

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
EMERGENCY MEETING OF
MARCH 13, 2020

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.

An Emergency 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 Friday, March 13, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

8:00 A.M. AGENDA
EMERGENCY SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Holloway, Solis.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jamie Casso, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma and Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

SM-1 CONSIDERATION OF IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENCY ACTIONS PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 AND IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 REGARDING THE USE OF ALL CITY FACILITIES AND CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 13, 2020 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2020

Mayor Klinakis, out of concern for the health and safety of the community, recommended the closure of some events and programs in the City through the end of March, per the new state directive. He further recommended that prior to the end of March, the City Council reevaluate the climate of the virus and make an informed decision as to moving forward.

Mayor Klinakis sought input from the City Council regarding programs and events that he would like to postpone and noted that Mayor Pro Tem Lewis was in concurrence with the items being discussed.

City Council directed the closure of the Senior Center noting that senior lunches be frozen and available for pick up. It was further directed to provide educational outreach to seniors regarding symptoms of COVID-19.

City Council directed the suspension of all recreation classes, passport services and the Tiny Tots program at the Community Center.

Due to a lack of direction from Boys and Girls Club leadership, the City Council agreed that the suspension of programs at the Community Center be applied across the board and directed the Boys and Girls Club program be suspended.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Klinakis regarding the duties of community services staff during the closure to the public, Director Lerma stated that Staff will be cleaning and organizing, and working on grants for the La Puente Park. She further noted that community services staff will be observing City Hall hours through the end of the month, and noted that facility reservations will be cancelled and part-time staff will continue to be scheduled according to their availability.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Holloway regarding the impact of hours on part-time Code Enforcement and Maintenance staff, City Manager Lindsey noted that their duties and hours will continue as usual.

The City Council directed the postponement of La Puente Live, the Youth Coalition Carnival, Little League Parade and opening day festivities.

City Manager Lindsey reported the following: Staff are working on obtaining cleaning agents and taking other measures to protect front counter staff; signage regarding health safety will be posted at City Hall; and City Hall will be closed on March 20 and 27, 2020 to allow staff to telecommute. He further reported that Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis met with City Hall and Community Center staff and advised staff to report concerns immediately.

Mayor Klinakis appointed himself and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis to the Public Health ad hoc committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to direct staff to close the Senior Center, close the Community Center and all uses of the Community Center by the public, cancel the Coalition Carnival and Little League Parade, order City Hall to close Friday March 20, 2020 and Friday March 27, 2020, and have staff provide notices, and create a Public Health ad hoc committee. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis stated that he is working to set up a joint meeting with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District and the Bassett Unified School District regarding school closures.

Council Member Holloway reported that all LEAD program events have been cancelled.

Mayor Klinakis stated that at the next City Council meeting, mechanisms will be put in place for the public to participate in compliance with the Brown Act. He noted that the Public Health ad hoc committee will keep the City Council informed as they talk to the City Manager and staff daily, and noted that the City Council will call additional meetings as necessary to keep residents informed.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Approved this 26th day of March, 2020.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair

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