

MINUTES *
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 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.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, March 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, Senior Planner Abraham Tellez (via teleconference), and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis announced that he and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz have been working with the federal and state governments to secure COVID-19 vaccinations for eligible residents. The City has partnered with Rite-Aid through the federal government to give a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible residents beginning Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Director of Community Services Lerma spoke regarding the eligibility requirements and appointment process for the vaccine.

Brianna Justo, Workman Elementary School student, spoke regarding her excitement to be involved in Project Lead, her experience with distance learning, and her school's virtual events.

Amaya Ayau, Sunset Elementary School student spoke regarding her experience with distance learning and her school's upcoming event, Speaker Series. She further spoke regarding former Council Member's Holloway contributions and selfless service to Project LEAD.

Director of Community Services Lerma thanked Workman Elementary School Principal Julia Gavilanes and teacher Maechelle Brown, and Sunset Elementary School Principal Rosette Holmes and teacher Julian Miranda, for being in attendance and for their support of Project LEAD and their students.

Council Member Argudo recognized Julian Miranda, Former Council Member for the City of Irwindale, for attending the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding audio and translation services for City Council meetings, COVID-19 safety at the La Puente Park, parking enforcement, and COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

Anita Morales expressed her concern regarding audio and translation services for City Council meetings and the City's website.

Anthony Orozco expressed his concern regarding teleconferencing during the City Council meetings.

Rita Greenspon submitted a written comment expressing her concern regarding teleconference and translation services for City Council meetings.

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

Andreya Garcia-Ponce De Leon submitted a written comment regarding outside organizations taking part in the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

Council Member Argudo noted that the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee will be holding a meeting for residents and community-based organizations to participate on March 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reported that he attended a meeting of the Sanitation District 15 & 21 and a meeting of the City Selection Committee.

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 23, 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 February 23, 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

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION AND PUENTE PRIDE COMMISSION, RE-ESTABLISHING THE EDUCATION AND PUENTE PRIDE COMMISSIONS AND AMENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE

Per City Council direction at its February 23, 2021, meeting, Director of Community Services Lerma gave a staff report regarding a resolution to re-establish the Puente Pride and Education Commissions and amend the terms of office.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5614 rescinding various resolutions pertaining to the Education Commission and Puente Pride Commission, re-establishing the Education and Puente Pride Commissions and amending the terms of office. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-3 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-2. 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. 1504

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5615 approving Warrant Register No. 1504.

D-2 SECOND READING 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)

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

D-3 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

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

Senior Planner Tellez gave a staff report regarding Local Early Action Planning ("LEAP") grant funds from the State of California department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") to be used towards the preparation and certification of the City's 5th and 6th cycle housing elements.

Discussion ensued regarding the 5th and 6th cycle housing elements and the methodology utilized for the allocation of funds.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (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. 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 – None

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that the ad hoc committee met on Friday, March 5, 2021, and discussed Measure A funding and updates on the La Puente Park Master Plan. The ad hoc committee will meet again on Thursday, March 18, and Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee has been meeting and would bring back items at a future date.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that earlier in the day he participated with Sparks Middle School for their Principal for the Day event and provided the students with information on Project LEAD. He further noted the launch of the LEAD Speaker Series and met with Sierra Vista Middle School students to re-engage students in Project LEAD.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that the Community Welfare and Safety ad hoc committee met and had an active discussion with residents and community-based organizations and met with the executive team.

Council Member Quinones noted that the next meeting with community-based organizations and residents will be on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Klinakis reported that the Coalition of Mayors met earlier in the day and discussed the efforts of the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee and asked the Mayors of the Coalition to provide information regarding additional programs and funding.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for their work during the last year amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Member Argudo requested resident input regarding AB 703.

Council Member Quinones thanked Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Lewis for their insights on how to approach the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee and thanked Staff for their work.

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the City's Special Assignment Officer team for their work during the last year amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the public for their oral communications and noted that the City's website is a work in progress.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of March, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair