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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Munoz, Lewis, Argudo (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Holloway, Solis.
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager Carmany, City Attorney Casso, Director of Development Services Di Mario, Interim Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff, City Clerk Garcia, Director of Community Services Lerma, Finance Director Gitmed, Code Enforcement Manager Mrakich, Management Assistant Dunlap, and City Engineer Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marcus Gonzales, Sunset Elementary School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Kamila Loperena-Beattie, Sunset Elementary School student, noted she is thankful for living in the City, Project LEAD and for City staff. She further thanked programs such as the turkey trot run and the 4th of July event.

Marcus Gonzales, Sunset Elementary School student, thanked the City for the wonderful schools and staff in La Puente. He noted he was thankful for the after school program, restaurant selections such as Domestic BBQ and being able to drive through a donut. He further noted he was thankful for places to play sports and all the wonderful things about the City.

Fatima Chavoya, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about the meaning of Thanksgiving. She stated she was thankful for the City and things that keep citizens happy such as the street fair, Valley Blvd. wall, and soldiers who protect the nation. She stated she help put up artwork at City Hall for Veterans Day and attended the ceremony. She thanked Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, her school, teachers, friends and family.

Michael Rovira, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about what he is thankful for such as his family, sports team he plays on, making friends and stated he enjoys representing the City. He thanked Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma for providing entertainment opportunities. He further stated he was thankful for being alive and blessings.

Cecilia Alba, Sierra Vista Middle School student, spoke about being thankful for living in La Puente. She noted La Puente is a safe and pretty City. She further noted the things to do in the City such as the street fair and parks, and mentioned she was looking forward to hearing the parks master plan and how it will affect the community.

State Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon presented a legislative update including information on the budget, school funding, veteran assistance, housing bonds, and the transportation funding program. He also provided an update on the legislation presented to the assembly. He then presented certificates to the LEAD Students.

Jocelyn Jaramillo, Sparks Middle School student, spoke about her speech and debate class and looked forward to attending Youth in Government Day. She thanked the City Council for having the opportunity to be a student honoree and understands how important it is to attend City Council meetings. She noted how excited students were to create art projects for Veterans Day, and anticipates the opening of a skate park. She further noted receiving exciting news of Majority Leader Calderon presenting a check to the City to move the skate park forward. She spoke about upcoming events such as the canned food drive, turkey trot, red class assembly, and blood drive.

Mayor Munoz noted for the record the presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Victor Velasquez would be rescheduled to a later date.

Interim Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff introduced Matt Skolnick of the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE). Mr. Skolnick presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Community Choice Aggregation and the program LACCE provides.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Richard Hopkins, East San Gabriel Valley Homeless Coalition, provided an update on the number of homeless in the Los Angeles County. He requested monetary support from the City Council to continue to provide winter shelter services to the homeless during the months of December through March.

Daniel Leuvanos, One Legacy, spoke about the importance of eye, organ and tissue donations and noted 117,000 people are currently waiting for transplants. He spoke about the unveiling of the One Legacy Rose Parade float themed "Making a Difference" and invited the City Council to attend the Rose Dedication Ceremony on December 19, 2017.

Marissa Castro-Salvati, Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison, spoke about how Southern California Edison is modernizing the power grid to achieve clean energy goals. She noted that in 2016 a general rate case was submitted and are submitted every 3 years. She further noted rates are set by a transparent process through the California Public Utilities Commission and hearings were conducted in the San Gabriel Valley. She stated Southern

California Edison needs to conduct improvements over the next 10 years to manage power delivery.

Marty Paz spoke about the recent baseball World Series game, stated his concerns of the lack of budget for the Main Street Run, Halloween and the Little League parade. He further stated his concerns with the sidewalk repairs on Las Vecinas, the City needing additional maintenance staff and against raises for City employees.

Gene Detchemmendy, Charles Company representative, provided background information on a Disposition and Development Agreement that was entered into in 2010 to build a shopping center in the City. He spoke about the Dearden's retail store which recently closed and a lack of retail uses to replace the space. He further spoke about an offer received for medical use in that space and requested the City raise the cap from 7,500 square feet to 18,000 square feet for medical use. He further noted that the medical use agreed to reduce the space to 14,400 square feet.

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 OCTOBER 24, 2017

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of October 24, 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 - None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Code Enforcement Manager Mrakich provided an update regarding the hiring of new code and parking enforcement officers and noted the code enforcement division will be covering 7 days a week from the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. He further noted the code enforcement division of 12 officers will be in attendance at an upcoming City Council meeting to be introduced to the City Council.

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

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Munoz pulled item D-2 for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-7 for further discussion.

Council Member Solis pulled items D-3 and D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, seconded by Council Member Solis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-4. 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 NO. 1440

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 17-5374 approving Warrant Register No. 1440.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EDSA, INC. FOR SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARKS MASTER PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $100,500.00

This item was pulled by Mayor Munoz for further discussion.

Mayor Munoz thanked EDSA for attending the meeting and noted she met with them earlier in the day to get a briefing on the project. She requested EDSA provide an overview of their proposal.

Mr. Kona Gray of EDSA provided a presentation regarding the proposed Parks Master Plan including preparation of a needs assessment, bonds and available funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to improve the City's one park, vendor selection, price comparisons, lack of resources to maintain the park and holding community meetings to address the needs of the community.

Council Member Holloway explained the interview process utilized by the ad hoc committee in order to reach their recommendation. He noted the committee met several times with the consultants and EDSA looked at the City's needs when preparing their proposal. He further stated the committee did their due diligence and EDSA was worth the additional money.

Council Member Argudo noted several important needed park repairs. Director of Development Services DiMario reviewed many of the noted repairs which are being addressed as part of an upcoming capital improvement project.

Discussion ensued regarding the skate park and identifying potential funding sources. Mr. Gray noted the goal is to find all of the funding sources but the City needs a plan that shows how the money is being spent in order to obtain funding.

City Manager Carmany stated money follows vision and gives the City context to implement the plan. As the skate park grant requires a plan, the process should result in a clear vision of where the City wants to go.

Mayor Munoz thanked the ad hoc committee. She stated she would like additional time to review the project and get a better grasp of it. She recommended bringing the item back at the first meeting in January 2018.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Solis, to bring back the item at the first meeting in January 2018. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOUCES AGENCY FOR THE PROPOSED LA PUENTE SKATE PARK

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

Director of Community Services Lerma provided an update on the grant for the skate park with the site to be determined. She noted the resolution authorizes the City to submit an application for grant funds and to begin the initial process.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to approve Resolution No. 17-5375 approving the application for Grant Funds with the California Natural Resources Agency for the proposed La Puente Skate Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY IN THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OPEN PACE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM CITY PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 17-5376 consenting to the inclusion of properties within the City in the California Municipal Finance Authority Open Pace Programs; authorizing the California Municipal Finance Authority to accept applications from City property owners, conduct contractual assessment proceedings and levy contractual assessments within the territory of the City; and authorizing related actions.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM JASMINE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT, LLC TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HACIENDA BOULEVARD AND FAIRGROVE AVENUE FOR A MEDICAL USE

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

Director of Development Services DiMario stated that the CC&Rs for the property contain a restriction on medical uses which was put in place to maximize sales tax benefits. He noted the shopping center is doing well and although the retail market is changing a retailer can be found for the space and the City should reserve the space for commercial retail use.

Discussion ensued regarding medical resources available to the community, options for the dialysis center to take a smaller space, the need for tax producing tenants and providing quality shopping experiences for residents. Mayor Munoz noted she was in favor of the staff recommendation and would like to see quality shopping experiences for the community and keeping tax dollars in the City. She noted more needs to be done to find retailers and better amenities for the City's residents.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to deny the request by Jasmine Real Estate Investment, LLC to exceed the current 7,500 square foot restriction as set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Establishment of Restrictions and Grant of Easements for medical space. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to extend the City Council meeting past 10:30 p.m. 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 AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR TRAFFIC DETOUR AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR CITY-SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS UNTIL APRIL 30, 2018

This item was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis for further discussion.

Director of Community Services Lerma provided an update on the agreement and noted the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement through April 30, 2018, with no additional appropriation of funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to: (1) approve the amendment to the agreement with Traffic Management, Inc. for traffic detour and control services for City-sponsored community events; 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, Solis
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOCIAL VOCATIONAL SERVICES, INC., FOR BUS SHELTER AND BUS STOP MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $117,360.00

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

Director of Development Services DiMario provided an update on the maintenance services for bus shelters and bus stops. He noted the City went through the RFP process for this service.

Discussion ensued regarding project oversight and the frequency of cleaning the bus shelters. It was noted that the contractor would be logging all stops and making adjustments as appropriate.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to: (1) approve the Maintenance Services Agreement with Social Vocational Services, Inc. for $117,360.00; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.090(b) (ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL) OF CHAPTER 2.04 (CITY COUNCIL) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING THE DATE ON WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL IS REORGANIZED

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Solis, to waive reading and read by title only Ordinance No. 17-949. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Carmany read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to introduce Ordinance No. 17-949 an ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, amending Section 2.04.090(b) (Organization of the City Council) of Chapter 2.04 (City Council) of Title 2 (Administration) of the La Puente Municipal Code, changing the date on which the City Council is reorganized. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING OPPOSING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S PROPOSED 2018 GENERAL RATE INCREASE (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY)

Council Member Holloway reported on the impact of Southern California Edison's proposed rate increase and noted the proposed increase would cost the City about $16,000 annually. He further noted several cities have opposed the increase and he requested City Council support for the resolution.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding cost savings and rate increases, Marissa Castro-Salvati, Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison, provided a brief overview of SCEs rate increase submittal process and she noted she would provide a cost savings breakdown to the City Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to adopt Resolution No. 17-5377 a resolution of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California, opposing Southern California Edison's Proposed 2018 General Rate increase. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Holloway reported on his recent attendance to Sparks Elementary School's fall fiesta and Sierra Vista Middle School's Veterans Day program, which both were great events.

Mayor Munoz reported a great Veterans Day celebration took place on Saturday, November 11, 2017, and thanked staff for their hard work and the community involvement. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Carmany reported that the Star Theater Environmental Impact Report is underway and expecting the historical analysis on November 17, 2017; strategic planning meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2018; an upcoming meeting with Valley Vista Services regarding disposition of bulky items; and harassment and ethics training is scheduled for December 20, 2017. He noted exciting news regarding the Joint Powers Insurance Authority's refund for liability coverage and worker's compensation. He stated in response to the City Council's inquiry, LA County Sheriff McDonnell supports the Taking Back Our Community Coalition. He further stated he would be out of the office beginning Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of December, 2017.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Violeta Lewis
Mayor/Chair