

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 11, 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 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, May 11, 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 (via teleconference), Argudo (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Garcia and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (Government Code Section 54957(a))
 Consultation with City Manager and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:10 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Koczanowicz noted that Council Member Argudo joined the closed session at 6:10 p.m. and reported that on a unanimous vote, the City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for a City-wide camera system.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:11 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), Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, 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

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis presented a proclamation to Estela Mata and Juana Mata of Looms4Lupus proclaiming May 2021 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Month, Lupus Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month.

Aldrin Principe, Sunset Elementary School student, spoke regarding his experience at Sunset Elementary and is looking forward to his promotion to middle school. He asked the City Council questions regarding the recent City survey.

Charlize Meza, Sparks Middle School student, spoke regarding her experience with distance learning, leadership program, speaker series, and school events.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Psi Jimenez spoke regarding the City's survey that was mailed out to residents.

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

Joe Bautista thanked the City Council members that attended the grand openings of Sabor de Mexico and H2O Auto Detail Center, and spoke regarding the City-wide survey, the La Puente Valley Women's Club, newly paved streets, the upcoming budget meeting, promotion of Gang Prevention & Awareness Month, fireworks, speeding, and 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 27, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of April 27, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPERVISOR JOB DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING HIRING A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

At the request of Mayor Klinakis, this item was removed from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

C-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

Per the City Council's direction at the April 27, 2021, City Council meeting, Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided an update regarding the requested additions to an ordinance and resolution governing the use of the official City seal and City logo.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-973 and read by title only; (2) introduce Ordinance No. 21-973 an Ordinance of the City of La Puente Adding Chapter 2.36 (Official Seal) of Title 2 (Administration) of the La Puente Municipal Code to Establish Regulations for the Use of the Official City Seal, City Logo, and (3) adopt Resolution No. 21-5622 adopting the Use of City Seal and Logo Policy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C-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 may be funded through the funds of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline on the receipt of funds.

Council Member Argudo suggested to bring back the item at the next City Council meeting for further discussion and after the Community Safety & Welfare committee discuss the potential programs and services.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the sooner the City Council approves the desired programs, the sooner Staff can begin the development of the programs.

Director Grunklee noted that some programs will take time to develop while other line items are purchases.

Council Member Argudo stated that Item No. 8 as listed in the staff report is not a direct benefit to La Puente residents.

Direction was given to Staff to bring this item at the next City Council meeting and reach out prior to the Community Safety & Welfare ad hoc committee for discussion.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Item D-1. 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. 1508

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5624 approving Warrant Register No. 1508.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL AREAS DURING EMERGENCIES AND EJECT INDIVIDUALS THAT REPEATEDLY VIOLATE PARK USE REGULATIONS FROM PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Assistant City Attorney Tran provided a staff report regarding La Puente Park regulations.

Mayor Klinakis noted that the regulations were discussed as part of the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-974 and read by title only; (2) and introduce Ordinance No. 21-974, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente Adding Sections 3.68.021 and 3.68.022 to Chapter 3.68 of Title 3 of the City's Municipal Code Relating to Authority to Exclude the Public From Public Parks and Recreational Areas During Emergencies and Eject Individuals that Repeatedly Violate Park Use Regulations From Public Parks and Recreational Areas. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CREATING A LA PUENTE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo requested discussion regarding regionalizing and creating a cost savings measure for public healthy and looking at the current Los Angeles County Public Health Department contract.

Council Member Argudo suggested that the City Council provide direction to City Manager Lindsey to gather information from neighboring cities who have created their own health department and bring back the analysis of the information at a later date.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff look into the use of American Rescue Plan funds to assist in the creation of the department.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended that Staff do their due diligence and research and bring back to assess the information.

Council Member Quinones stated that he is looking forward to discussing this item and agrees that the City Council should do their due diligence.

Direction was given to Staff to bring back the exploratory portion of creating a comprehensive plan, draw information from other cities that have created their own health department, look into using American Rescue Plan funds to jumpstart the department, and bring back the requested information at a future City Council meeting.

E-3 PRESENTATION OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PROGRAMS (MAYOR PRO TEM MUNOZ)

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated she requested the presentation to ensure that the community has information on current and future coronavirus relief programs that are available.

Director of Development Services Di Mario presented a PowerPoint on the available federal, state, county, and local coronavirus relief programs.

Council Member Argudo thanked Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for bringing this item to inform the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz noted that it is important to inform the community so they can apply and take advantage of the available programs.

Discussion ensued regarding a potential temporary job position to engage with the community and assist residents in need, and rent relief programs.

Action taken: The City Council received and filed this 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 she met with Supervisor Hilda Solis and discussed funding opportunities and potential partnerships for community programs.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee is moving forward.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Council Member Quinones reported that Staff is currently working on social media exposure and a business directory on the City website.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that Project LEAD is continuing to work with students on the Measure A focus group and has recommended that the parents participate in the focus group as well. He further reported that he spoke with a local artist that creates murals and proposed the idea of creating a mural in the City with an opportunity for students to be

involved. Council Member Quinones requested support from the Council to give direction to Staff to work with Project LEAD and the local artist on the potential mural project.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that he and Mayor Klinakis met with a local artist through the Soledad Enrichment Program that focuses on creating murals. He stated that the LEAD program would be a great way to integrate youth participation in the creation of the murals. Council Member Quinones further reported that the ad hoc committee is continuing to gather information from different agencies.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding translation services at City Council meetings.

Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for all their work and stated that the La Puente Methodist Church food bank needs more volunteers.

Mayor Klinakis stated that he visited a Food4Less store to show support to union workers for their contract renewal.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

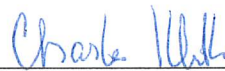
City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff for their hard work.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of May, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair