

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 9, 2017

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A Special Closed Session and 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, May 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Lewis (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Argudo (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)
Holloway and Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager/Executive Director Carmany, City Attorney Casso,
Director of Administrative Services Bird and Chief Deputy City
Clerk Garcia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:02 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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:07 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, the matter would be continued after Item E-2 on the regular agenda.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo and Holloway.

Members absent: Solis.

Staff members present: City Manager Carmany, City Attorney Casso, Director of Administrative Services Bird, Development Services Director Di Mario, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia, Finance Director Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Natalia Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Clarissa Trujillo, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about the importance of being a LEAD ambassador and shared highlights of her year including the veteran's day and earth day celebrations and mock City Council meeting. She further spoke about an upcoming field trip to the Getty Villa and thanked the City for allowing students to have a part in government and preparing them to be active citizens.

Luis Molina, Sunset Elementary School student, thanked the City for its commitment to the LEAD program. He spoke about attending events such as the holiday tree lighting, Youth in Government day and mock City Council. He expressed his gratitude for memorable LEAD school events and thanked the City for taking an interest in students' education.

Yadira Soto, Sierra Vista Middle School student, spoke about 8th grade being an exciting year with many firsts. She noted the 911 commemoration and veteran's day celebrations, career day and the Read Across America event. She noted her school's canned food drive collected over 750 cans. She invited the City Council to her school's promotion ceremony and noted her appreciation for City staff.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented a commendation to Principal Mona Diaz in honor of her years of service to the community and retirement.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma, on behalf of the City Council, presented a commendation to Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. for his contributions to the community.

At 7:28 p.m. the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Danielle Gonzales, on behalf of Arteologists, spoke in favor of saving the Star Theater.

Leonard Wayne Rose Jr. spoke about a food drive at his church and his upcoming move to Orange County.

Jesse Tru spoke about the request for proposal for the City's Parks Master Plan and noted his desire for a dog park. He further spoke about his interpretation of the City's motto and preserving and restoring what once was.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway provided the City Council with a handout and update on the West Nile virus.

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 APRIL 25, 2017

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of April 25, 2017. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1428 AND 50

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5340 approving Warrant Register No. 1428 and Resolution No. SA 17-74 approving Warrant Register No. 50.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RELATED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON AMAR ROAD BETWEEN PUENTE AVENUE AND HACIENDA BOULEVARD - FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5331(020) TO BELCO ELECNOR GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$781,775.00

Action taken: The City Council: (1) waived the identified irregularities in the submitted bids; (2) rejected the bid submitted from Sturgeon Electric California as nonresponsive; (3) awarded the contract to Belco Elecnor Group in the amount of \$781,775.00; and (4) 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 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FINDINGS OF THE TRAFFIC SIGN INVENTORY AND RETROREFLECTIVITY STUDY

Fred Minagar, Minagar & Associates, provide a report on the findings and outcome of the traffic sign inventory and retroreflectivity study. He reported the City has too many, 5,772, signs and approximately 43% are substandard and recommended for replacement.

Discussion ensued regarding removal versus replacement of non-regulatory signs, urban design, visual blight, types of sign material, longevity and standards for how many signs to have in a certain location.

Council Member Holloway asked if the scope of work included how many signs can be removed and not replaced. Mr. Minagar responded he could get that information. Council Member Holloway noted he would like to have a plan for replacement of signs and not replace them all at once. City Engineer Pagett responded signs are already being

replaced in conjunction with street slurry projects. He further noted the City would look at replacing street name signs as one project.

Council Member Argudo stated he would like to create a new image for the City, take an aggressive approach to 60-70% sign reduction, update the signs to diamond grade and see what replacing all street signs would cost. He asked what the analysis would cost because it is not in the current scope of work. He also requested the cost savings now and the cost savings in the long run.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated the City needs the analysis but City Council is on the same page of getting rid of unnecessary signs. She would like to see replacement staged in. Mayor Munoz noted she would like to see quality signs that will last. Council Member Holloway stated he would like to include in the analysis how many signs can be removed and the cost to remove them.

Mr. Minagar noted that a painted curb assessment was also performed and the cost is \$15,000 - \$20,000 for curb painting replacement.

Mayor Munoz established the Traffic Sign Inventory and Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Lewis and Council Member Argudo.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (CJPIA) TO PROVIDE AN AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,075.00

Development Services Director Di Mario provided background information on the Americans with Disabilities Act and noted the City is required to have a current Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. He stated the City developed a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan that was approved by the City Council in 1998 and not having a current plan may open the City to legal exposure. He provided information on the CJPIA's program which assists cities in complying with the requirement for Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans and pays for a portion of the costs for member agencies.

Council Member Holloway asked about the software licensing fee. Development Services Director Di Mario stated the cost is an optional annual ongoing expense and is a tracking mechanism the City may use when it makes repairs or improvements.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to: (1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding with CJPIA for \$93,075.00; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the City; and (3) appropriate \$69,573.00 in available Prop A funds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 8:59 p.m. to continue discussion of Closed Session Item 1.

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 9:48 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, direction was given to the City's negotiators. No action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

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 the committee met with Little League representatives to discuss various concerns and ways to address them.

Military Banner Recognition Program: Nothing to report.

Public Art: Nothing to report.

Community Alliance: Nothing to report.

Grant Writing: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Luis Campos.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported the City would be mailing a letter to homeowners informing them of an exemption from the assessed value of their home; the IRS would be auditing the City's records related to the Community Center bonds; four proposals were received for the Park Master Plan project and two proposals were received for grant writing services.

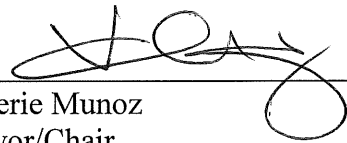
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m. in memory of Luis Campos.

Approved this 23rd day of May, 2017.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk



Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair