

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Munoz.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jamie Casso (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee (via teleconference), Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap and Office Specialist Martha Aguirre.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Veronica Zamora expressed her concerns regarding the moratorium on parking citations during street sweeping.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

- A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS – None
- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None
- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM UTILIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CARES ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RELIEF

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report and update on the local business in La Puente that applied for the Business Assistant Grant Program, and requested direction from City Council regarding the remaining CARES Act Supplemental funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that additional funding for the program is the right move for the business community within the City.

Council Member Solis stated that the program is great for the Community.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Solis, to approve the remaining \$70,000 of CARES Act Funds to continue funding for the Business Assistant Grant Program utilizing the Community Development Block Grant – Cares Supplemental Funding for Coronavirus Relief. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis pulled Items D-1 and D-3 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis, to approve Consent Calendar Item D-2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO HARRIS STEEL FENCE COMPANY, INC. FOR LA PUENTE PARK ATHLETIC SOFTBALL FIELDS FENCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,219.00

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis pulled this item for further discussion.

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report regarding the replacement of fencing, painting of existing posts and rails, and installation of new fencing fabric at the two La Puente Park softball fields.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Lewis regarding the bidding of the two Little League fields, City Manager Lindsey noted that because of the complexity of the Little League fields' renovation, the Little League fields will be put out to bid separately.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Solis regarding the outfield fencing of the softball fields, Director Di Mario noted that the outfield fencing for the softball fields will be included in the Little League fields' bid.

A motion was made by Council Member Solis, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) award the contract to Harris Steel Fence Company, Inc. in the amount of \$93,219.00; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF APPLICATION(S) FOR PROPOSITION 68 PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS

Action taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 20-5580 approving the application(s) for the Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds with the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO FUND AN ABOVE-GRADE BOWL AT THE IAN C. CALDERON SKATE PARK

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis pulled this item for further discussion.

Per City Council's direction at the August 11, 2020 City Council meeting to inform Spohn Ranch that the City is interested in partnering with them on their proposed partnership offer, Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report regarding a resolution to appropriate funding for the above-grade bowl at the Ian C. Calderon Skate Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis expressed her concern with regard to the expenditure of funds at this time. Discussion ensued regarding the City's timely commitment to the appropriation of funds to allow Spohn Ranch to begin the fundraising process.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Solis, to adopt Resolution No. 20-5581 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the amount of \$35,000. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Solis
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Lewis

ABSENT: Munoz

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING STREET SWEEPING AND CONTINUING MORATORIUM (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Mayor Klinakis stated that due to concerns of residents, he is in favor of issuing warnings to residents, canvassing the entire City, and resuming the issuance of parking citations on October 15, 2020.

Council Member Solis agreed and requested that signs be placed on posts in the City to inform residents.

City Manager Lindsey noted that Staff has designed a bilingual flyer to inform residents, along with Census information on the flyer, and it will be posted on social media.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis noted that many residents are still struggling amid the COVID-19 pandemic and recommended a 45-day notice before reimplementing the issuance of parking citations.

Council Member Solis recommended that the issuance of parking citations resume on November 1, 2020.

City Attorney Casso stated Staff understood City Council's direction and a revised proclamation would be brought back at the next City Council meeting indicating that the issuance of parking citations would resume on November 1, 2020.

Mayor Klinakis further requested that Staff continue looking into allowing residents to park their vehicles on their driveways.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING 2020 CENSUS ACTION PLAN (MAYOR PRO TEM LEWIS)

Accountant Principal Merkel-Medina provided a staff report regarding the City's outreach efforts in promoting and informing residents about the Census. He further reported that the City will be receiving a plaque from the U.S. Census Bureau in honor of the City's partnership with the bureau.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis requested that Census information be posted on the City's social media outlets every day and recommended that the City reach out to churches to assist in informing residents.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the federal government should extend the Census deadline, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Lindsey reported that the US Census Bureau stated that information regarding unresponsive addresses and census walkers within the City are not disclosable to City staff. He

noted that Staff have been working along with Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's office to figure out why the Census Bureau will not disclose the number of census walkers within the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that the Census is critical to the future of the community.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Solis requested that Item D-3 be brought at the next City Council meeting for reconsideration.

Mayor Klinakis reported the passing of Council Member Dan Holloway and thanked everyone for reaching out.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that she will miss Council Member Holloway very much and sent her condolences to his family.

Council Member Solis stated that Council Member Holloway will be missed, and he truly cared about the City. He sent condolences to his family.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the City Council for coming together during this difficult time and stated that Council Member Holloway was dedicated and cared very much for the City. He stated that he and Staff will miss Council Member Holloway.

City Attorney Casso stated that Council Member Holloway will be dearly missed, and he was a great steward for the City.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m. in memory of Council Member Dan Holloway.

Approved this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair

