

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 23, 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.lapueente.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, February 23, 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, 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), Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Arechiga (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee (via teleconference), Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma and Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Industry Sheriff's Station Captain Bobby Wyche provided an update regarding crime statistics in the City of La Puente.

Director of Development Services DiMario spoke regarding a grant awarded to the City to prepare a Safe Routes to Schools plan through the Southern California Association of Governments. Ryan Johnson of Alta Design gave a presentation regarding the Safe Routes to Schools Master Plan.

Ximena Brown, Sierra Vista Middle School student, thanked the City Council for listening to her speak, thanked former Council Member Dan Holloway for his dedication to the Lead Program, and thanked Council Member Lewis and Council Member Quinones for assisting with Project LEAD. She further spoke regarding her presentation at the dedication event of the skate park and basketball courts of La Puente Park and spoke regarding her school's virtual events.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding COVID-19 safety at the La Puente Park, street vendors, and Council Member Argudo.

Anita Morales spoke regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

City Attorney Ponto explained that ad hoc committee meetings do not meet at regularly scheduled date and times, due to committee members availability and having a relaxed forum to discuss issues. Committee members may assemble within 24 hours or less and provide an update of their meeting to the full City Council.

Samantha Farias spoke regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

Psi Jimenez yielded her time to Anthony Orozco and Anthony Orozco spoke regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

City Attorney Ponto stated that the very definition of ad hoc means "as necessary," and it is not a standing committee. Ad hoc committees meet when Staff, City Council, or ad hoc committee members recognize that there is a need to meet up because communication needs to be had. The information percolates up to the Council and then the public gets that information. If members of the public have issues that they want the ad hoc committee to consider, the public can reach out to members of the ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee members will consider it, and that can be part of a reportable action to the full Council and members of the public.

Mrs. Garcia submitted a written comment expressing her concern regarding safety at the La Puente Park.

Amanda Ybarra submitted a written comment regarding Council Member Argudo's alleged incompatible offices.

Elizabeth Carlos submitted a written comment regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

The following individuals submitted a written comment regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee: Jeffrey Guerra and Andrey Garcia-Ponce De Leon.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reported that he attended a meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District.

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 FEBRUARY 9, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of February 9, 2021. 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 – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

At the request of Staff, item D-7 was pulled from the agenda.

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-8 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-6, and D-9. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1503

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5612 approving Warrant Register No. 1503.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2021 REQUISITION REPORT

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

- D-4 SECOND READING OF 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 21-970, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California, Adding 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.

- D-5 SECOND READING 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 CAPITAL BUDGET TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LA PUENTE PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5613, amending the adopted Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the amount of \$1,014,750.

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RRM DESIGN GROUP FOR THE PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION OF THE 5TH AND 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,880

At the request of Staff, item D-7 was pulled from the agenda.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council: (1) approve the Agreement with RRM Design Group, for preparation of the 5th and 6th Cycle Housing Elements and associated environmental documents in the amount of \$172,880; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PHASE 3 ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,267.00

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

Director of Development Services Di Mario gave a staff report regarding the change order to provide labor, steel, materials, and equipment for the installation of scoreboards at the La Puente Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$59,267.00 for Phase 3 electrical improvements at La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-9 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES WITH OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LEMIEUX O'NEILL, LLP

Action taken: The City Council approved the agreement with Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP for City Attorney Services.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2021 BUDGET REPORT

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided an update on expenditures and revenue.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding revenue of Tax Measure LP.

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S PUENTE PRIDE COMMISSION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report and recommendations regarding the City's Puente Pride and Education commissions.

Council Member Argudo suggested that the Puente Pride commission remain as six members.

Mayor Klinakis agreed that the commission should remain as six members and the policy may be amended later if needed.

Council Member Lewis stated that this is an opportunity change the scope of the two commissions and an opportunity to consider creating a new commission that touches on the issues of public safety.

Mayor Klinakis requested that the terms of the commissioners be extended from two years to four years.

Council Member Lewis noted that she is not comfortable with items 3 and 5 as listed on the staff report, which involve code enforcement.

City Clerk Garcia noted that a resolution reflecting the proposed changes will need to be brought back at the next City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) move forward with the recommendations outlined in the staff report except for items 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7; (2) allow for the Puente Pride Commission to provide input on items 6 and 7 at its first meeting after appointments have been made; (3) direct staff to begin the recruitment process for the Puente Pride Commission and Education Commissions; (4) re-establish the Ralph Osborne Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service; and (5) put 4-year terms on the commissions. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING THE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS OF THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974 AS APPLICABLE IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE (AB 571)

Deputy City Attorney Arechiga provided a staff report and introduced an ordinance regarding contribution limits as set forth in AB 571.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-972 and read by title only; and (2) introduce Ordinance No. 21-972, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente, California, Adding Section 40 of Chapter 2.32 (Municipal Elections) of the La Puente Municipal Code Related to Campaign Contribution Limits. 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: Nothing to report.

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 of the La Puente Park.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that the Project LEAD ad hoc committee met with principals and teachers from several schools and will continue working with LEAD students.

Community Welfare and Safety: Council Member Argudo reported that the Community Welfare and Safety ad hoc committee met, are continuing work on the framework, and developed an online intake package for community-based organizations to participate.

Council Member Quinones spoke regarding asset mapping to identify available resources and programs.

Council Member Lewis provided suggestions to make the community feel included and heard and requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Planning Commissioner Nadia Mendoza's mother.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis stated that the Methodist Church food bank served over 560 vehicles at today's event.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the public for their oral communications and noted that Staff will look into enforcing COVID-19 safety at the La Puente Park.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. in memory of Planning Commissioner Nadia Mendoza's mother.

Approved this 9th day of March, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair

