MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 13, 2021

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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, July 13, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

5:00 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 5:05 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 5:02 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code section 54957.6)
   Agency Designated Representatives: Bob Lindsey, City Manager and Victor Ponto, City Attorney
   Employee Organization: SEIU

2. 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)

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:04 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Koczanowicz reported that the City Council considered all three items, no reportable action was taken, and noted that Mayor Klinakis recused himself from Items 2 and 3.

Council Member Argudo arrived at 5:05 p.m. and participated in the entirety of closed session.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones.
Members absent:	Lewis.
Staff members present:	City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Garcia, 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

The City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition and a Proclamation in support of August 7, 2021, as COVID-19 Awareness Day to Nancy Gallegos of Yellow Heart Memorial.

Andrew Ross and Bella Hernandez, of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, provided a presentation regarding a proposed multijurisdictional project along Amar Boulevard.

Director of Community Services Lerma introduced Community Services Specialist, Steve Zaragoza.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Moises Castillo expressed his concern regarding the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Imelda Hernandez expressed her concern regarding the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Samantha spoke regarding Council Member Quinones and comments made on social media.

Andrea spoke regarding Council Member Quinones and comments made on social media.

Joe Bautista spoke regarding funding for the postponed 4th of July event, resources for the LGBTQ+ community, the Yellow Heart Memorial, street sweepers, reopening of City Council meetings, and signage at the La Puente Park.

Michael Lin expressed his concern regarding the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, COVID-19 vaccines, and 5G towers.

Bryan Yanez submitted a written comment regarding bike paths and walkable areas in the City.

Janette Guerrero submitted a written comment expressing her concern regarding public safety and the Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that she attended a meeting of the Foothill Transit Governing Board on Friday, June 25, 2021, where the executive board voted City of Industry Mayor Cory Moss to continue as the executive board representation and provided updates on grant funding that has been approved and would be available to cities for bus shelter renovations.

Mayor Klinakis reported that he attended a meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and noted that there is an uptick in the community of the West Nile virus.

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 JUNE 22, 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 June 22, 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

Staff pulled Item D-6 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5 and D-7 through D-11. 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. 1512

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5641 approving Warrant Register No. 1512.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM FY 2021 LOCAL SOLICITATION APPLICATION

Action taken: The City Council: (1) authorized Staff to prepare and submit the City's application for Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program funds in support of overtime costs for the City's SAO Team assigned through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 21-5642 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the amount of $11,500 for revenue and expenditures related to the JAG grant allocation.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CITY STREET SIGN INSTALLATION PROJECT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR MAINTENANCE YARD ACCESS ROAD AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the construction of the Maintenance Yard Access Road; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING YEAR TWO PARTICPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Action taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 21-5643 approving participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this Program.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Staff pulled this item for further discussion.

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided a staff report and spoke regarding allocation of an additional $137,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the completion of the volleyball and soccer fields at the La Puente Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 21-5644 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to increase revenues by $4,738,300 and to increase expenditures by $2,913,300; (2) adopt Resolution No. 21-5645 amending the adopted Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 to increase expenditures by $951,900. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH TURF ALLIANCE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SPORTS TURF FOR THE SOCCER FIELD, TURF FOR THE SKATEPARK BOUNDARY, AND MAINTENCE EQUIPMENT AND GOALS FOR LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $593,000

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Turf Alliance for the purchase and installation of sports turf for the soccer field, skatepark boundary, maintenance and sports equipment to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of $593,000; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 21-5647 amending the adopted Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the amount of $188,000 for expenditures related to the skatepark boundary turf.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-5628 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL-TIME POSITIONS FOR TWO COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITIONS AND ONE COMMUNITY RESOURCE TECHNICIAN POSITION

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5646 rescinding Resolution No. 21-5628 and approving two temporary full-time Community Outreach Program Coordinator positions and one temporary full-time Community Resource Technician position and salary ranges.

D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES WITH BLACKWATER SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $133,900

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved a professional services agreement with Blackwater Security for private security services; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

D-10 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT TO ACE FENCING CO FOR DECORATIVE FENCING AT LA PUENTE PARK SKATE PARK AND BASKETBALL COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $59,885

Action taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the purchase order contract to Ace Fence Co. in the amount of $59,885.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-11 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR SECURITY SPECIALISTS, INC. DBA SUPERIOR ALARM SYSTEMS FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AND SPEAKER SYSTEM AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $372,252.00

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Agreement with Superior Security Specialists, Inc., dba Superior Alarm Systems in the amount of $372,252.00; (2) directed the City Attorney to prepare the Agreement; and (3) 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 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH CABLECAST FOR THE PURCHASE OF MANAGED VIDEO SERVER AND PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $75,000

City Manager Lindsey provided a staff report regarding a public/educational/government channel for the City.

Information Technology/Communications Analyst Steve Overstreet provided more information regarding the PEG channel.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding a public channel through a private cable company.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) approve the purchase order contract with Cablecast for the purchase managed video server and production equipment in the amount of $35,894.00; (2) authorize the City Manager to approve purchase orders as may be required by the City's Procurement Policy for production equipment not to exceed $39,106.00. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.21 OF TITLE 2 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE BID PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ALLOW FOR "PIGGYBACK" CONTRACT AWARDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Attorney Koczanowicz provided a staff report regarding an ordinance to allow for "piggyback" contract awards for public works projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the bid process when "piggybacking" on other agencies' competitively bid contracts.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-975 and read by title only; (2) and introduce Ordinance No. 21-975, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente amending Chapter 2.21 (Bid Procedures for Public Projects) of Title 2 (Administration) of the La Puente Municipal Code to establish an additional exception to Competitive Bidding by allowing "piggybacking" on other agencies' competitively bid contracts. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Office Specialist Martha Aguirre provided a staff report regarding the League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to designate Council Member Argudo as the voting delegate and Council Member Quinones as the alternate for the League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference and authorize the

Mayor to affirm the action of the City Council. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-4 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S APPLICATION TO THE SAN GABRIEL & LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FOR PROPOSITION 68 FUNDING

City Manager Lindsey provided an update regarding the City's application to the San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy ("RMC") for Proposition 68 funding.

Council Member Argudo suggested that Staff send a letter to the RMC management team to inquire and request an explanation regarding the update in funding.

Discussion ensued regarding the sources of funding of the RMC.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz suggested that the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee brainstorm to review the project and direct Staff to come up with a back-up plan in case the funding from the RMC does not move forward.

Council Member Argudo agreed that the ad hoc committee move forward to find alternatives to address the financial gap for the La Puente Park project and requested that Staff formulate a letter to the director of the RMC to inquire regarding an update on funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz noted that the RMC has the La Puente Park project on their agenda tentatively for September 2021.

The City Council provided direction to Staff to work with the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee to formulate a letter to the RMC.

Mayor Klinakis inquired regarding the initial amount of funding that the RMC had.

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 announced that the Sheriff's Youth Activities League would be staring a BMX program in the city of Rosemead, in partnership with Huffy Bikes.

Mayor Klinakis requested support from the City Council to form a Joint Powers Agency to construct critical infrastructure that will provide development of a regional broadband network to bridge the internet gap that is growing and provide internet access to the disadvantaged. He noted that the City will form the Puente Valley Consortium with the City of Industry and El Monte, and AB 14 would help to pay for costs associated with the Joint Powers Agency.

Council Member Argudo requested that the item be brought back on the agenda or through an ad hoc committee.

Council Member Quinones spoke against bullying and addressed comments made on social media.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Services Lerma provided the City Council an update of $20 million for the second round of call for RMC projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of July, 2021.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair