

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
AUGUST 24, 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, August 24, 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 (arrived at 6:01 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 6:01 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Koczanowicz reported that no reportable action was taken.

## 7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma and Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Bryan Smith of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided an update on crime statistics in the region.

Allegra Consulting provided a presentation regarding smoke-free multi-housing units. Council Member Argudo requested that Staff perform research into this matter and bring it back at a future City Council Meeting.

City Manager Lindsey introduced new employees Reanna Lopez, Kimberly Cardona and Brian Torres.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Maldonado stated he was appreciative of the new water pipes being installed in the City but dust mitigation and outreach about dates and times of construction was lacking. He spoke about the lack of Council Member Lewis attending City Council meetings and asked why the matter had not been addressed. He further spoke about the Sheriff's special assignment teams and that they are providing little to the City. Lastly, he addressed his unhappiness with District Attorney Gascon and the recall election.

Joe Bautista stated that most La Puente Live vendors are not from the City and alleged they do not wear masks and gloves. He further spoke about an interaction with a La Puente Live employee noted that vendors should not treat residents rudely. He stated La Puente Live should be run by the City and rules should be enforced.

Irene Rivas spoke on behalf of Vanessa Perez, whose son was incarcerated after an interaction with the Sheriff's Department. She asked that transparency and fairness be brought to his case.

Kenneth Blake spoke about an illegal business in the City and the loss of his property rights.

Asia Powell of the CPUC provide an ecomment regarding assistance available to customers to avoid energy bill disconnections because of COVID-19. She noted customers should contact their energy utility for questions about avoiding bill disconnections.

#### 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 MEETINGS OF JULY 27, 2021, AND AUGUST 10, 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 meetings of July 27, 2021, and August 10, 2021. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

#### B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

##### B-1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21-01 – CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21-01 TO UPDATE THE 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE LA PUENTE GENERAL PLAN TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S REQUIREMENTS

Senior Planner Tellez provided a presentation regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle housing element update.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 21-5652 approving General Plan Amendment No. 21-01 for the 2017 update to the 2013-2021 Housing Element and re-approve Addendum No. 3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1515

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5653 approving Warrant Register No. 1515.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PHASE 3 ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,929.00 AND A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR LIGHTING POLE FOR THE SOCCER FIELD TO BE INSTALLED AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,243.75

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$139,929.00 for Phase 3 electrical improvements at La Puente Park; and (2) approved the purchase order contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the purchase of three lighting retrofit fixtures to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of \$98,243.75.

D-5 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 77076 AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15921 SIERRA VISTA COURT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) found that Final Tract Map No. 77076 complies with all of the Conditions of Approval set forth within Tentative Tract Map No. 77076; (2) approved the Subdivision Improvement Agreement and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) approved the Final Map and authorized the City Clerk to endorse the cover sheet of the Final Map, the certificate which embodies the approval of said Map for recordation with the County of Los Angeles.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA URBAN FORESTS COUNCIL, WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE REGARDING THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED URBAN GREENING PROJECT

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Urban Forests Council, West Coast Arborists, Inc. and the City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Memorandum on behalf of the City.

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH ACE FENCE CO FOR ADDITIONAL DECORATIVE FENCING AT LA PUENTE PARK SKATE PARK AND BASKETBALL COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,415

Action taken: The City Council approved the change order with Ace Fence Co in the amount of \$28,415 for additional decorative fencing and mow strip at La Puente Park skate park and basketball courts.

**E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

- E-1 PRESENTATION OF JUNE AND JULY 2021 BUDGET REPORTS

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided a budget report for the months of June and July, 2021.

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

- E-2 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4.12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY RECYCLING OF ORGANIC WASTE

Mayor Klinakis stated he needed additional information regarding this item and requested that Staff bring it back at the next City Council meeting.

- E-3 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.20 OF TITLE 2 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS OF RECOVERED ORGANIC WASTE PRODUCTS

Mayor Klinakis stated he needed additional information regarding this item and requested that Staff bring it back at the next City Council meeting.

## 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 reminded the community that the City and Kiwanis Club would be hosting an event on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the La Puente Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Staff for all of their hard work.

## ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that Staff would follow-up on matters brought up at the City Council meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia  
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis  
Mayor/Chair