

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 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.lapuate.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 (arrived at 7:01 p.m.),
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 (via teleconference), Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma (via teleconference) and Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Brian Smith of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Industry Station provided an update regarding crime statistics in La Puente.

Mayor Klinakis presented a proclamation declaring April 2021 as "National Donate Life Month" to OneLegacy volunteer Ambassador Ms. Nancy Jolley. Ms. Jolley thanked the City Council and spoke regarding the importance of organ and tissue donation.

Lindavera Marquez, Sierra Vista Middle School student, thanked Council Member Lewis and Council Member Quinones for assisting in Project Lead and the Speaker Series. She spoke regarding her school's activities and events including Science Olympiad, celebrating everyday local heroes, Career Day on May 7, 2021, Wellness Week, and a schoolwide assembly with Cesar Chavez's granddaughter on March 29, 2021.

Jorge Espinoza, Sparks Middle School student, spoke regarding his experience with distance learning, leadership class, Motivational Monday, Spartan Speaker Series, and Project Lead.

Director of Community Services Lerma recognized Sparks Middle School Principal Mr. Collin Miller and Sierra Vista Middle School Assistant Principal Dr. John Kwon for being in attendance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Jose Sotelo spoke regarding a permit for his driveway.

Sandra Tooreess submitted a written comment expressing her concern regarding the Sheriff's Department.

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 MARCH 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 March 9, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Acting Captain Rick Rector of the Sheriff's Industry Station introduced himself and provided a brief update on crime in La Puente.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S MILITARY BANNER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Director of Community Services Lerma provided an update regarding the lowest bid received for the production of the military banners.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the longevity of the ink of the banners.

Mayor Klinakis requested Staff to bring back additional information regarding the longevity of the ink on the banners, as requested by Council Member Argudo.

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-5 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-4, and D-6. 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. 1505

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5616 approving Warrant Register No. 1505.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PIPE TEC, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,996.90 FOR SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE CITY

Action taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Pipe Tec, Inc. in the amount of \$204,996.90; and (2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-5 PRESENTATION OF POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

Mayor Klinakis pulled this item for further discussion.

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided a staff report regarding the Popular Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

Action taken: The City Council received and filed the Popular Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2020 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the 2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and (2) directed Staff to submit the report to HCD and OPR.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF GREENERY AND OTHER ABATEMENT MEASURES IN GRAFFITI-PRONE AREAS OF THE CITY (COMMUNITY WELFARE AND SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE)

Council Member Quinones and Council Member Argudo requested the discussion regarding the installation of greenery and other measures to beautify the City and eliminate graffiti on walls.

Discussion ensued regarding artificial and live greenery, creation of murals by community members, and resurfacing City walls to be a consistent color.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back the item with additional information.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING UPGRADES TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Mayor Klinakis requested discussion regarding a Request for Proposal to upgrade the council chambers.

City Clerk Garcia noted that an option is for a consultant to do an assessment and write a specification for the upgrade.

Mayor Klinakis noted that the council chambers need to be upgraded to be COVID-19 compliant as well as compliant for future pandemics.

Council Member Argudo stated that Staff should also be prepared with mobile options to change venues for meetings and be mindful of the cost of upgrades.

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that PEG funds can be utilized for upgrades in Council Chambers rather than paying for a consultant.

Council Member Quinones suggested that a professional should come in and perform an assessment.

Direction was provided to Staff to look at a previous communications assessment by Tripepi Smith and bring back additional information regarding the cost and assessment of the upgrades.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz spoke about her challenges attending and presenting at meetings held by other agencies and noted that Staff is doing a great job.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION INTERPRETIVE SERVICES AT MEETINGS
(COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo requested incorporating interpretation services at meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of meetings in multiple languages, the cost of interpretation, and the current percentage of ethnicities in the City.

Council Member Argudo requested that Staff come back with analysis on the current population and different ethnicities within the City.

Assistant City Attorney Tran noted that local agencies can determine a substantial number and threshold for providing translation for non-English speakers, however, the threshold needs to be applied evenly across the board.

Direction was given to Staff to bring item back information on available technology, costs for all languages and population and ethnicity data.

E-4 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2021 BUDGET REPORT

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

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

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 with Staff on Thursday, March 18, 2021 to discuss a potential funding opportunity and noted that there will be an upcoming steering committee meeting.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee have been meeting and are making process.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee is close to finalizing the ordinance and will be meeting again on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that the ad hoc committee has met with Workman Elementary, Sunset Elementary, and Spark Middle school for the LEAD Speaker Series.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that the ad hoc committee met with the government steering committee on Monday, March 22, 2021, and provided updates. He further provided an update regarding the expansion of the asset and inventory list.

Council Member Quinones thanked the Special Assignment Officers team for their great work.

Mayor Klinakis noted that the Coalition of Mayors will be meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 and will be presenting a resolution that will be brought to the City Council at a future meeting.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Quinones stated that he is looking forward to upgrading council chambers and noted that Staff is doing a great job in ensuring accessibility to residents to listen and participate in Council meetings.

Council Member Quinones requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims and their families of the Atlanta, Georgia and Boulder, Colorado mass shootings.

He further requested that Staff provide information regarding the Union Station.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recognized the March 16, 2021, COVID vaccination clinic in the City and thanked Staff for their hard work and due diligence. She further noted that there will be another vaccination clinic at the La Puente Senior Center on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Council Member Lewis urged everyone to continue following COVID safety guidelines.

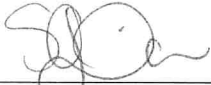
Council Member Argudo requested that Staff, on behalf of the City, send a thank you letter to Rite-Aid headquarters for having a COVID vaccination clinic in the City.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

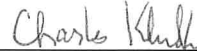
City Manager Lindsey thanked the City Council for their clear direction.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. in memory of the victims and their families of the Atlanta, Georgia and Boulder, Colorado mass shootings.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair