

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
MAY 26, 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.

A Special 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, May 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Lewis (via teleconference), Munoz (via teleconference), Holloway (via teleconference), Solis.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jamie Casso (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma (via teleconference), and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

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 MAY 7, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Solis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of May 7, 2020. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Lewis, Holloway, 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RELIEF

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report regarding three possible programs related to food vouchers, emergency rental and mortgage assistance, and small business loans or grants, which may be funded with the supplemental CDBG funding available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act").

Director of Community Services Lerma provided an update on the Great Plates program, including the application process and requirements for restaurants and residents interested in the program.

Discussion ensued regarding costs of the Great Plates program, restrictions for residents interested in applying to the program, and the senior lunch program.

Direction was given to Staff to continue moving forward with the Great Plates program and bring back recommendations and guidelines for a program that can assist local businesses and underserved youth and families.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 RECEIVE AND FILE THE 2019 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the 2019 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and (2) directed Staff to submit the report to HCD and OPR.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR REHABILITATION OF THE SUNNY GARDEN SENIOR APARTMENTS

Action taken: The City Council approved the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Los Angeles Community Development Authority for rehabilitation of the Sunny Garden Senior apartments.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022, 2022-2023 AND 2023-2024

Action taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 20-5556; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for Fiscal Years 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

City Manager Lindsey requested direction from the City Council regarding extending the postponement of issuing street sweeping parking citations.

Discussion ensued regarding sending notices to the public regarding resuming street sweeping citation issuance beginning July 6, 2020, maintenance around the City, reopening City Hall, GoRequests, firework stands, the 3rd of July firework show, and the summer lunch program.

Director of Development Services Di Mario reported that Staff will bring the firework stand permits item for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

Director Di Mario provided an update on maintenance Staff duties including bus shelter maintenance.

Discussion ensued regarding reopening procedures for City facilities and staffing levels for City Hall.

Direction was given to Staff to meet with the Business Outreach and Reopening ad hoc committee to bring back recommendations on reopening City Hall to the public.

E-2 ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM BUDGET UPDATE

Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell provided a presentation.

Council Member Lewis requested a report on the number of animal pet licenses that have been issued, the revenue of the issued licenses, the process of enforcing animal pet licensing, how the animal control division program is structured, and the daily duties of animal control staff.

Discussion ensued regarding a coyote management program, feral cats, and the City Council's involvement in the expansion of Animal Control programs.

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

At 10:48 a.m. Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting and reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

E-3 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE CITY AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report on the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff provide a budget update at the second City Council meeting of every month.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested that Staff provide a comprehensive budget report of all part-time and full-time City employees and provide recommendations in reducing the projected budget deficit.

Direction was given to Staff to bring this item back in June with the requested information.

The Communications ad hoc committee noted they would explore options to provide additional accessibility of City Council meetings to all residents.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Nothing to report.

Military Banner Recognition Program: Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Electronic Billboards: Nothing to report.

Education and Puente Pride Commissions: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Violeta Lewis requested the City Clerk enter the following written statement into the record verbatim.

As an elected councilmember representing the people of La Puente for the past eight years, I have become increasingly concerned about the lack of transparency and additional challenges that have presented during this pandemic. Regular meetings have been rescheduled to special meetings and the public is limited due to lack of real-time access to meeting participation. Council agenda items often do not have a published staff report, which can prove problematic for historical purposes and requires repeated follow-up to obtain requested information. The City's revenues for fiscal year 20-21 are uncertain due to the devastating impact of COVID-19. This council is facing some difficult decisions in the next few weeks including balancing measures to address an immediate and significant budget shortfall. I want to urge the city council to be an example of responsible governance and support full transparency to increase access to the public such as live video streaming for council meetings, improved quality of audio recording and streaming, and comprehensive agenda packets.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Solis regarding construction at La Puente Park, City Manager Lindsey noted discussions are taking place between Leonida Builders and Willdan Engineering regarding the original design and the work that had been conducted at the park. Both parties are working towards resolving the outstanding issues.

Council Member Holloway requested that the meeting be adjourned in honor of 2020 Graduates.

Council Member Munoz congratulated 2020 Graduates and thanked staff and the rest of the City Council for their continued hard work.

Mayor Klinakis reported that the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District will be hosting a drive-through graduation for high school seniors. Direction was given to Staff to provide congratulatory banners for all schools.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

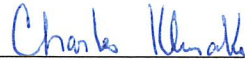
City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff and Director of Administrative Services Grunklee for their time, effort and work put into the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Proposed Budget. He also noted that Staff is working hard to ensure transparency amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. in honor of all 2020 Graduates.

Approved this 23rd day of June, 2020.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair