

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 13, 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.lapueente.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 13, 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, Munoz, Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Transition Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney James Casso, 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 Assistant Cece Dunlap, and City Engineer William Pagett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jackie Fonseca, Sierra Vista Middle School student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Morgan Navarro, Sunset Elementary School student, spoke about school activities such as the turkey trot event, Veterans Day ceremony, and the Great Shake Out event. She thanked the Hacienda La Puente School District Police and Sheriff Department for the leadership in helping their school stay safe. She noted they completed red ribbon week event by saying no to drugs and promoting healthy choices. She stated she is looking forward to upcoming LEAD events, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked all veterans for their service.

Angelica Hernandez, Sierra Vista Middle School student, spoke about red ribbon week and the door decorating contest that encouraged students to stay drug free. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Holloway for judging the contest. She noted during the fall fundraiser she sold 108 boxes of chocolate; and thanked the City Council for allowing the school to participate in the turkey trot and participation in their school's Veterans Day celebration.

Veronica Plata, Sparks Middle School student, spoke about her leadership class and noted what amazing person her teacher is. She shared Spartan updates such as the turkey trot event, and patriotic artwork created by students. She thanked the City Council for its partnership with Project LEAD and for giving the opportunity to learn about local government.

Adrian Garay, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about the S.T.A.R. (Stop Think Act and Reflect) program. He also explained the AR (Accelerated Reader) Wars, which students read books, take tests, receive points and compete against classes. He noted every grade has a goal to meet.

Lizabeth Lechuga, Workman Elementary School student, spoke about her participation and winning second place in the LEAD turkey trot and thanked those who cheered for the runners. She further spoke about “falling in love with reading” a book collecting event to donate books to an orphanage in Rosemead.

Mayor Lewis introduced La Puente High School Principal Fernando Sanchez, who presented certificates of recognition to the La Puente High School’s Girls Volleyball Team.

Mayor Lewis presented a certificate of recognition to Lieutenant Pete Cacheiro for his dedication to making the community safer and effecting change.

Elena Robles, on behalf of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, presented Lieutenant Cacheiro with a certificate.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Police Chief John Babbitt, presented Lieutenant Cacheiro with a certificate.

West Covina Police Chief Mark Taylor and Covina Police Chief John Curley, presented Lieutenant Cacheiro with a plaque.

Andrea Moreno, on behalf of Supervisor Hilda Solis, presented Lieutenant Cacheiro with a certificate.

Transition Manager Lindsey stated Lieutenant Cacheiro has been a big part of his life and exemplifies what everyone should want in law enforcement. He noted Lieutenant Cacheiro is a hero and thanked the Lieutenant’s family for allowing him to be at work so often and for their own sacrifices.

Captain Murakami stated he has high regard for Lieutenant Cacheiro as a professional, for the resources he has brought to the City and for keeping the crime rate down. He noted Lieutenant Cacheiro truly loves La Puente and is greatly appreciated by the Sheriff’s department.

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway thanked Lieutenant Cacheiro for his hard work in making the City better and acknowledged the SAO team for their great work.

Council Member Munoz thanked Lieutenant Cacheiro for everything he does, for putting the community first and for the extra resources he has brought to the City.

Council Member Solis stated he appreciates everything Lieutenant Cacheiro does for the City.

Council Member Argudo stated it has been a pleasure working with Lieutenant Cacheiro and thanked him for the positive changes he made to the City's code enforcement department.

Mayor Lewis announced that Lieutenant Cacheiro had recently been appointed to the Executive Board of National Little League and would be representing all Little Leagues in the United States. She spoke about Lieutenant Cacheiro's contributions to the community including arranging for food, clothing and shoes for the needy and that the Sheriff's team is here for the community year round.

At 7:51 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Council Member Solis announced per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2), he would like to add a matter to the agenda as Item E-5, as the item was brought before the City Council earlier in the day.

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to add a matter to the agenda as Item E-5, Consideration of an Employment Agreement for City Manager Services with Robert Lindsey, per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2). The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Maldonado noted he was happy to see the great number of people voting during the election and the importance of voting. He requested the sales tax increase be earmarked for certain expenditures and not placed into the general fund.

Mayor Lewis clarified the sales tax measure was placed on the ballot by the voters.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway noted the Mosquito and Vector Control District had a discussion about stormwater issues and the effect on the District and residents. He further noted there are new devices to capture trash from storm drains, which provides a breeding ground for mosquitos. He stated the District is working with elected officials for consideration on new regulations.

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 23, 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 23, 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

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION VACATING THE PUBLIC ALLEY EASEMENT LOCATED ON ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8472-037-007 (ALSO KNOWN AS 1103 NORTH HACIENDA BOULEVARD) WITHIN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing.

Manuel Maldonado spoke about homeless in the alley and questioned if they will be attracted to the area if it is landscaped. Director of Development Services Di Mario noted the alley referenced by Mr. Maldonado is a different alley and the siteplan incorporates a gate so parking will be secure. He further noted the alley will remain one way.

Mayor Lewis closed the public hearing.

In response to a question by Council Member Argudo, Director of Development Services Di Mario noted the gate will open during business hours then closed after. The project applicant confirmed all clearances had been received by the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Holloway, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 18-5452, vacating the public alley easement located on Assessor Parcel Number 8472-037-007 (also known as 1103 North Hacienda Boulevard) within the City of La Puente and notice of exemption regarding same. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B-2 CONSIDERATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES ASSESSED BY THE CITY FOR SERVICES AND MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff provided a staff report and recommended the City Council schedule the public hearing on this matter for January 22, 2019.

Council Member Munoz stated the ad hoc committee met on November 8, 2018 to review fees, increases, park programs, and review the schedules. She noted the ad hoc committee will bring this item back to the City Council for review. Council Member Argudo noted that there are deficiencies and opportunities and thanked staff for providing necessary information.

Mayor Lewis opened the public hearing. There being no speakers wishing to speak, Mayor Lewis continued the public hearing to January 22, 2019.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-4 and D-5. 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 NOS. 1461 AND 59

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

Council Member Solis requested and was provided clarification on several warrant register items.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Solis, to adopt Resolution No. 18-5453 approving Warrant Register No. 1461 and Resolution No. SA 18-87 approving Warrant Register No. 59. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARR & CLARK, INC. FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND INCREASE THE PAYMENT AMOUNT BY \$15,000

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

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Solis, Director of Development Services Di Mario explained the grant and loan payback process. Discussion ensued regarding the period of the agreement for asbestos and testing of lead paint.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve Amendment No. 3 with Barr & Clark, Inc. for asbestos and lead based paint testing services and authorize the Transition Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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

Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff noted that the policy will have no cost to the City and is modeled after the JPIA policy for staff when using third party media sites.

Council Member Holloway was given clarification by City Attorney Casso on potential Brown Act violations in regards to social media usage.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Lewis regarding photos of children, Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff noted that the City should have a standard policy regarding parental consent for taking photos of children at City events.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 18-5454 adopting a Social Media Policy for the City La Puente. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING A FEE WAIVER FOR THE MAINTENANCE, FIELD USE, FIELD LIGHTS AND EVENT SECURITY AND ABSORBING THE COST OF THE SPECIAL EVENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LA PUENTE YOUTH COALITION'S USE OF LA PUENTE PARK FOR A COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 18-5455 approving a request for a fee waiver for the Youth Coalition's Carnival.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC., FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO CONSENT TO THE TRANSFER TO SIEMENS MOBILITY, INC.

Action taken: The City Council approved Amendment No. 1 with Siemens Mobility, Inc., for traffic signal maintenance services.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM (COUNCIL MEMBER SOLIS)

Council Member Solis provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's graffiti abatement program. Discussion ensued regarding color matching, setting basic guidelines with maintenance staff, cost recovery, Puente Pride Commission involvement, Code Enforcement assistance, and creating a system for tracking graffiti.

Transition Manager Lindsey noted that he has met with the Maintenance team and there is a plan in place for best abatement practices. Council Member Holloway requested a report back in a reasonable amount of time regarding graffiti abatement progress.

- E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SERVICE LEVELS AND LA PUENTE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TEAM (MAYOR LEWIS)

Discussion ensued regarding adding an additional deputy to the Special Assignment Team and increasing the amount of funding in the budget to \$50,000 for saturation patrol. Transition Manager Lindsey noted that the additional deputy will be a growth item.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Lewis, to add an additional \$50,000 to the budget and bring in additional SAO member through the growth item process. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Director of Administrative Services Butzlaff indicated that the necessary budget adjustments will be brought back during the mid-year budget review for City Council approval.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CASTING THE CITY'S VOTES FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT CITIES WITHOUT PRESCRIPTIVE WATER PUMPING RIGHTS ON THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Mayor Lewis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 18-5456 casting the City's votes for Valerie Munoz to represent cities without prescriptive water pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING PUENTE PRIDE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (MAYOR LEWIS)

Mayor Lewis requested a discussion regarding the recent vacancy on the Puente Pride Commission. Discussion ensued regarding modernizing and updating the Puente Pride bylaws and changing direction for the commission. Puente Pride Commissioner, Deborah Pringle, commented on issues of property upkeep, beautifying the La Puente community, adopting a family, community involvement, and expanding the Commission's impact.

City Council further discussed beautification awards, elderly and disabled property owners, observing apartment complexes as well as homes, and adding more members to the Commission. Council Member Solis and Mayor Lewis were appointed to the Puente Pride Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Lewis stated that the Ad Hoc Committee would review the bylaws regarding vacancies and adding more members.

E-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES WITH ROBERT LINDSEY

Council Member Solis requested this item be added to the agenda per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2)

City Attorney Casso presented a draft employment agreement that was negotiated with Transition Manager Lindsey. He noted negotiations were completed at 9:45 a.m., and final resolution was made at approximately 4:00 p.m. City Attorney Casso noted that the employment agreement is for a 2-year term with Transition Manager Lindsey serving as interim City Manager effective immediately and as City Manager effective January 1,

2019, through and including the termination date of the contract on December 31, 2020. City Attorney Casso further spoke regarding pay and benefits.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Employment Agreement for City Manager Services with Robert Lindsey. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 10:04 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda. At the request of Council Member Solis, Item 3 was removed from the agenda.

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)
2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (two potential cases)
3. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, TITLE: CITY MANAGER
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) (Council Member Solis)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 10:49 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 taken.

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 2, on both matters, direction was given to the City Manager and City Attorney's office. Nothing further to report.

City Attorney Casso noted there was a motion to continue the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m.

City Attorney Casso reported as to Item 2, Council Member Argudo recused himself from the second matter due to a potential or actual conflict of interest.

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 November 16, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Holloway inquired on ethics training; and he thanked staff and everyone involved in the Veterans Day ceremony.

Mayor Lewis noted the Veterans Day ceremony was beautiful and well-attended by members of the community; and she was pleased with the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Public Safety office held on November 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

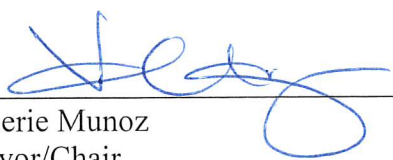
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:52 p.m. in the memory of Ventura County Sergeant Helus.

Approved this 8th day of January, 2019.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Valerie Munoz
Mayor/Chair