

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 28, 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.lapuate.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 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey (via teleconference), Attorney Victor Ponto, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:35 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
2. Public Employment, City Manager (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:17 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Ponto reported that direction was given, and no reportable action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Lewis.

Staff members present: Attorney Victor Ponto, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Community Services Roxanne Lerma, Principal Accountant Alex Merkel-Medina and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PRESENTATIONS

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Batista expressed his concern regarding the installation of cameras around the community and low income spay and neutering programs. He commended City Staff and City Council Members for the progressing renovations at the La Puente Park and requested clarification on the electric vehicle parking rules for the La Puente Park parking lot.

Veronica Zamora spoke on behalf of her parents, regarding code enforcement violation letters received and inquired on the City's code on placement and removal of waste containers. She requested a meeting with code enforcement to resolve the issue.

Erick Sanchez reported on behalf of Guerrero's Judo Club as they competed in tournaments across the nation resulting in three female students winning gold medals. He spoke about the Tiny Tots program and inquired about the progress of the Judo building that was proposed to further expand their program.

Denae Amaya, District Representative from the Office of Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio, submitted a written comment to inform residents of the Career and Resource Fair taking place on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cortez Park Community and Senior Center in the City of West Covina.

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting September 14, 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-8. 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. 1517

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5659 approving Warrant Register No. 1517.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2021 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 SECOND READING 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

D-5 SECOND READING 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

Action taken: The City Council adopted 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.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION

Action taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5660 adopting the 2021 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 2 to the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and St. Joseph School; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND STUDENTS RUN LA FOR A 5K/10K STRENGTH TRAINING RUN

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and Students Run LA for a 5K/10K Strength Training Run; 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 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2021 BUDGET REPORTS

Principal Accountant Merkel-Medina provided a budget report for the month of August 2021.

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR REQUIRING PERMIT PARKING

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: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that she met with Director of Community Services Lerma, Director of Administrative Service Grunklee, and City Manager Lindsey to review future park enhancements and pending park projects. She further reported they met with Father Mike from St. Louis of France to discuss outreach efforts and joint use projects.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Mayor Klinakis reported that the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee met to discuss park rules.

Public Health: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach and Reopening: Council Member Quinones reported that he spoke with Staff and shared that they have been personally reaching out to local businesses to inform them of City resources and business grants available.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that the ad hoc committee is looking to expand the program to include La Puente High School students.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Quinones reported that homelessness is a growing issue in the City which led to the creation of another ad hoc committee to address it more closely.

Homeless: Council Member Quinones reported that he met with Staff and Sheriff deputies who are assigned to this committee to further develop the program and implement plans to address homelessness.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concern regarding the potential for overlap between the newly formed Homeless ad hoc committee and the Community Safety and Welfare. He requested that the City Attorney's office review the matter and suggested proceeding with caution. Mayor Klinakis also requested that the City Attorney's office report their findings to City Manager Lindsey.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported that he could not attend California Contract Cities Association meeting due to testing positive for COVID-19.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis addressed concerns regarding the installation of cameras within the community. He stated that the cameras are license plate readers which are not meant to video tape surrounding areas. Lastly, he commended Staff for their work and development of the Tiny Tot program.

Council Member Argudo informed residents and the City Council that the City works with a low income spay and neuter program called H.E.A.R.T and suggested expanding the space for the Tiny Tot program.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz announced that St. Louis of France Church would be hosting a vaccination clinic on Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She further stated that this event would also be in partnership with Hilda Solis' office to provide outreach to the community. She mentioned that there would be resources available, as well as free food and entertainment.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

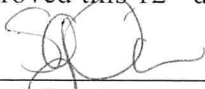
Director of Development Services Di Mario confirmed the H.E.A.R.T program does offer spay and neuter services, as well as surgeries. He further announced the completion of the Arbolita Senior Apartments and mentioned their interest in hosting a grand opening event. He notified City Council and residents that the grind and overlay project is underway. He further requested that residents be patient with the City as they conduct repairs and improvements of 35 residential streets. Lastly, he announced that construction for the new park service road has begun.

Director of Community Services Lerma stated that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant is administering the Proposition 68 funds and clarified that the funding received has already been allocated. She also reported that there was progress in the planning for the November 6th Dia De Los Muertos event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of October 2021.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair