

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th 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.lapueente.org.

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, September 12, 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, Argudo, Holloway and Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Carmany, City Attorney Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario and Executive Assistant Dunlap.

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

Property: City owned right-of-way at Old Valley Boulevard and Common Street, La Puente
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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 3-2 vote was taken, with Council Members Argudo and Solis voting no. No final action was taken as to Item 1. As to Item 2, discussions would be continued until after the open session portion of the meeting.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA
OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway and Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Carmany, City Attorney Casso, Development Services Director Di Mario, Executive Assistant Dunlap, Finance Director Gitmed, Director of Recreation Services Lerma and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Armando Sanchez, Workman Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Liliana Sanchez, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about the history of La Puente, and provided City demographic information.

Justin Vargas, Workman Elementary School student, thanked Council Member Holloway and Director of Recreation Services Lerma for visiting his school to talk about the City of La Puente and the services it provides. He noted he looked forward to learn more about the City.

Ximena Tejeda, Sunset Elementary School student, stated she was excited to begin another year with the LEAD program and was looking forward to the activities and events planned for the year. She noted Council Member Holloway and Director of Recreation Services Lerma visited her school to explain the structure and purpose of the City. She thanked the City Council and staff for giving their time and effort to the LEAD schools.

Diana Diaz, Sierra Vista Middle School student, spoke about school pride, upcoming sports events, 9/11 remembrance ceremony, and the various school clubs. She noted Sierra Vista leaders are looking forward to youth in government and mock City Council meetings to learn more about City operations.

Hannah Oquendo and Isabelle Robles, Sparks Middle School students, stated they were excited to kick-off another great year in the LEAD program. They spoke about events such as the District Attendance Awareness Month, back-to-school dance, and the planning for their upcoming renaissance rally, and fall festival. They noted they look forward to working with the City Council to promote more leaders at Sparks Middle School.

Carol Anne Hagele, Education Specialist, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, made a presentation to the City Council regarding the Vector Inspectors Citizen Science Program (VIP), a citizen science program that mobilizes students in the San Gabriel Valley to aid in the battle against mosquitos and the dangerous viruses they can transmit.

At 7:42 p.m., the City Council recessed to allow students in attendance to enjoy root beer floats in the lobby, and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Andrew Yip, Program Coordinator, BikeSGV, spoke about bike safety classes that are offered through BikeSGV. Mr. Yip requested that the City Council consider Agenda Item D-3, a fee waiver request.

John Loder spoke about food handling and health hazards at the Open Air Market. He voiced his concerns for vehicles speeding on 2nd Street and vehicles not stopping at stop signs causing traffic accidents.

Manual Maldonado expressed his concerns about the elimination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). He spoke about a recent letter from Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's Superintendent Parulan-Colfer on DACA, and requested that the City draft a similar letter reassuring the community.

Mayor Munoz welcomed Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sergeant Pat Morris on returning to the City of La Puente.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway reported the Vector Control District will be incorporating the cities of Baldwin Park, South El Monte, and Pasadena into the District.

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 AUGUST 22, 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 meeting of August 22, 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 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING A PROPOSED ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.10 ET SEQ., AWARDING AN ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT TO TANKO LIGHTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$610,374.80 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN ENERGY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY FACILITIES AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TANKO LIGHTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,327.50 FOR AUDIT SERVICES AND ANALYSIS SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

City Manager Carmany introduced the item and provided an update on the Landscape and Lighting District and the use of District funds. Development Services Director Di Mario provided a staff report regarding the project, purpose of the hearing, the RFP process and an overview of the two proposed agreements.

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

Council Member Solis noted his concerns with the bid process, cost to replace the wooden poles, new lights versus retrofit and warranties. He presented a material-only light bulb quote he recently received from Ewing-Foley and noted he had attended several lighting conferences. He stated the City should go back out to bid.

Alex Wurzel, Tanko Lighting, addressed Council Member Solis's concerns. He noted Tanko's pricing was updated since the original bid and that the proposed lights are new with a 10-year warranty. He further stated that once Tanko's audit is complete the City will be provided with an in-depth comprehensive street by street design. Mr. Wurzel noted that although the number of lights may change the line item pricing will remain constant and the Tanko's current bid is based on the purchasable Edison inventory. With regard to the creosote poles, Mr. Wurzel noted the City would be utilizing Edison's current pole replacement vendor to replace the poles.

Discussion ensued regarding the Climatec pricing versus Tanko pricing, use of LED lights, exploring rebates and grants and disposal of the creosote poles. City Attorney Casso noted Tanko would be taking responsibility for disposal of the creosote poles and lighting elements and noted the CJPIA has blessed this transaction.

Council Member Holloway stated his concern with third parties coming in after the bid process, claiming to have a lower price. City Manager Carmany noted a late bid cannot be accepted for that reason because a bidder can then cherry pick elements after the bids have been opened.

Mr. Wurzel provided additional information on the audit process, costs of lights and installation, light manufacturer types and specifications, warranties and the timeline for pole and light replacement. In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, Mr. Wurzel stated Tanko would file for rebates and tariff change paperwork on behalf of the City. Discussion ensued regarding rebate amounts, recommended wattages for specific areas of the City, the use of the "7-pin" fixture for future technology use and financing and grant options.

Council Member Solis stated for the record he had a work emergency and needed to leave the City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost savings of performing a portion of the original bid scope, the conversation to LED and when the new lower rates will take effect.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to: (1) open and conduct the public hearing; (2) adopt Resolution No. 17-5362 making certain findings regarding an Energy Services Contract; (3) award an Energy Services Contract to Tanko Lighting, Inc., in the amount of \$610,374.80; (4) approve a Professional Services Agreement with Tanko Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$58,327.50; and (5) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreements on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Munoz requested that Item D-5 be removed from the agenda and presented at a future City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Munoz, Lewis, Argudo, Holloway

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Solis

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1436

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5360 approving Warrant Register No. 1436.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE CITIES OF LA PUENTE, BALDWIN PARK, COVINA, GLENDORA, INDUSTRY AND SOUTH EL MONTE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COORDINATED INTEGRATED MONITORING PROGRAM FOR THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED AREA

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the cities of La Puente, Baldwin Park, Covina, Glendora, Industry and South El Monte for Implementing the Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program For The Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Area; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR A FEE WAIVER FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY CENTER BY BIKE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO OFFER FREE BICYCLE SAFETY AND REPAIR CLASSES TO THE CITY RESIDENTS

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-5361 approving a request for a fee waiver for Bike SGV in the amount of \$1,820 to hold free bicycle safety and repair classes at the La Puente Community Center for city residents.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A FACILITY/PARK USE AGREEMENT FOR THE SERVANT'S ARMS COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Facility/Park Use Agreement for the Servant's Arms Community Block Party; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS

At the request of Mayor Munoz, Item D-5 was removed to be presented at a future City Council meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF CITY STREET NAME SIGNS

Council Member Argudo requested that Item E-1 be presented to the Traffic Sign Inventory and Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee prior to the City Council.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape and Lighting District: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park and Youth Program Oversight: Council Member Holloway reported that the Committee met to discuss the park master plan contract for vendor recommendations to the City Council. He noted a follow-up meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017.

Military Banner Recognition Program: Mayor Munoz reported that the Committee met on September 7, 2017, to review the program to include veterans, researching fees, pricing of flags, and reevaluating the applications to update and add additional details. She noted a meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2017.

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 Holloway asked for clarification on the Bike SGV fee waiver. Recreation Director Lerma responded that the fee waiver is for the use of the facility, for Bike SGV classes, and that the City Council approved a maximum number of classes that would be scheduled based on the availability of the facility.

Mayor Munoz stated she was looking forward to the signage report and the report of the ad hoc committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Elida Salinas.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported that Caltrans recently completed its engineering analysis on the Valley Boulevard bridge and found no indications of defects. The bridge is 39% in the City of La Puente and 61% in the City of Industry. He noted the County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury is inviting applications and that anyone interested should contact the City Clerk. He further noted the City is currently recruiting for several positions: Part-time Code Enforcement Officer; Part-time Code Enforcement Parking Control Specialist; Part-time Maintenance Assistant; Full-time Management Analyst; and Part-time Recreation Leader.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 9:19 p.m. to continue discussion of Closed Session Item 2.

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

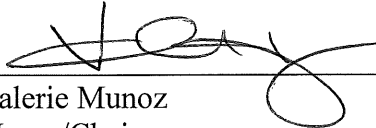
City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 2, direction was given to staff, no final action was taken and nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m. in memory of Elida Salinas.

Approved this 26th day of September, 2017.



Sheryl Garcia
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair

