

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 27, 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 Special Closed Session and 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 27, 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 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Elana Rivkin-Hass, Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Garcia (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Principal Accountant Alexander Merkel-Medina and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
Significant exposure to litigation, two potential cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code section 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Bob Lindsey, City Manager and Victor Ponto, City Attorney
Employee Organization: SEIU

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Koczanowicz reported that the City Council made a unanimous vote authorizing rejection of the claim of Hardy & Harper, Inc., and there was nothing further to report.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:03 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), 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, Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Carlos Ayala Gamez, Sierra Vista Middle School student, spoke regarding the school's Speaker Series, his participation at the April 23, 2021, Annual Youth Advocacy Leadership Conference hosted by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Sierra Vista Middle School's achievement of receiving the Civic Learning Award.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Roxanne Jasso requested assistance regarding the Methodist Church food bank.

Jessica Abney spoke regarding her positive experience with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Youth Activities League and requested assistance regarding a rehabilitation group at the Methodist Church.

Rita Greenspon expressed her concern regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Anthony Orozco expressed his concern regarding youth soccer and playing space.

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding newly paved streets, resources for people with addictions, and announced that Sabor De Mexico is having a grand reopening.

Manuel Maldonado expressed his concern regarding the audio at City Council meetings, the use of American Rescue Funds, translation services at City Council meetings, the Community Foundation, and rent relief resources.

Connie Rivera spoke regarding the La Puente Park and expressed her concern regarding the safety of the park.

Emylou Vergel de Dios spoke regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Psi Jimenez spoke regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Yusuf Arifin spoke regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Robbie expressed their concern regarding policing.

Peter Dieu expressed his concern regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Anita Morales submitted a written comment regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Cristian A. submitted a written comment regarding the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

Cindi Duran submitted a written comment regarding funding for policing.

Mayor Klinakis read an email from a constituent into the record regarding safety in the City.

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 APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING INTERPRETATIVE SERVICES AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (COUNCILMEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding interpretative services and the hours of engagement. City Manager Lindsey noted that interpretative services would be provided for the entirety of meetings.

Assistant City Attorney Tran provided an update regarding the additional information requested at the April 27, 2021, City Council meeting.

Council Member Munoz suggested that the City Council consider additional language barriers that may need to be addressed in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the languages of interpretative services to be provided and in-person and virtual interpretive services for meetings.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) authorize the City Manager to further negotiate and execute an agreement for Spanish interpretive services; and (2) establish a policy for interpretive services for non-English speakers and adopt Resolution No. 21-5620. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Per the City Council's direction at the April 13, 2021, City Council meeting, Assistant City Attorney Tran provided an update regarding the La Puente Community Foundation and a revised job description for the position of the Community Engagement Supervisor.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the La Puente Community Foundation, the position of the Community Engagement Supervisor, and the working relationship between the Foundation and the Community Services Department.

Council Member Argudo requested that the job description and position title of the Community Engagement Supervisor be further revised and brought back.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to bring the item back at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1507

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5621 approving Warrant Register No. 1507.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PHASE 3 ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,593.00 AND A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE LIGHTING POLE RETROFIT FIXTURES TO BE INSTALLED AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,650.00

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$30,593.00 for Phase 3 electrical improvements at La Puente Park; and (2) approved the purchase order contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the purchase of three lighting retrofit fixtures to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of \$12,650.00.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2021 BUDGET REPORT

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided an update regarding expenditures and revenues.

Action taken: The City Council receive and file this report.

E-2 INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2.36 OF TITLE 2 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL CITY SEAL AND CITY LOGO AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A USE OF CITY SEAL AND LOGO POLICY

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding the use of the official City seal and City logo.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding copyright of the City logo, City Attorney Ponto noted that the logo can be trademarked through the federal government.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concern regarding the penalty structure.

Mayor Klinakis suggested a flat \$1,000 fine for first-time offenders, and a \$2,500 or \$5,000 fine for repeat offenders.

City Attorney Ponto stated that there would need to be a special penalty section that is separate and apart of the general section of the Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to bring the item back at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting and include a penalty section. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING FIREWORKS SUPPRESSION

Assistant City Attorney Tran provided a staff report regarding fireworks suppression.

Council Member Argudo stated that he is not in favor of banning fireworks in the City, as long as fireworks are used responsibly.

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding resident feedback regarding illegal fireworks in the City during the Fourth of July.

Discussion ensued regarding the Sheriffs' efforts in suppressing the use of illegal fireworks.

Council Member Munoz recommended an allocation of \$25,000 for additional patrolling and outreach efforts during the Fourth of July.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the role of code enforcement in regards to firework suppression in the City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) allocate \$25,000 for additional patrolling and outreach efforts during the Fourth of July; (2) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-974 and read by title only; and (3) introduce Ordinance No. 21-974 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente Amending Section 3.68.045 and Adding Section 3.68.046 to Chapter 3.68 of Title 3 of the City's Municipal Code Relating to Unlawful Possession and Discharge of Fireworks. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz
NOES: Argudo
ABSTAIN: Quinones
ABSENT: Lewis

At 10:31 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to extend the City Council Meeting past 10:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE CITY'S SPORTS COMPLEX

Assistant City Attorney Tran provided a staff report regarding dedicating various portions of the City's sports complex at the La Puente Park.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5623 dedicating various portions of the City's sports complex in La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 have attended several meetings regarding the soccer complex at the La Puente Park. She further reported that the City has submitted their appropriation request to the federal government for improvements at the east side of the La Puente Park.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee have met to discuss and make minor changes on the fee schedule.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee have met and will bring forward an item at the next City Council meeting.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that Project LEAD is working as a focus group for Measure A and he is still actively working with local high schools to incorporate Project LEAD for high school students.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that the ad hoc committee have been working with Staff to bring items forward at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Klinakis reported that the Coalition of Mayors is moving forward and has a good flow of information and communication with law enforcement agencies. He further reported that the City Council at its April 13, 2021, meeting approved Resolution No. 21-5619 designating May as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month, and stated that cities of the Coalition have also approved the resolution.

At the request of Council Member Argudo, Mayor Klinakis provided a status update on the Code Enforcement, Public Health, and Business Outreach and Reopening ad hoc committees.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that Staff provide a presentation at the next City Council meeting regarding available federal, state, county, and local coronavirus relief programs. She further requested that Staff look into establishing a temporary food security program.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff take into consideration the oral communications and suggestions from Council for funding of the American Rescue Plan.

Council Member Argudo announced that there will be a job fair outside of the La Puente Community Center from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, for Los Angeles Unified School District custodial jobs.

Council Member Quinones thanked the public for their oral comments.

Mayor Klinakis announced that the trade unions will be hosting a job fair soon for construction jobs.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff for their hard work and announced that the grand opening at the La Puente Park will be Sunday, May 1, 2021, at 10 a.m.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of May, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair