MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 8, 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.lapuente.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, June 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

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, City Attorney Victor Ponto, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, 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.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (Lewis v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18841)

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(1) (5 matters)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:23 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Tran reported that the City Council convened to discuss the two items on the agenda, reports were provided, and no reportable action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:24 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, 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.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to continue the closed session to the end of the regular session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

The City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the La Puente Girl Scouts Troop 70824. Alyssa Ruiz and Misty Reyes spoke regarding their experiences as troop leaders and the community events they have participated in.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista spoke regarding repairs at the skatepark, updates with the Carriage Inn, LGBTQ month, vendors in the community, and a recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Livvy Mendoza submitted a written comment regarding a recent lawsuit filed against the City.

Amber Kirk submitted a written comment in support of agenda item No. E-1.

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 MAY 25, 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 May 25, 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 – None

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-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. 1510

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5634 approving Warrant Register No. 1510.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5635 approving the City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CITYWIDE CONCRETE REPAIRS FY 20-21 PROJECT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; (2) authorized an additional allocation of $7,200 in Measure M funds to cover the final cost of the project; and (3) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A LIABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement; 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 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING OPTIONS TO ADDRESS GRAFFITI PRONE AREAS ON BLOCK WALLS IN THE CITY

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a presentation regarding options to address graffiti prone areas in the City.

Discussion ensued regarding greenery and mural options, map of potential areas with footage and cost analysis, and a uniform color for walls in the City.

Direction was given to Staff to move forward and get started with the murals and bring back mapping of various options of greenery with cost analysis and confirm a general color scheme for wall painting to uniform the walls throughout the City.

Mayor Klinakis noted that this item is part of the short- and long- term solutions to combat gang violence.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT, MEASURE A AND GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES RELATED TO LA PUENTE PARK

City Manager Lindsey provided a staff report regarding funding sources related to the La Puente Park including the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy ("RMC") grant. He provided a map of the potential elements that the RMC will support for the grant.

City Manager Lindsey further requested direction from Council regarding the soccer field.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that the soccer field was previously recommended to have a turf element and an addition of a badminton and volleyball court was also discussed. She further discussed Measure A funding and additional opportunities to apply for more grants.

Discussion ensued regarding potential elements of a playground for young kids, weight equipment, soccer field, food truck promenade, and concrete areas.

Direction was provided to staff to recommend a soccer field with artificial turf, accept the recommendations of the current proposal for the RMC grant, submit the Measure A project for a soccer field, badminton/volleyball court, and an addition to the skate park for beginner skaters.

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.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

As per City Council's unanimous motion, the City Council recessed into closed session at 8:48 p.m. to continue discussion of the closed session items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 9:53 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Ponto reported that as to the two closed session items, direction was received and there was nothing further to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of June, 2021.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair