

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 23, 2018

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.lapuate.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, October 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Lewis, Holloway, Argudo (arrived at 7:07), Munoz, Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Attorney James Casso, Transition Manager Bob Lindsey, Director of Administrative Services Troy Butzlaff, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, Management Analyst Anissa Livas, Management, and City Engineer William Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sparks Middle School Principal Collin Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Analea Ruiz, Sparks Middle School student, spoke about being in leadership class and the responsibility of being a leader and not a follower. She noted several 8th grade activities and provided an update on the school's football and volleyball teams. She was proud to share on October 3, 2018, the school achieved 100% attendance for "CEBEDS day", and the school was rewarded with activities, raffle prizes, pizza, dancing and sports. She looks forward to displaying patriotic artwork in City Hall for Veterans Day; and she noted students are competing to represent the school at the upcoming turkey trot. She thanked the City Council for their continued involvement.

Mayor Lewis introduced Transition Manager Bob Lindsey.

Mayor Lewis presented a proclamation to Dr. Becky Ogaz proclaiming October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dr. Ogaz spoke about Becky's Angels International, and provided statistics on domestic violence.

Mayor Lewis presented a Certificate of Commendation to the La Puente Special Assignment Team of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Florencio Briones on behalf of Supervisor Hilda Solis, presented certificates to the La Puente Special Assignment Team of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Lewis presented Certificates of Commendation to Deputies Keith Holly, Viviana Marez, Jose Cruz, and Eric Nava in appreciation of their community and heroic efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway thanked law enforcement for the great job they do in the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Luevanos, One Legacy, gave statistics on patients waiting for organ donations. He noted many have signed up through the DMV as organ donors. He also thanked the City for its proclamation issued this past April. He reported on the Donate Life Transplant Games that were held in Utah; and announced the unveiling of the One Legacy Rose Parade float themed "Rhythm of the Heart." He invited the City Council to attend the first look event on December 12, 2018.

Refugeo Zavala spoke about the upcoming election and expressed her concern with candidates' campaign strategies.

Teresa Diaz spoke about the upcoming election and not selling your vote.

Drina Browning spoke about the upcoming election, FPPC regulations and election literature.

Manual Maldonado spoke about interviews conducted for candidates. He noted invitations were open to all candidates and there were 10-12 prepared questions asked. He further noted how proud he is of his kids and expressed his concern with missing campaign signs.

Frank Sanchez spoke about the upcoming election, code enforcement violations and campaign literature.

Dino Bakolas announced that the Old Town Puente Association is an official non-profit organization and requested the City Council's continued support for the annual La Puente Holiday Parade.

Virginia Reynoso spoke about the upcoming election and the need for more transparency.

Joel Torres spoke about issues with regard to the federal government. Mayor Lewis referred the matter to the La Puente Special Assignment Team.

Frank Sanchez Jr. spoke about his personal experiences with candidates of the upcoming election.

Marta Samano spoke about the upcoming election and missing signs from her house.

Eric Sanchez spoke about his personal experiences with candidates of the upcoming election.

Jessica Garcia spoke about her personal experiences with a candidate of the upcoming election.

Transition Manager Lindsey addressed missing political signs and the issue increasing significantly around the election. He noted the importance of acting respectful and dignified and stated with the increase of complaints the City is working with various law enforcement agencies and the City is reacting to this important issue.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway provided the City Council educational information from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and reported on a new program with regard to swimming pools.

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 9, 2018

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of October 9, 2018. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S OF LA PUENTE'S YEARLY CALENDAR

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding in-house production, smaller calendar size, eliminating mailing, partnership opportunities with local businesses and sponsorships to offset the cost.

Direction was provided to staff to move forward with the current calendar format and explore advertising, partnerships, sponsorships and then revisit early in 2019.

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Solis pulled item D-2, D-5 for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway pulled items D-6 and D-7 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, seconded by Council Member Solis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-3, D-4, and D-8. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1460

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 18-5449 approving Warrant Register No. 1460.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 2018 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

This item was pulled by Council Member Solis for further discussion. He stated the current format of the report is hard to understand. Administrative Services Director Butzlaff responded that moving forward the report would be provided in a different format.

The City Council received and filed the report.

D-3 PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 2018 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY ("CALRECYCLE") FOR GRANT PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE CITY IS ELIGIBLE

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-5450 authorizing the submittal of grant applications to CalRecycle for the Grant Program.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND JOSE GUTIERREZ FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 1040 UNRUH AVENUE

This item was pulled by Council Member Solis for further discussion. He noted this item had been going on too long. Council Member Argudo stated this matter should be discussed in closed session so the City Council could be provided with an update.

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report and history of the item. Discussion ensued regarding the letter of intent, the importance of affordable housing and current offers on the property.

Council Member Solis offered a substitute motion to deny consideration of the agreement and move on. With no second, the motion failed.

A motion was made by Mayor Lewis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve the Second Amended and Restated Settlement and Release Agreement between the City and Jose Gutierrez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TJS SERVICES, INC. FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, THE SENIOR CENTER AND COMMUNITY CENTER / YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,800.00 ANNUALLY

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway requested an explanation of the difference between having a new 3-year agreement versus two extensions to the current agreement. Director of Development Services Di Mario noted the current contract did not address payment in years 4 and 5 so staff went out to bid. He noted TJS was the lower bidder and does a good job for the City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve the Maintenance Services Agreement with TJS Services, Inc. for a three-year term at a monthly rate of \$4,150 or \$49,800 annually for the scope of services set forth in the Agreement.

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO VACATE THE ALLEY EASEMENT LOCATED ON ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8472-037-007 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway stated he was fine with the medical facility using the alley and confirmed that all costs of maintenance would be borne by them.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 18-5451 expressing the intent to vacate the alley easement located on Assessor Parcel Number 8472-037-007 and setting a time and place for a public hearing. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT FOR TRANSITION MANAGER SERVICES WITH ROBERT LINDSEY

Action taken: The City Council approved the Agreement for Transition Manager Services with Robert Lindsey.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

At the request of Council Member Argudo, Mayor Lewis moved Agenda Item E-3 to be heard prior to Agenda Item E-1.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF STREET USE AGREEMENT AND FEE WAIVER FOR THE OLD TOWN PUENTE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY STREET FAIR

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report regarding the Street Use Agreement and provided details of the fees associated with the proposed fee waiver.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of vendors, fees charged to the vendors, and profit to the association.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to: (1) approve the Street Use Agreement for the Old Town Puente Association's Annual Holiday Street Fair; and (2) provide direction regarding the request for a fee waiver for the Old Town Puente Association's Holiday Street Fair in the amount of \$10,500. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES CHARGED TO LA PUENTE LIVE VENDORS (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo requested a discussion on this matter as he was not in attendance at the City Council meeting when the business license fees charged to La Puente Live vendors were initially approved.

Discussion ensued regarding permit costs and reconsidering fees to increase vacancy rates.

Mayor Lewis recommended that the Comprehensive Fee Schedule Committee research fees and provide more information to the City Council.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM (COUNCIL MEMBER SOLIS)

Council Member Solis stated he needed to leave the meeting and requested Item E-2 be moved to the next scheduled City Council meeting.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 10:29 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

He further reported that City Manager Carmany's employment expires at the end of 2018 and pursuant to prior direction from the City Council, Mayor Lewis and City Manager Carmany signed a settlement and release agreement. City Attorney Casso noted that City Manager Carmany would be paid through the balance of the year for his services and the agreement was dated as of October 9, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway clarified the payment for services are per the City Manager's contract.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape and Lighting District: Nothing to report.

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Lewis noted a committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018.

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.

Noise Ordinance: Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Communications: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of November, 2018.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Violeta Lewis
Mayor/Chair