MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 13, 2017

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An Adjourned 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, June 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Lewis (arrived at 6:17 p.m.), Argudo (arrived at 6:09 p.m.), Holloway and Solis.
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager 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 6:01 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 COUNCILWILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

Property:	16158 Old Valley Boulevard, La Puente, CA; APN 824-601-9019
City Negotiators:	David Carmany, City Manager and James M. Casso, City Attorney
Negotiating Party:	Felipe Fregoso
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:10 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, a 5-0 vote was taken, direction was given to the City's negotiator and no final action was taken. As to Item 2, direction was given and no final action was taken.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA
OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway and Solis.
Members absent:	None.
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, and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Carmany, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Recognizing La Puente as one of California's 50 Safest Cities.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Leonard Wayne Rose, Jr. spoke about feeding the homeless and a recognition he recently received from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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 MEETINGS OF MAY 17, 2017, MAY 18, 2017 AND MAY 23, 2017

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 meetings of May 17, 2017, May 18, 2017 and May 23, 2017. 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

B-1 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 10.32 (LANDSCAPING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A REVISED CHAPTER 10.32 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

Assistant Planner Schaetzl provided a staff report regarding water efficient landscaping.

Mayor Munoz opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Munoz closed the public hearing.

Council Member Holloway asked about the practical impacts of non-compliance. Assistant Planner Schaetzl stated there would be none. She further stated dirt lots could be in violation of the City's Municipal Code. In response to an inquiry by Council Member Solis, Assistant Planner Schaetzl noted a permit fee would apply for lots over 2,500 square feet with a new home and new landscaping. She further noted there were no restrictions on going back to grass landscaping if timers and drops are installed.

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to waive reading and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-948. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Casso read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to introduce Ordinance No. 17-948 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California, Repealing Chapter 10.32 (Landscaping) of Article 3 (Regulations Applicable To All Zones) of Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente Municipal Code in its Entirety and Adopting a Revised Chapter 10.32 of the La Puente Municipal Code Related To Water Efficient Landscaping, and Notice of Exemption Regarding Same. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

City Manager Carmany reviewed the budget objectives and Director of Administrative Services Bird provided an update on revenues.

In response to a previous request by Council Member Solis, Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report summarizing the costs of various options in the provision of landscaping services, in-house vs. contract. Director Di Mario noted the City is receiving good value for the level of service provided by the current contractor. Mayor Munoz noted a significant savings using the current contractual arrangement. Council Member Solis stated he wanted to bring this item back for further discussion as he believed the numbers were inflated. He stated he would send the agenda title to City Attorney Casso.

Director of Administrative Services Bird noted City Council previously requested more information on special event expenditures. Discussion ensued regarding events the City spends money on, costs for staff time, Main Street Run profits, elimination of the little league parade, costs for National Night Out and La Puente Live.

Mayor Munoz recommended looking at the budget in whole and either approving the amount, making recommendations and omitting or adjusting later or bringing this discussion back at the next City Council meeting with recommendations by staff for downsizing events to achieve cost savings.

Further discussion ensued regarding the cost of the Sheriff's contract, the overlap car and code enforcement concerns.

Mayor Munoz thanked staff and City Council for their work on the budget. She noted there were some outstanding questions and recommended bringing this item back at the next City Council meeting with recommendations on special events and cost savings measures, including the code enforcement CSO and overlap car, the direction from the closed session meeting and the request for the homeless contribution and providing the cost for the Sheriff's overlap car.

At 9:13 p.m., City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Carmany requested Item D-6 be removed from the agenda and heard at a later date.

Council Member Solis pulled agenda items D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo pulled agenda item D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Item D-7. 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 RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1430 AND 51

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

Council Member Solis asked about a charge for Be Social Productions. Director of Recreation Services Lerma noted it was for audio services for the recent "Know Your Rights" forum.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to adopt Resolution No. 17-5346 approving Warrant Register No. 1430 and Resolution No. SA 17-75 approving Warrant Register No. 51. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-2 PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S STRATEGIC PLAN SIX-MONTH OBJECTIVES

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

Council Member Solis stated the objectives seem to be those of the staff, Council Members are outvoted and there are not enough Council Members to compete with everyone who attends. Council Member Argudo noted the process can be diluted. Council Member Holloway stated staff have valuable ideas and should attend. He suggested that City Council should decide which objectives to adopt.

Mayor Munoz recommended one strategic planning session per year prior to the budget adoption to align the City's objectives to the budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz Lewis, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to receive and file the City of La Puente's strategic plan six-month objectives. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ONYX ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE PARK RESTROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT LA PUENTE PARK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $7,575.00, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF $35,575

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

Council Member Solis suggested if the City cannot figure out what plants are needed to look good, another approach is needed and he cannot support this item. Development Services Director Di Mario noted landscaping was not included in the original scope of the project but if the City is designing a new bathroom thought should be given to landscaping.

City Engineer Pagett stated if the City wants to tie in the remodel and the landscaping it should be done by an architect and the amount being charged seemed appropriate. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis noted it should be done right and the City should have a professional performing the work.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to (1) approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services with ONYX Architects, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $7,575.00, for a total contract amount of $35,575; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2017-2018

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

Council Member Solis asked why each recipient was receiving $436 and not $500. City Manager Carmany noted a benefactor had stepped in to donate the difference. Director of Recreation Services Lerma explained net proceeds from the Main Street Run were being split between the eleven qualified applicants, which equaled $436 each.

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to (1) award eleven scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year in the amount of $436 each; and (2) present the scholarship recipients with a certificate of recognition at a future City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS CITYWIDE

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

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo, Development Services Director Di Mario stated that 11 bus shelters were replaced out of approximately 52. He noted the goal was to initially replace 15 bus shelters, however, some were not able to be replaced due to challenges with inadequate distance in the right of way.

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

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

D-6 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CONCRETE REPAIRS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS CITYWIDE

Action taken: This item was removed from the agenda by City Manager Carmany to be heard at a later date.

D-7 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the specifications for sanitary sewer maintenance services in the City of La Puente; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit bids.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S ANNUAL FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (COUNCIL MEMBER SOLIS)

Council Member Solis noted this was his agenda item and he provided a title. He asked City Attorney Casso if the policy is that staff is not allowed to write agendas for Council Members. City Attorney Casso stated that is correct and the policy is that staff provide a brief overview and not spend a lot of time. He noted that Council Member Solis requested this item be placed on the agenda however it was the queue to be discussed and also previously discussed by the La Puente Park and Youth Oversight Ad Hoc Committee. He stated this matter was of interest to several people who wanted to discuss the issue and provide direction.

Mayor Munoz stated the event was coming up quickly and the overall the goal is to support and host a safe event. She noted the Ad Hoc Committee has been working on this event. She thanked the City Council for covering all questions and concerns to move this event along and noted the City Council wants to support a good event.

Council Member Solis stated last year there were illegal vendors and people with barbeques and staff was not enforcing the rules. He stated illegal vendors hurt the non-profits. He noted work needs to take place in the VIP section such as putting names on tables. He further noted people should not have to wait to get in and the VIP section gets crowded.

Director of Recreation Services Lerma stated the City of Industry volunteered some staff to be utilized at the VIP area. She further noted each Council Member is allotted a certain number of guests and staff honors those guests. She noted reserving tables can be incorporated into the event. She further stated there are no authorized vendors in parking lot.

Council Member Holloway stated many of these issues were brought up last year, policies were updated and most of Council Member Solis's concerns have been addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the update.

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: Nothing to report.

Public Art: Nothing to report.

Community Alliance: Nothing to report.

Grant Writing: Nothing to report.

Traffic Sign Inventory and Revitalization: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo stated that little league season is over and this would be a good time to perform work on the fields.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported that Senate Bill 361 was scheduled for a policy committee hearing on June 14, 2017, and would be presented to the Governor for signature by the end of June.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of June, 2017.

Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair