

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 25, 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 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 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz (via teleconference), Argudo, Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, City Clerk Garcia, Director of Development Services John Di Mario and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

SM-1 PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

Director of Development Services Di Mario introduced Veronica Tam and Diane Bathgate from RRM Design to provide a presentation of the City of La Puente's Housing Element Update.

Discussion ensued regarding accessory dwelling units, low-income housing, solutions for creating more open space, the City's comprehensive general plan, and the next steps for the 2021 Housing Element Update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz (via teleconference), Argudo, Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, City Clerk Garcia, 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

Florencio Briones, Senior Field Deputy of the Office of Supervisor Hilda Solis, provided an update regarding community events.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista spoke regarding a recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Veronica Zamora spoke regarding parking on Inyo Street.

Anita Morales spoke regarding the budget, the City's survey, and the recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Rita Greenspon spoke regarding the American Rescue Plan funds and the recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Erik Trujillo, president of the La Puente Junior All American Football & Cheer program, spoke regarding funding for their program.

Connie Rivera spoke regarding the need for cameras around the City for safety and expressed her concern regarding the speeding on Temple Avenue.

Psi Jimenez spoke regarding the American Rescue Plan funds and the recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Ada Lilian spoke regarding the recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Council Member Argudo stated that he and Council Member Quinones were not involved in the investigation that was completed in August 2020 because they were elected to office in November 2020. He further stated that the case needs to go through due process it is unfortunate that the taxpayers of La Puente will burden the costs.

Elizabeth M. Carlos submitted a written comment regarding the recent lawsuit filed against the City.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Quinones reported that he attended a meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments where discussion took place regarding Measure H and a survey to discuss services provided by Los Angeles County.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF MAY 11 AND MAY 13, 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 May 11 and May 13, 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 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided an update with the additional information requested at the May 11, 2021, City Council meeting.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the City's survey results and the potential allocation of funds.

Mayor Klinakis recommended to approve the item and move forward.

Council Member Quinones suggested to have the funds readily available for item no. 1 as listed on the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz supported the saving of funds for item no. 1 and noted that small businesses need continuing support.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding utilizing funds from the American Rescue Plan to fund sport and community programs and suggested that Staff develop a process for deploying the funds to the potential services and programs and tracking those funds.

Discussion ensued regarding funding community programs and organizations.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz suggested approval of the allocation of funds for the proposed line items and Staff will work on the programs and bring back to the Council for final approval.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for faith-based organization food banks.

Council Member Argudo acknowledged the amount of money the City is putting into community programs.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to: (1) approve as recommended with City Council input; and (2) authorize the City Manager to approve purchase orders as may be required by the City's Procurement Policy. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

At 9:18 p.m., Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting and reconvened the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

C-2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING OF THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, AND ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS NO. 20-5564 AND 20-5563 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME POSITIONS AND RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding the recommended budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) approve the FY 2021-2022 Recommended Budget effective July 1, 2021; (2) direct the City Manager to make any necessary changes to the recommended budget for incorporation into the final budget; (3) adopt Resolution No. 21-5625 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 annual budget; (4) adopt Resolution No. 21-5626 adopting the City's Gann Appropriation Limit and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds; and (5) adopt Resolutions No. 21-5627 and No. 21-5628 rescinding resolutions No. 20-5563 and No. 20-5564 amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing authorized part-time and full-time positions and rates for City employees. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C-3 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPERVISOR JOB DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING HIRING A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

Per the direction at the April 27, 2021, City Council meeting, Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report with the requested revisions to the Community Engagement Supervisor job description.

Discussion ensued regarding the revisions of the job title and description.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: keep the title of Community Engagement Supervisor; dismiss proposed line item no. 6 as stated in attachment B; add recommendations no. 9 and no. 18 as stated in attachment B, dismiss proposed bullet points no. 3 through no. 7 in the Education/Training/Experience portion of attachment B; and revise the first two bullet points to reflect basic understanding of fundraising/donor relations, communications/marketing, public relations, non-profit administration/ management, or related field to the Knowledge portion of attachment A. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff provide a quarterly report with an update on the job position.

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

City Council provided direction to Staff to reopen the position of Community Engagement Supervisor for applications.

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 Items D-1 through D-8. 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. 1509

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5629 approving Warrant Register No. 1509.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 SECOND READING 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

- D-5 SECOND READING 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT FOR THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT THE 2021 BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY ON JUNE 9, 2021

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5630 approving a permit for the public display of fireworks for Bassett High School's 2021 Graduation Ceremony on June 9, 2021, pursuant to all applicable code requirements.

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTITIES PERMITTED TO SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IN THE CITY FOR 2021

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5631 designating the entities permitted to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL VMT MITIGATION FEE STRUCTURE

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; and (2) 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 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2021 BUDGET REPORT

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided an update on the fiscal year 2020-21 budget.

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JUNE AS LGBTQ+ MONTH (MAYOR KLINAKIS AND COUNCIL MEMBER QUINONES)

Council Member Quinones provided a presentation regarding the history of the LGBTQ+ community.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5632 designating June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Director of Community Services Lerma provided a staff report regarding rules and regulations for the La Puente Park.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee worked on the rules and regulations with Staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5633 to update rules and regulations governing the use and operation of city parks and recreational areas. 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: Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Nothing to report.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Council and Staff for the discussion tonight and for their hard work.

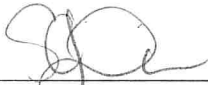
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff for their hard work.

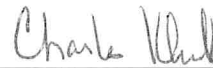
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of June, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair