

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 13, 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, April 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Argudo, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz, Lewis.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Jackie Luna, Workman Elementary School student, spoke regarding learning about ongoing City projects, her experience with distance learning, her achievement in raising her grades and receiving a language arts award, and her school's current special programs and events.

Kelsey Perez, Sunset Elementary School student, spoke regarding the Speaker Series event and inquired regarding the La Puente park, La Puente Live, and Council Members' experiences in serving the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Laura Hernandez, founder of La Puente Runners, invited the community to join the free community running group, which meet every Thursday at various locations.

Manuel Maldonado expressed his concern regarding code enforcement practices, the Industry Sheriff's Station response time, and spoke regarding the upcoming general municipal election in 2022.

Veronica Zamora expressed her concern regarding code enforcement and the City's code on placement and removal of waste containers.

Council Member Argudo requested that Staff look into the City's code for the placement and removal of waste containers.

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding the City's public safety department, the audio of the City Council meetings, the COVID-19 safety guidelines at the La Puente Park, the City's EGGstravaganza Easter event, and inquired regarding Linc Housing in the Los Angeles County unincorporated area of Avocado Heights.

Newly appointed Captain Rick Rector of the Industry Sheriff's Station introduced himself.

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 23, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of March 23, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE REGARDING INTERPRETIVE SERVICES AT MEETINGS (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the staff recommendation of the item, requested an additional breakdown of the non-Hispanic Asian statistics, and suggested moving forward with the costs for Spanish translation services.

City Attorney Ponto stated that the City Council may provide direction to Staff to prepare the item for approval for the next City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding providing translation services to all publicly noticed City meetings.

Council Member Quinones suggested a trial period for translation services to monitor and analyze how many members of the public utilize the translation services.

Council Member Argudo suggested providing translation services for a minimum-period of one year.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back the following to present to the City Council for action: in-person and dial-in interpretive services for City Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings, and all publicly noticed meetings, statistical breakdown of the non-Hispanic Asian community. City Attorney Ponto noted the City Council can examine and augment additional interpretative services, if needed.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-4 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3, and D-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1506

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5617 approving Warrant Register No. 1506.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COVID-19 EXPOSURE CONTROL POLICY

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5618 adopting the COVID-19 Exposure Control Policy.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF BONDS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 77117
LOCATED AT 1067 LARIMORE AVENUE – BOCO HOLDINGS

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the public improvements completed for Tract Map No. 77117; (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute a Notice of Completion; and (3) authorized staff to release the Faithful Performance Bond, Material and Labor Bond, and Warranty Bond to the developer.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY AS GANG
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Mayor Klinakis pulled this item for further discussion.

Mayor Klinakis introduced the resolution as part of the Coalition of Mayors.

City Manager Lindsey provided background regarding the City's creation of the Coalition of Mayors against gang violence and stated that all the cities in the Coalition agreed to take the resolution to their City Councils for approval.

Council Member Argudo highlighted sections of the resolution and spoke regarding the related work being done by the Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5619 designating May as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR LITTLE
LEAGUE FIELDS FENCING AT LA PUENTE PARK

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion. He stated this item is a notice of completion for the completion of the Little League fields fencing at the La Puente Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to: (1) accept the project as complete; and (2) authorize the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDL COREN & CONE FOR PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Action taken: The City Council approved the fourth amendment to the professional services agreement with HdL, Coren and Cone and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 UPDATE REGARDING OPENING OF LA PUENTE PARK (MAYOR KLINAKIS)

Mayor Klinakis announced that the sports fields at the La Puente Park will be opening May 1, 2021 and sports teams wanting to reserve the fields can contact Director of Community Services Lerma. He inquired regarding updates on unfinished areas of the park.

City Manager Lindsey stated that benches, bleachers and flagpoles still need to be installed and some of those items are currently in transit.

Director of Development Services Di Mario noted that the design of the service road of the Park would be ready for Staff to review in approximately two to three weeks and the item would then be put out to bid.

Council Member Argudo noted that there would be continued construction at the park throughout the remainder of the year, and majority of the park would be accessible to the public.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING HIRING A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPERVISOR AND UPDATE ON LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided background regarding the La Puente Community Foundation. At the November 19, 2020, City Council meeting, City Council provided direction to Staff to bring back the item before hiring for the community engagement supervisor position.

Director Grunklee noted that the position was opened internally for City employees and four applications were received.

Discussion ensued regarding the job application process and the job description of the position.

Council Member Argudo requested that the Foundation and the community engagement supervisor job description are revisited by legal counsel to ensure they are set up appropriately.

City Attorney Ponto noted that the City Attorney's office could bring back a fresh legal analysis and recommendation at the next City Council meeting.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back the item with the requested information at the next City Council meeting.

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding various programs and services that can be funded through the funds received by the City through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Discussion ensued regarding the various programs and services as outlined in the staff report.

Council Member Argudo suggested that Staff continue looking into the various programs and services as discussed and requested additional input from the community.

Direction was provided to Staff to bring back the item at a future City Council meeting with additional information.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING RE-OPENING OF LA PUENTE LIVE

City Manager Lindsey provided a staff report and noted that La Puente Live has been approved by the Public Health department to re-open.

Council Member Quinones inquired regarding the location of La Puente Live.

City Manager Lindsey clarified that La Puente Live would operate by City Hall.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff reach out to the owner of La Puente Live to discuss including the option for La Puente businesses to have a spot during the event.

City Manager Lindsey noted that La Puente Live would follow all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to reopen La Puente Live and waive business license application and related fees for La Puente Live vendors through June 30, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 ad hoc committee continues to meet and discuss the rules for the La Puente Park.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that he and Director of Community Services Lerna have continued meeting with elementary and middle school students and reported that they are working on expanding the Project LEAD program for high school students.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that the ad hoc committee have met with several organizations and would have a collaborative session with all the committees at a future date.

Mayor Klinakis reported that the Coalition of Mayors met with Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, to discuss the Coalition's goals in combatting gang violence in their cities and surrounding areas.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for their hard work in the Easter Extravaganza event.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff for their hard work and thanked the City Council for their direction.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee reported that the City has received the Government Finance Officers Association award for the budget and congratulated Staff for their work.

Code Enforcement Manager Guerrero provide information from the City's Municipal Code section regarding the placement of waste containers.

Council Member Argudo requested that Staff provide an update on the waste container code enforcement case and suggested that the waste container section in the City's Municipal Code be reviewed.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of April, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair