

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 9, 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.lapuate.org.

A Special Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente were held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Victor Ponto (via teleconference) and City Clerk Garcia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (Two potential cases)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:07 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Ponto reported that as to Item 1, direction was given to the City Attorney's office and there was no reportable action.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:08 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), City Clerk Garcia, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee (via teleconference), Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina and Management Analyst Hector Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Management Analyst Hernandez presented a service award and certificate of recognition to Maintenance Superintendent Ricardo Carrillo for his 15 years of service with the City of La Puente.

Jesse Mund of Flock Safety provided a presentation regarding the installation of public safety cameras.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of installing the cameras for public safety, the ability for the cameras to capture certain crimes, and the initial assessment and proposal for installing the cameras in the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding small businesses and vendors being affected by the pandemic.

Anita Morales spoke regarding community organizations being allowed to join the Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee.

Council Member Argudo noted that the ad hoc committee is building the framework of the committee to get organized and plan to invite other organizations at future meetings.

Anthony Orozco inquired about outside organizations taking part in the recently formed Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee.

Diana Solis expressed her concern regarding gang-related violence in the community and her concern with providing funding to the Sheriff's Department.

Psi Jimenez inquired about outside organizations taking part in the recently formed Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee.

Francisco Villanueva expressed his concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

Bryan Villagrana expressed his concern regarding gang-related violence in the community.

City Attorney Ponto stated that ad hoc committees are formed at the request of the City Council and are generally made up of one or two council members, staff members, or members of the community. The make-up is at the advice of the City Council. The bodies of the ad hoc committees are recommending bodies and the final action of any determination or recommendation that arises out of the ad hoc committee is ultimately up to the City Council. City Attorney Ponto further noted that the nature of ad hoc committees is that they are loose and don't have to comply with the Brown Act because they are ad hoc in nature.

Citlalli Martinez Cano submitted a written comment regarding outside organizations taking part in the recently formed Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee.

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

Jonathan Hawes submitted a written comment expressing his concern with alleged embezzlement related to the El Monte Promise Foundation scholarship fund organization in the City of El Monte.

The following individuals submitted a written comment regarding outside organizations taking part in the recently formed Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee: Annais Morales, Rozlind Silva, Jocelyn Jimenez, Samantha Farias, Vira Simental Martinez, Aaron Simental, Asenet Prieto, Ruben Dorantes, Iliana Dorantes, Rita Greenspon, Anita Morales, Breeze Hernandez, Jayy Avitia.

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 MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of January 26, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF: (1) AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 3.78 OF TITLE 3 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING SECTION 6.70.050 RELATING TO USE OF THE CITY'S SKATE PARK AND SKATEBOARDING ACTIVITY IN THE CITY; AND (2) A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE IAN C. CALDERON SKATE PARK AS A PUBLIC SKATE PARK FACILITY

City Attorney Ponto noted that an urgency ordinance regarding this matter passed at the meeting of January 26, 2021, a resolution is required to designate the skate park, and oral edits were requested for the regular ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney Tran provided a staff report regarding the edits to the regular ordinance at the direction of the City Council.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the dedication of the basketball courts to Daniel C. Holloway, Director of Community Services Lerma noted that the dedication of the basketball courts to Daniel C. Holloway was approved at a previous meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) waive the reading and introduce Ordinance No. 21-970; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 21-5608 designating the Ian C. Calderon Skate Park as a public skate park facility. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Garcia read the title of the ordinance into the record.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Lewis pulled item D-2 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-3 through D-5. 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. 1502

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5609 approving Warrant Register No. 1502.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE STAFFING IN THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT AND INCREASING SERVICE LEVELS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Council Member Lewis pulled this Item for further discussion.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding the increase in staffing in the code enforcement department and the increase in service levels with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Lewis, Director Grunklee noted that the increase in funds is in addition to the Fiscal Year 2020/21 operating budget.

Council Member Lewis noted that the Code Enforcement ad hoc committee should have had the opportunity to consider this matter.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 21-5610 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the amount of \$410,000; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 21-5611 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the amount of \$66,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-3 UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND JASMINE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC

Action taken: The Successor Agency received and filed this report.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO DOUG MARTIN CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CITYWIDE SLURRY SEAL FY 2020-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$760,247.10 PLUS ADDITIONAL SLURRY SEAL WORK IN THE AMOUNT \$310,000.00

Action taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$760,247.10; (2) approved the additional slurry seal work in the amount of \$310,000; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount plus the additional slurry seal work.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A SPACE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE USE OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR COVID-19 WALK-UP TESTING

Action taken: The City Council ratified the Space Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and the County of Los Angeles for the use of the La Puente Community Center for COVID-19 walk-up testing.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, ADDING 3.74 (SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE RESTRICTIONS) OF TITLE 3 (PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY

Attorney Christine Flier provided background on the repealed ordinance regarding sex offender residence restrictions and introduced a newly drafted ordinance.

Attorney Flier recommended adding language to the ordinance to add one other restriction which prohibits a person who is released on parole after having served time in prison and who is required to register as a sex offender from residing in any single-family dwelling with another registered sex offender during the period of his or her parole, unless they are legally related by blood, marriage, or adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-971 and read by title only; and (2) introduce Ordinance No. 21-971, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California, Repealing Chapter 3.74 (Sex Offender Residence Restrictions) Of Title 3 (Public Safety And Morals) Of The La Puente Municipal Code In Its Entirety. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Garcia read the title of the ordinance into the record.

E-2 PRESENTATION REGARDING A REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS MODIFIED TO MEET STATE AND COUNTY MANDATES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Director of Community Services Lerma presented a PowerPoint presentation on the events and programs that have been modified to meet State and County mandates in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for their hard work and for continuing to provide programs and events for the Community in a safe manner that adheres to State and County guidelines.

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

E-3 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE, PROGRAM PROPOSALS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report regarding the current programs being offered by the Community Services Department and requested direction from the City Council regarding upcoming events and the reopening of the La Puente Park playground.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the drive-thru events have been a great success and loves the ideas for the proposed upcoming events. He thanked Staff for their work and coordinating the events safely.

Council Member Argudo suggested extending the playground hours to include evenings and weekends and noted that residents should self-monitor in following safety guidelines.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Staff for their work in providing outlets for residents to enjoy amid the pandemic and agreed that the hours should be extended.

Community Services Lerma noted that it is up to the City Council to decide on the playground hours and whether they wish to have Staff monitoring the playground during hours of operation.

Council Member Lewis agreed with Council Member Argudo in recommending a hybrid model and that visitors of the playground self-regulate regarding COVID-19 safety guidelines, and Staff can monitor crowd as needed. She further noted that she would like to see more of the park open to the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) open the playground at La Puente Park in a hybrid style with Staff to determine the hours of operation to be staffed and the park hours to close by 9 p.m.; (2) fund the Spring COLLEGGtion Scavenger Hunt for \$1,000; and (3) fund the EGGstravaganza Drive Thru for \$9,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

At 8:58 p.m., City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE LA PUENTE PARK MASTER PLAN PHASE I COMPLETION ITEMS AND INTIAL ITEMS FOR PHASE II

Director of Community Services Lerma presented a staff report regarding an update on the La Puente Park design.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee met on Friday, February 5, 2021, to discuss the finalization of Phase I and begin preparing for Phase II of the La Puente Park Master Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding design elements of Phase II and Measure A and Measure W funding options.

Mayor Munoz requested that Staff research the viability of using Measure A funding for the soccer and t-ball fields and Measure W for surface roads.

Mayor Klinakis requested Staff to prepare a park site plan to assist with obtaining additional park funding and further requested that the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee bring back recommendations for design elements.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) authorize staff to move forward with the remaining items for Phase I of the La Puente Park Master Plan; and (2) authorize staff to move forward with the initial steps of Phase II of the La Puente Park Master Plan. . 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

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Council Member Lewis reported that there will be a follow-up meeting with the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Council Member Argudo reported that the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee met and reviewed the policies that have already been approved.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Lewis reported that the Project LEAD ad hoc committee had their first meeting with Director of Community Services Lerma to discuss the first steps of the committee and noted that their next meeting will be on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Combat Community Violence: Council Member Argudo requested that the Combat Community Violence ad hoc committee's name be changed to the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee. He reported that the ad hoc committee met on February 8, 2021, as a preliminary meeting to discuss the framework of the ad hoc committee.

Council Member Quinones reported that the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee's first meeting was to create a structure of the committee and looks forward to continuing working on the committee.

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding the benefits of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Activity League.

Council Member Argudo noted that the Youth Activity League has been defunded due to cuts in the Sheriff's Department budget.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo requested that a sergeant-at-arms be present for the entirety of each City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Clerk Garcia announced that free COVID-19 testing will be available at the La Puente Community Center from February 10, 2021, to February 20, 2021.

Mayor Klinakis noted that Staff is working on providing a COVID-19 vaccination site for residents.

City Manager Lindsey thanked the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee for their direction and thanked Superintendent Maintenance Ricardo Carrillo for his years of service and hard work. He further thanked Staff for their work.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of February, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair