

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 12, 2021

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.lapuente.org.

A 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, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: : None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Victor Ponto (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee (via teleconference), Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Garcia (via teleconference), Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap and Office Specialist Martha Aguirre.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Aaron Perez, Danny Deharo, and Cassie Valenzuela expressed their concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

Mario Contreras expressed his concern regarding food truck hygiene and commended the City Council and City Manager Lindsey for their great work.

Tammy Ortuno expressed her concern regarding gang-related violence in the community and presented the City Council with a letter from the La Puente Safety Alliance and requested that it be entered into the record.

Sandra Deharo expressed her concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

John Solis spoke regarding the opening of the La Puente Park, recommended reaching out to Supervisor Hilda Solis regarding a joint task force to combat gang-related violence, and recommended reenacting Citizens on Patrol program.

Ruben Deharo, Elisabel Garcia, Diana Solis, and Dominic Deharo expressed their concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

Anthony Robles submitted a written comment regarding Measure J.

Jessica Garcia submitted a written comment regarding her concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

Mrs Garcia submitted a written comment regarding Council Member Argudo.

Marisela Deharo submitted a written comment expressing her concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

The following individuals submitted written comments regarding agenda Item E-6: Andrey Garcia-Ponce De Leon Justice LA Coalition Root & Rebound Gangs To Glory Opportunity Foundation 2021 ADEM Candidate AD-48, Symphony Ponce San Bernardino Free Them All Gangs To Glory Opportunity Foundation, Victor San Bernardino Free Them All Gangs To Glory Opportunity Foundation Justice LA Coalition, and Ernie Muniz San Bernardino Free Them All.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

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 NOVEMBER 10, NOVEMBER 19, NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 4 AND DECEMBER 8, 2020

Council Member Argudo recused himself from Item A-1.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of November 10, November 19, November 23, December 4 and December 8, 2020. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Munoz, Lewis, Quinones
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None
RECUSED:	Argudo

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

This item was considered after Item E-6.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Items D-2 through D-4 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-5 through D-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1500

Council Member Argudo recused himself from this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5603 approving Warrant Register No. 1500. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Lewis, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: Argudo

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE MAINTENANCE YARD AND BATTING CAGES FENCING

Council Member Argudo pulled Items D-2 through D-4 for further discussion. He stated these items are notices of completion for completed projects related to La Puente Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-2 through D-4. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Lewis
ABSENT: None

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE LA PUENTE PARK ATHLETIC FIELD RENOVATION

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE IAN C. CALDERON SKATE PARK AND BASKETBALL COURTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-5 UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LAST AND FINAL RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS)

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

D-6 PRESENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND SINGLE AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Action taken: The City Council received and filed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the Independent Accountant's report on the Appropriations Limit Worksheet, the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control, and the Statement on Auditing Standard No. 114 Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR LA PUENTE PARK ATHLETIC FIELD SOD INSTALLATION

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

At the request of Council Member Argudo, Mayor Klinakis directed that Items E-5 and E-6 be heard at this time.

E-5 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING OPENING OF PORTIONS OF LA PUENTE PARK (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the opening of the skate park and basketball courts of the La Puente Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz agreed with Council Member Argudo and noted that the proper protocols and ordinances need to be in place prior to the opening.

Council Member Lewis expressed her concern regarding the opening of the park due to being in the middle of a peak of the COVID-19 pandemic and stated that it would be inappropriate to open up the park at this time.

Council Member Argudo stated that the City should be prepared with the necessary documents to open the park when it is deemed safe to do so.

Council Member Quinones agreed that the City should be ready for the opening.

Mayor Klinakis recommended that Staff prepare the ordinances to ensure all proper protocols for the park opening are in place when it is deemed safe to open according to local, state, and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19.

City Attorney Ponto noted that Staff will work on various options for City Council to consider.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo to move forward with the recommended suggestion of a target date of February 10, 2021, have legal come back with some options for City Council, and to potentially adopt an urgency ordinance and move towards a permanent ordinance, if necessary. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

E-6 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING INCREASE IN CRIME/GANG VIOLENCE IN THE CITY (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo gave his condolences to the victims of gun violence and those affected, and spoke regarding the need for innovative strategies to reduce crime and gang violence in the City. He further spoke regarding funding related to the Special Assignment Officers (SAO) team.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided an update on revenue, expenditures, and HDL projections.

Council Member Argudo stated that a short-term plan and long-term plan are needed and the monies are available to supply additional deputies and a vehicle.

Director Grunklee confirmed that the funds are available for an additional two deputies and an additional vehicle.

Captain Bobby Wyche of the Industry Sheriff's Station provided an update on crime statistics within the City.

Discussion ensued regarding the crime statistics, the duties of the potential additional deputies, and the implementation of Citizens on Patrol program.

Council Member Lewis thanked Captain Wyche for the presentation and inquired regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds related to the Sheriff's activity.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the trends in gang graffiti and gang recruitment and regarding the effects that funding cuts have had on the Sheriff's Department.

Council Member Quinones thanked Captain Wyche and the SAO team for their service and noted that long-term programs are necessary.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the response times of the SAO team and the expected benchmark of the Industry Sheriff's station.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he would reach out to the Mayors of surrounding cities and the County to create partnerships and programs to combat crime and gang-related violence.

Council Member Argudo suggested the creation of a citizens ad hoc committee that he would like to serve on.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to add 3 additional Sheriff's deputies for the remainder of the fiscal year. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report regarding the continuation of the City's senior services, housing rehabilitation, and code enforcement programs through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

In response to Council Member Lewis's inquiry regarding the use of CDBG funds for Sheriff-related activity, Director Di Mario noted that CDBG funds may be used to address anti-crime activities, programs, or projects.

Council Member Lewis suggested that Staff provide different options for programs utilizing CDBG funds to improve the community.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back information regarding options for additional programs utilizing CDBG funds for City Council consideration.

Office Specialist Aguirre noted no public comments were received for this matter. The mayor, noting there were no comments on the matter, entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5602 authorizing the City's CDBG Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF: (1) APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL BOARDS; AND (2) RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIFIC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Klinakis made the following appointments to regional boards, commissions and committees:

Council Member Argudo as the delegate and Council Member Quinones as the alternate to the California Contract Cities Association.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz as the alternate to Sanitation Districts 15 and 21.

Council Member Lewis as the delegate and Council Member Argudo as the alternate to the League of California Cities.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate and Council Member Lewis as the alternate to the City Selection Committee.

Council Member Quinones as the delegate and Council Member Argudo as the alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Council Member Quinones as the delegate and Mayor Klinakis, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, Council Member Argudo, and Council Member Lewis as the alternates to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz as the delegate and Council Member Lewis as the alternate to the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5604 Appointing Specific Representatives to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO AD HOC COMMITTEES

Mayor Klinakis established the following ad hoc committees:

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Lewis would serve on the Code Enforcement ad hoc committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Lewis would serve on the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis disbanded the Military Banner Recognition Program ad hoc committee and requested Staff to come back with a revised program for City Council consideration.

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Quinones would serve on the Comprehensive Fee Schedule ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis disbanded the Electronic Billboard ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis disbanded the Education and Puente Pride Commissions ad hoc committee and requested Staff to come back with a new format for City Council consideration.

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Argudo would serve on the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Lewis would serve on the Public Health ad hoc committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Quinones would serve on the Business Outreach and Reopening ad hoc committee.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ONGOING CITY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH FOOD BANK (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Mayor Klinakis provided an update on the food bank at the United Methodist Church.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concern regarding City Staff assisting with the food bank during work hours.

City Manager Lindsey noted that the Sheriff's Department assists in keeping the streets and City safe during the food bank event.

Direction was given to Staff to work with legal counsel on options for City staff assisting with the food bank.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING EMPLOYEE LEAVE PAY BASED ON EXPIRATION OF BENEFITS FROM THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (FFCRA) (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report and requested direction regarding the continuation of Families First Coronavirus Response Act employee leave pay.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for employee leave pay.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Lewis, to continue to provide paid sick leave to employees through June 30, 2021, and revisit at the end of the fiscal year. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Lewis, Quinones
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked everyone for their participation at the meeting and noted that oral communications are being conducted in a safe manner and all protocols are being maintained.

Council Member Quinones thanked everyone that spoke during oral communications and gave his condolences to the families affected by gun violence.

Council Member Argudo congratulated Council Member Quinones on his victory and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gabriela Deharo-Perez and Santiago Garcia. He requested that Staff continue to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.

Council Member Lewis stated that everyone must remain diligent in adhering to COVID-19 protocols.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz gave her condolences to the families affected by gun violence and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey gave his condolences to the family and friends of Gabriela Deharo-Perez and thanked them for coming to City Hall to speak.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in memory of Gabriela Elizabeth Deharo-Perez and Santiago Garcia at 10:18 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of January, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair