

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
DECEMBER 4, 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 Friday, December 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
TITLE: INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 11:04 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

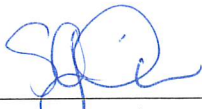
Former City Attorney Casso reported that he was informed that the City Council, on a 4-0 vote, appointed Rick Olivarez of Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP as the City of La Puente's interim city attorney. City Council requested a legal services agreement from Mr. Olivarez, to be presented on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at a special City Council meeting.

Attorney Casso further reported that Mayor Pro Tem Lewis advised that she is an employee of White Memorial Hospital Corporation, and Mr. Olivarez, according to his professional resume, serves as President of White Memorial Medical Center Charitable Foundation. It was Attorney Casso and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis's understanding that the charitable foundation and the corporation are two separate legal entities and Mayor Pro Tem Lewis has nothing to do with the charitable foundation and Mr. Olivarez has nothing to do with the corporate entity's operations. Mayor Pro Tem Lewis confirmed she is an employee of the corporation and not an employee of the charitable foundation.

Attorney Casso further reported that Council Member Munoz serves as a board member on the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and Mr. Olivarez provides legal services to the Authority. Attorney Casso stated he does not see any conflict with Council Member Munoz's participation in the approval of Mr. Olivarez as the interim city attorney or his continued service with regard to the Authority. Attorney Casso further stated if there are any legal or ethical conflicts, Mr. Olivarez will take the requisite steps to get conflict waivers. Council Member Munoz confirmed that she is a board member for the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Approved this 12th day of January, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair