

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 14, 2017

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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, March 14, 2017, 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, Argudo, Holloway and Solis.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Development Services Di Mario and Administrative Assistant Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Mayor Munoz announced Mayor Pro Tem Lewis would not be attending the City Council meeting due to illness.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. 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

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

Property: 16158 Old Valley Boulevard, La Puente; APN 8246-019-019
City Negotiators: David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Negotiating Party: Felipe V. Fregoso
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

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 Item 1 was not discussed in closed session and no action was taken. As to Item 2, direction was given to the City negotiator, no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA
OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Argudo, Holloway and Solis.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Carmany, City Attorney/Legal Counsel Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Finance Manager Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and Administrative Assistant Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Destyni Centeno, Workman Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Luis Molina, Sunset Elementary school student, spoke about past events at his school including Read Across America and mock City Council. He thanked the City for their participation for supporting students' educational path.

Gina Mandy, Workman Elementary school student, spoke about her experience being a council member for the mock City Council meeting, including holding an election and preparing for what to do at a city council meeting. She thanked the City for teaching students and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis for caring about the community and the children in it.

Michelle Tlaseca, Workman Elementary school student, shared her experience at the mock City Council meeting. She stated she ran for the mock city council to help others and her school. She thanked Council Member Holloway and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis for guiding students through the process. She honored Mayor Munoz, noting she is an advocate for providing affordable health care services and a role model who inspires others.

Rosette Holmes, Sunset Elementary School Principal, stated the LEAD schools are each presenting a cherry blossom tree to the City as a token of appreciation. Maechele Brown noted students were learning about Fred Korematsu who led a legal fight against Japanese internment and noted the cherry blossom trees were a symbol of unity between the schools and the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about a recent Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting which discussed the homeless. He further discussed the passage of Measure H on the March 7, 2017, ballot.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway distributed the February Board Briefs from the Vector Control District which included articles relating to the Zika virus and mosquitos. He further noted the District approved a joint resolution which would annex several cities into the District and that the District's Director will be retiring and a new director is expected to be appointed at the next meeting.

Council Member Solis stated he attended the California Contract Cities Association meeting and noted his disappointment that the League of California Cities was not supportive of SB 361, La Puente's landscaping and lighting district legislation. City Manager Carmany noted that the League generally supports legislation that benefits all cities on a statewide policy basis rather than spot bills that benefit a single member city. Council Member Holloway commented that the League has supported spot bills in the past and this is a disappointment. Council Member Argudo suggested contacting the League regarding this matter.

- A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY – None.
- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE UTILITY ENERGY AUDIT AND PROJECT IMPROVEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

City Manager Carmany noted this was a continued discussion to provide additional information requested by the City Council prior to scheduling the matter for a public hearing.

Development Services Director Di Mario provided information on bidding procedures, contracts, the public hearing process and findings which need to be made. He noted the request for proposals was for an audit and implementation project and discussed the scope of services. He further discussed the proposals which were received the proposal approved by the City Council at a prior meeting. He recommended that the City Council receive and file the staff report and direct staff to notice the public hearing.

Council Member Solis stated Climatec's prior presentations at the special study sessions were not recorded so there is no record of his comments at the study sessions. He indicated he had many open questions about the RFP process. City Manager Carmany discussed the request-for-proposal process, and procuring services under State Energy Code section 4217. Council Member Argudo understood this scope was for an energy audit only. He noted there is a cost savings but does not know if this contract is in the best interest of the City because there is nothing to compare it to.

Development Services Director Di Mario noted the other valid proposal received by the City responded to the street lighting component only. Council Member Holloway requested clarification on whether the City Council approved an audit only or audit and implementation.

Mayor Munoz stated this innovative project would be a cost savings to the City's general fund to be used on other projects. She noted Council Members had additional questions and requested this item be brought back at a future City Council meeting.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis pulled Item D-2 for further discussion.

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

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1424 AND 48

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5334 approving Warrant Register No. 1424 and Resolution No. SA 17-72 approving Warrant Register No. 48.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CITY HALL AND SENIOR CENTER FLOORING PROJECT

Council Member Solis pulled this item for further discussion. He stated his disappointment with the carpeting at the senior center being too light.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to: (1) accept the project as complete; and (2) authorize the City Clerk to execute and record the Notice of Completion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Munoz, Argudo, Holloway, Solis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Lewis

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ORANGE AVENUE AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Gentry Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$420,600; and (2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING OPTIONS TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF CITY STREETS (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)

Council Member Holloway stated he wanted City Council's opinion on how best to use the funds the City expects to receive under Measure M and whether the City should bond out. He stated if there is consensus from the City Council, he would recommend having staff provide options to the City Council to see if bonding is something the City wants to do along with a plan on how best to spend the money and when it would be spent.

Council Member Solis noted he had also been working on this and it is a large amount of money to do other projects. He asked what Measure R funds were being used for. Development Services Director Di Mario explained the funds are used for local street projects. He further explained the differences between Proposition C, Measure R and Measure M and how the funds can be used.

Council Member Argudo confirmed the recommendation was to bring back options to the City Council as to whether there is an interest in bonding, understanding the critical needs and having funds committed to debt service.

Council Member Holloway stated if the City bonds against Measure M there are requirements the money has to be spent in a timely manner and the City needs to be careful about how much is bonded, how much is left over and what it will cost.

Mayor Munoz noted the needs are there and recommended staff return with more information and project ideas at a future City Council meeting.

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: Council Member Solis reported that the Committee met and came up with different options and noted there were some costs they were unaware of. Mayor Munoz reported there was a survey of other cities which included fees, eligibility requirements and duration the banners are up. She indicated the Committee is discussing ways to expand the program.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway thanked everyone for their kind words regarding the passing of his brother. He noted he participated at Sunset Elementary School as principal for the day and has served at all LEAD schools. He requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of former Council Members Manuel Garcia and Lola Storing.

Council Member Solis noted Council Members Garcia and Storing did a lot for the community. He noted he attended the Little League parade. He asked where the City was on repairs to the park and Mayor Munoz stated this item is scheduled for a City Council meeting in April.

Council Member Argudo stated his condolences to the Council Members Garcia and Storing who had served the community for 40 years.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported the landscape and lighting district legislation is scheduled for the Policy Committee on March 29, 2017. He noted the City has been successful in getting support for the bill. Mayor Munoz stated she would be testifying in support of the bill.

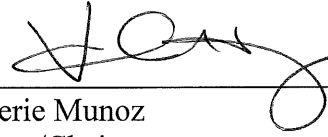
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. in memory of Manuel Garcia and Lola Storing.

Approved this 28th day of March, 2017.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair

