities which have retrofitted and the RFP process and scope of work. Council Member Argudo noted a study session would be helpful to discuss what other options and technologies are available. He suggested going back out to bid on this process as he understood this was for an audit only. He asked what type of lighting would be used in the park and Mr. Mann noted it would be LED but was not recommending the baseball field lights be retrofitted at this time because it is not cost effective.

Council Member Solis asked if City Council moves forward tonight is there another opportunity to put the brakes on to see where funding comes from and whether the City can choose different vendors for the lighting. City Manager Carmany noted the opportunity for the City Council to proceed would be after a public hearing on the matter. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis asked if there was a requirement to go out to bid again on this item. City Attorney Casso stated staff could report back on that issue.

Mayor Munoz suggested moving on to the next phase and bringing the item back at a meeting in March. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis and seconded by Mayor Munoz to move on to the second phase and set a public hearing.

Council Member Argudo suggested waiting to proceed. Discussion ensued regarding the audit process and implementation of the project and the requirement to go back out to bid. City Manager Carmany noted there is a provision in state law which allows the City to proceed after a public hearing, which is the next step. City Attorney Casso stated the recommendation was for an audit and implementation project and he wanted to be sure the City was compliant with Government Code section 4217 which permits these types of programs to go forward.

Council Member Argudo suggested the item be brought back at the next City Council meeting with a recommendation after review by legal counsel. City Manager Carmany stated staff would come back with information regarding alternate energy contracts and the authority under state law to proceed. He explained this is not a normal public bid procedure and there is a specific provision in state law which allows this type of contract to be considered.

Mayor Munoz requested this item be brought back at the next meeting to address the questions of how this was stated on the last staff recommendation. She noted the motion had been withdrawn. Discussion ensued regarding the bid specifications and the information contained in the RFP. Mayor Munoz suggested once the information was received staff reach out to each City Council member so any outstanding questions may be answered.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape and Lighting District: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

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

Military Banner Recognition Program: Mayor Munoz reported she and Council Member Solis met to review the City's website, application form and current program costs. They further set goals for what they wanted to accomplish including adding veterans to the program and a cost analysis to ensure the fees are appropriate. Council Member Solis requested staff provide the cost of the brackets which hold the banners.

Mayor Munoz established the Public Art Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Lewis and Council Member Holloway. She further established the Community Alliance Ad Hoc Committee and appointed herself and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reminded the City Council of the Contract Cities dinner on February 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of February, 2017.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair