

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Martin Koczanowicz and City Clerk Sheryl Garcia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:05 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)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:14 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Koczanowicz reported that no reportable action was taken and noted that Mayor Klinakis recused himself from closed session. Council Member Argudo arrived at 6:12 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 7:15 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 Sheryl Garcia, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee and Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Argudo requested that the Consent Calendar and Item E-3 be considered at this time.

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 and D-2. 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. 1514

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5649 approving Warrant Register No. 1514.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO ONYX PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2020-21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,625,000

Action taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,625,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS – None

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-5646 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL TIME POSITIONS FOR A RECLASSIFICATION OF A PART-TIME PARK CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO A FULL-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Director Grunklee provided an update on the La Puente sports complex and the items and upcoming construction on the east side of the park. He stated there is a part-time code officer enforcing rules at the park which is limiting and this item if approved would reclassify a part-time to a full-time officer.

Council Member Argudo stated he has observed the work of the current part-time officer who has relationships with the community and manages the park well. In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, Director Grunklee noted this position is classified as union eligible.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) approve the Code Enforcement Officer job description; (2) adopt Resolution No. 21-5650 rescinding Resolution No. 21-5646 and approve the reclassification of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to a full-time Code Enforcement Officer; and (3) adopt Resolution No. 21-5651 amending the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to increase expenditures by \$60,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Susan Contreras of Municipal Waste Solutions provided a presentation regarding SB 1383 Organic Disposal Reduction Requirements in the City.

Representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works provided a presentation and update on the La Puente One Stop Center Project.

Ed Chavez and Patty Cortez of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District provided a water supply update.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista spoke about opening council chambers to the public, the completion date of upgrades to La Puente park, the opening of Tierra Mia and the City implementing fines related to its Organic Disposal Reduction Program.

Karen Roseberry requested the City Council agendaize a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Veronica Gomez requested that the City Council support a vote of no confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Thea Eskry submitted a written comment regarding Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Director Di Mario provided an update and report on the status of terms of the Planning Commissioners.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to reappoint Gary Dudley, Allen Maes, and Nadia Mendoza to the Planning Commission for a two-year term. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to appoint Marty Paz to the Planning Commission for the remaining unfilled seat for a term to expire in June 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 PRESENTATION REGARDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Director Lerma provided a presentation regarding programming and special events in the Community Services department.

Action taken: The City Council received and filed the presentation.

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: Council Member Quinones stated he was looking forward to Project LEAD coming back.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Quinones noted the committee was working on homeless and gang prevention and collecting information, research and talking to other agencies so resources can be rolled out.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis spoke about upcoming upgrades to the audio/visual system in Council Chambers. He noted with the current status of the pandemic it was prudent to keep Council Chambers closed for the safety of staff. He further apologized for the wait for residents wanting to speak at the meeting

Mayor Klinakis stated many people are stopping to thank the City Council for the work done at La Puente park. He noted the City has been funding the upgrades and is currently waiting for other funding sources to come forward. He noted the park currently looks like a construction zone, but construction is moving forward, and the vision is for the park to be completed next summer. He further stated residents may be inconvenienced now but will be happy once construction is completed.

Mayor Klinakis noted the Industry Sheriff's station captain had stopped by earlier to say and let everyone know that the team is working hard to keep residents safe and secure.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that the meeting be closed in honor of Karen La Mere who passed from Covid-19.

Council Member Quinones stated he would like to see Council Chambers open, but the priority is to keep staff safe. He noted he has been to the park, and it is nice to see the coaches back on the fields with the kids. He stated the City is working to be creative and make sure everyone has access to the park and with the remodel there are spaces that will be blocked from construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that it is important that presentations come before public comment on the agenda so that the residents can be informed as to what is going on. She noted the park is currently an eyesore, but a good eyesore and the City is continuing to provide open space for the residents.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that beginning Thursday businesses can begin applying for grants. He noted City staff is committed to completing the park and the goal is to have it done by summer 2022. He further stated Measure A funds may be available soon to fund soccer fields and volleyball courts. City Manager Lindsay also noted the exercise area of playground is slated for renovation and walls have been identified for the new mural program.

Mayor Klinakis noted La Puente Live is up and running and sheriff's deputies will be outfitted with bicycles and will be interacting with residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in memory of Karen La Mere at 9:00 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of August, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair