

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 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, September 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss the item 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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:05 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Martin Koczanowicz, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

Mayor Klinakis stated for the record that Council Member Argudo participated in closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

La Puente High School's CSF co-president, Connie Martinez, gave a speech in remembrance of the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista expressed his concerns about the management of La Puente Live in regards to the lack of communication and organization of the event, vendors moving locations without notice and licenses not being checked. He further alleged that vendors do not follow COVID-19 protocols and stated that they do not display their business permits.

Gerad Chin requested a stop sign at Allenwood and Orange Blossom to make it a 4-way stop instead of a 2-way stop. He also requested speed bumps for Lomitas Avenue to increase community safety.

Eli Tawil addressed concerns with the management and vendors of La Puente Live. He stated that all La Puente Live vendors are local La Puente residents and families. He further shared that the LA County Health Department conducted a routine inspection on June 4, 2021 which resulted in no corrective action being required. He also corresponded with an LA County Health department official and confirmed that La Puente Live is compliant with COVID-19 protocols and mandates. Lastly, he stated that La Puente Live will be donating \$20 to the City for every vendor attending the November 6th event in efforts to reinvest back into the community.

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 AUGUST 24, 2021, AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of August 24, 2021, and September 1, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz pulled Items D-3 and D-4 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1, D-2, and D-5. 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. 1516

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5655 approving Warrant Register No. 1516.

- D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THREE VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency: (1) adopted Resolution No. 21-5656 declaring as surplus property, three vehicles in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH INNOVATIVE PLAYGROUNDS CO. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND FOR ZERO TO FIVE YEARS OLD FOR LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$412,000

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz pulled this item for further discussion.

City Manager Lindsey introduced Innovative Playgrounds CEO and Director of Operations, Alvino and Vanessa Larios, to deliver a presentation about the proposed designs for the playground at La Puente Park. Council Member Argudo questioned if the current 5-12 age group playground was being completely renovated, and inquired about the possibility of upgrading it to be more cost efficient. City Manager Lindsey confirmed that repairs and replacements were being done to ensure better working conditions of the playground; he also stated signage was necessary for liability reasons.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: (1) approve the purchase order contract with Innovative Playgrounds Co. for the purchase and installation of a playground to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of \$412,000; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action; and (3) adopt Resolution No. 21-5657 amending the adopted Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the amount of \$412,000 for expenditures related to the purchase and installation of the playground at La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FITNESS COURT FOR LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,992

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz pulled this item for further discussion.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee gave a presentation about the installation of a fitness court at La Puente Park and provided City Council with a rendering of the project. He notified council that City staff applied for and acquired a grant for the amount

of \$25,000 to offset costs of the project. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that the fitness court would not be a replacement of the current fitness station, but an addition to it. Council Member Argudo inquired if there was a way to prevent graffiti on the fitness court. City Manager Lindsey stated that the wrap for the fitness court wall is coated with graffiti proof material.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) approve the purchase order contract with National Fitness Campaign, LLC for the purchase Fitness Court to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of \$148,992; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action; and (3) adopt Resolution No. 21-5658 amending the adopted Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 in the amount of \$148,992 for expenditures related to the purchase and installation of the Fitness Court at La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CITYWIDE SLURRY SEAL FY 2020-21

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A COVID-19 MEMORIAL BENCH AT LA PUENTE PARK (MAYOR KLINAKIS AND COUNCIL MEMBER QUINONES)

Council Member Quinones proposed installing a COVID-19 memorial bench alongside a trail at La Puente Park. He further suggested the City collaborate with Yellow Heart Memorial for the permanent memorial bench. Council Member Argudo suggested it be located at the City Hall rose garden along with other memorials present at City Hall. Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Quinones supported the idea of installing a memorial bench at both locations. The City Council directed City Manager Lindsey and City staff to bring back a conceptual drawing, as well as location suggestions for the memorial bench.

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

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee gave a presentation regarding the mandatory Organic Waste Ordinance. Mayor Klinakis expressed concern of the new law and stated that the City should assist businesses in understanding and complying with the requirements. City Manager Lindsey proposed researching the fiscal impact each business may experience to better assist them with meeting those requirements.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-976 and read by title only; (2) and introduce Ordinance No. 21-976, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente amending Chapter 4.12 (Include Enforcement of Mandatory Recycling of Organic Waste) of Title 4 (Health and Sanitation) of the La Puente Municipal Code to include enforcement of mandatory recycling of organic waste that effective January 1, 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 21-977 and read by title only; (2) and introduce Ordinance No. 21-977, an Ordinance of the City of La Puente amending Chapter 2.20 of Title 2 (Administration) of the La Puente Municipal Code to include procurement requirements of recovered organic waste products. The motion carried by following roll call vote:

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

E-4 PRESENTATION REGARDING A REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS MODIFIED TO MEET STATE AND COUNTY MANDATES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Director of Community Services Lerma presented the City Council with an update on modifications of recreational programs and community events to follow COVID-19 protocols and guidance's.

E-5 PRESENTATION REGARDING AN UPDATE OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Engagement Supervisor Hernandez introduced La Puente Community Foundation Chairperson, Samantha Marquez. He further provided an update on the development of the Community Foundation and notified the City Council of the La Puente Park Snack Bar opening. Director of Administrative Services Grunklee noted his responsibility for the taxes and financials of the foundation. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz made a request that City staff look into planting a walnut tree at the La Puente City Park.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz announced a meeting would take place next week for an overview assessment on final and pending projects. She also reported meeting with City Staff to discuss Items D-3 and D-4.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported meeting with Council Member Argudo and Director of Community Services Lerma to alter a few rules.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Nothing to report.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Mayor Klinakis formed a Homeless ad hoc committee where he appointed himself and Council Member Quinones as the committee members.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis noted that Council Member Argudo was not in physical attendance at the Council meeting. He encouraged community, Council Members, and staff to continue protecting themselves from the COVID-19 virus by taking necessary precautions. Furthermore, he thanked staff for the grand opening of games over the weekend.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey expressed his appreciation for the direction council members provided. He further mentioned that the construction of the soccer field would begin in October and the curbing would commence this coming week. He encouraged council members and staff to see the work being done at La Puente Park. He also thanked La Puente Live vendors for addressing concerns at the council meeting.

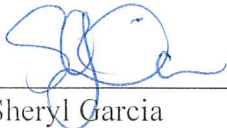
Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that fencing between the skate park and basketball courts would be going up soon. She further noted that foundation for the maintenance road has begun and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) grant is scheduled for consideration at the end of the month.

Council Member Argudo requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Stephen A. Solis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in memory of Stephen A. Solis at 9:10 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of September, 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair