

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 25, 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.lapuate.org.

A Closed Session and 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, August 25, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

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 and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:
Agency Designated Representatives: Bob Lindsey, City Manager
Employee Organization: SEIU, Local 721

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Casso reported that as to Item 1, direction was given to the City Manager and no final action was taken.

7:00 P.M. AGENDA OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Lewis (via teleconference), Holloway (via teleconference), Munoz (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, Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christine Salazar spoke regarding the importance of the Census and the City's outreach efforts.

Susie Lacey expressed her concern regarding a dog attack that occurred within the City.

Ricardo Martinez expressed his concern regarding the City's efforts in promoting the Census and the City's low response rate for the Census.

William Scott expressed his concern regarding a dog attack that occurred within the City.

Anthony Orozco requested that the City Council commit to a town hall discussion.

Joe Baltista expressed his concerns regarding the need for aid for La Puente small businesses.

Bryan Coreas submitted an email regarding the importance of the Census.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Holloway reported that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District is in the process of interviewing for a new attorney and held a communications ad hoc committee meeting where they rolled out a new mosquito mascot.

Council Member Munoz reported that the San Gabriel Valley Water Quality Authority meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 1, 2020 to discuss legislative updates and will notify the City Council and residents when the date of the meeting is confirmed.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF AUGUST 11, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member Holloway, seconded by Council Member Solis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of August 11, 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 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMIT PARKING

City Manager Lindsey provided an update and reported that Staff is compiling various materials and information regarding permit parking and will be sending the information to the City Attorney for review. He stated that the item will be brought back to the City Council at a future City Council meeting.

Council Member Holloway reported that he has noticed an overwhelming amount of people and cars in the Del Valle area.

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

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-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1494

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 20-5576 approving Warrant Register No. 1494.

- D-2 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2020 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

- D-3 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2020 MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

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

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TWO VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES

Action taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 20-5577 declaring as surplus property, two vehicles in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL VMT ANALYSIS MODEL

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS, AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved Assignment and Assumption of Grant Agreement between the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open District, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, and the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

At the request of Mayor Klinakis, Item E-4 was moved and heard before Item E-1 on the agenda.

E-4 PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING LA PUENTE PARK RULES AND USE

Director of Community Services Lerma provided an update and reported that at the request of the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee and the City Manager, Staff has split the original La Puente Park rules and use guide into 2 sections: general rules, and facility use rules.

Mayor Klinakis reported that the item will come back at a future City Council meeting, and further reported that the Comprehensive Fee Schedule ad hoc committee will be meeting at a future date.

Council Member Holloway inquired regarding the new park rules on marijuana, conducting business, and overnight parking.

Council Member Solis inquired regarding the use of remote-control cars and glass containers at the park and requested that rules regarding kicking and hitting balls against the park's fences be implemented.

Mayor Klinakis noted that the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee will be meeting on Friday, August 31, 2020 and will bring back recommendations.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing dogs on the park's grass.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back the dog discussion as a separate item and bring back additional information from other cities' dog rules and input from La Puente residents.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Munoz regarding the storage of sports equipment, Mayor Klinakis noted that storage will be included under the facility use rules.

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

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5578, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 721

City Attorney Casso provided a staff report regarding the MOU between the City and the SEIU.

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Council Member Holloway, to adopt Resolution No. 20-5578 approving the MOU with the SEIU for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE DESIGN OF THE COVID-19 SPACING SHIELDS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding the design of COVID-19 spacing shields to be installed in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis recommended that City Council meetings be moved to the courtyard at the La Puente Community Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the fiscal impact of installing spacing shields at all City facilities, the spacing differences between the chambers and the courtyard, the technical limitations of the Zoom platform, and the Staff and equipment needed to move the Council meetings to the Community Center.

Mayor Klinakis recommended to allow persons to speak at City Hall and remain outside if they wish to listen to the remainder of the City Council meeting.

City Attorney Casso noted that current State and local restrictions allow a maximum of ten individuals to gather.

Council Member Munoz recommended to allow the public to comment in person, as well as call-in and email, as a first phase of re-opening City Council meetings.

Mayor Klinakis provided direction to Staff to provide a method for the public to participate in oral communications in person during City Council meetings.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING MEASURE LP (PUBLIC SAFETY, VITAL SERVICES AND NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION MEASURE) INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT BOARD AND ANNUAL AUDIT PROCEDURES (MAYOR PRO TEM LEWIS)

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that concerns were brought forth to her by constituents on why the Citizen's Oversight Board for Measure LP and annual audit procedures have not been established.

Discussion ensued regarding the establishment and guidelines of a Citizen's Oversight Board.

Council Member Munoz recommended that Staff begin reviewing and bring back to City Council for consideration an oversight committee that is inclusive of general members of the Community.

Discussion ensued regarding establishing the definition of a citizen oversight committee and their duties and functions.

Direction was given to Staff to communicate with the City's auditor regarding Measure LP and bring back the item with additional information on what other special fund committees consist of.

At the request of Mayor Klinakis, Item E-4 was moved and heard before Item E-1 on the agenda.

E-5 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING STORAGE FACILITY AND CAPABILITY AT LA PUENTE PARK FOR YOUTH SPORTS AND FOR CITY ACTIVITIES (COUNCIL MEMBER SOLIS)

Council Member Solis presented storage options for sports equipment.

Discussion ensued regarding the different locations for the storage space and their cost.

Council Member Munoz recommended to move forward with upgrading the women's restroom that is closest to Hacienda Boulevard, potentially providing additional space for storage, and establishing a workstation for Staff members to be accessible and visible on that side of the park.

Discussion ensued regarding the La Puente Park Master Plan ad hoc committee's previous discussions and recommendations, the aesthetics of the storage containers in the newly renovated park, the storage area needs for varying sports, the security of the storage containers, and the implementation of a work station at the snack bar for Staff members and law enforcement to utilize for monitoring the park.

Mayor Klinakis provided direction to Staff to bring back costs for renovating the restrooms and recommended that City Council members make arrangements to walk the park individually with Staff.

E-6 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FENCE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS GATE

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report regarding St. Joseph's request that the City remove the concrete planter on the west side of the La Puente Park that is obstructing the construction of their school fence and pedestrian access gate.

Discussion ensued regarding the removal of the planter and the surrounding trees.

City Manager Lindsey noted that Director Lerma is currently working on revising the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and St. Joseph School, and would bring the item back at a future City Council meeting.

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the removal of the concrete planter located on the west side of La Puente Park; and (2) authorized the City Manager to provide direction to the City Attorney's office to draft an amendment to the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and St. Joseph School.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Holloway reported that the food bank lost their refrigerator, freezer, and cooler, and is looking for places to store food.

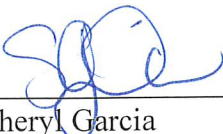
Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested that the City Council discuss a plan for the Census at the next City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that Staff has been listening in to the City Council meetings from various remote locations and reported that the audio is working fine for them. He offered assistance to those having audio challenges.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair