MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 12, 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.lapuente.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, October 12, 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 6:15pm), Quinones.

Members absent: Lewis.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:01 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. Public Employment, City Manager (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:09 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Ponto reported that the labor negotiations between City Manager Lindsey and the City Council resulted in City Manager Lindsey receiving a two-year contract. He specified that in the first year of the contract a 3% increase from his current base salary will occur and will occur again the second year with 3% increase from the first increased based salary. He further stated that City Manager Lindsey is entitled to benefits that have been budgeted and documented as part of the City's financial approval. He noted that City Manager Lindsey waived those the past few years, however, further noted that it will now be exercised and agreed upon. Lastly, he stated that should the City Council vote to terminate City Manager Lindsey for convenience, prior to the two-year expiration, City Manager Lindsey will be compensated with the balance of the two-year term. He also announced that Council Member Argudo arrived at 6:15 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 7:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones.
Members absent:	Lewis.
Staff members present:	City Manager Bob Lindsey, Attorney Victor Ponto, 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

Council Member Argudo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista stated that a neighbor received a parking ticket and questioned if the code enforcement parking regulations were available on the City website. He further inquired if there was a 24-hour service available to residents in the event their trees fall due to windy weather.

Manuel Maldonado requested a report on the use of the COVID-19 emergency funds. He further inquired about the implementation of a resident oversight committee. Lastly, he expressed concern for the increase in crime rate throughout the City.

Joe Rodriguez expressed concern about the crime activity surrounding the BAART clinic and stated that the area has become unsafe. He further suggested that additional street lighting and the trimming of large trees in front of the clinic could help decrease the crime activity.

Eric Bojorquez spoke of the unsafe areas and activity surrounding the BAART clinic. He further expressed disappointment with the Sheriff's Department response time and requested that the City Council address the issue.

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 COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 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 meeting September 28, 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. 1518

Action taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 21-5661 approved Warrant Register No. 1518.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND JESUS RODRIGUEZ FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD FOR HOLIDAY SALES

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the License Agreement with Jesus Rodriguez; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the License Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND AZAVAR AUDIT SOLUTIONS FOR FRANCHISE FEE AUDIT SERVICES

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Azavar Audit Solutions for professional services related to compliance audits; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the irrigation and landscape improvements at La Puente Park; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 2 to the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and the Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH TURF ALLIANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A RETAINING WALL, PERIMETER FENCE, AND SYNTHETIC TURF COOLING IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR THE SOCCER FIELD AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $160,000

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the amendment to purchase order contract with Turf Alliance for the installation of the retaining wall, perimeter fence, and installation of synthetic turf cooling irrigation cooling system at the soccer field in the amount of $160,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL NO. 300 FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY LABORERS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Laborers' International Union of North America, Local No. 300; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH GREENFIELDS OUTDOOR FITNESS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SHADE STRUCTURES FOR THE OUTDOOR FINTESS AREA AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $109,900

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Greenfields Outdoor Fitness for the purchase and installation of shade structures to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of $109,900; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR REQUIRING PERMIT PARKING

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff bring back this item at a future City Council meeting for further discussion.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PAINTING OF GRAFFITI PRONE BLOCK WALLS IN THE CITY

Director of Development Services Di Mario presented color options for the graffiti prone block walls in the city.

The City Council reached a consensus to select Color #2 and directed Staff to do a sample wall near Amar Road.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF A 30-DAY RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER CITY BODIES UNDER THE MODIFIED RULES SET FORTH UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E) AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS AS AMENDED BY AB 361

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to conduct public meetings virtually for meetings of all public bodies subject to the Brown Act in accordance with the requirements of AB 361 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5662, which will require reauthorization every (thirty) 30 days. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-4 CONSIDERATION OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT C. LINDSEY FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES

Attorney Ponto read the deal points of Robert C. Lindsey's contract when reporting out of closed session.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones to modify Robert C. Lindsey's contract and have it executed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that the committee met to discuss remaining project proposals, as well as the future location for the extension of the community center building to provide access for additional services and programming.

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.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Quinones reported that he attended the annual JPIA Board of Directors meeting. He noted his attendance of three sessions regarding ethics for public officials, partnership, public opinion, and large verdicts impact law enforcement, and legal guidance for public officials on social media.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo acknowledged the departure of Director of Community Services Lerma and expressed his gratitude for being able to work alongside her. He further commended her for earning her new position as Assistant City Manager for the City of West Covina.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz wished Director of Community Services Lerma prosperity as she takes on her new role at the City of West Covina. She further noted that the City and the La Puente community will dearly miss her.

Mayor Klinakis expressed his appreciation for Director of Community Services Lerma and commended her for all the programs she implemented. He noted that her leadership of the Community Services department had an impact on the community's growth.

Council Member Quinones thanked Director of Community Services Lerma for her guidance and support of the City Council. He praised her dedication to the community and expressed his excitement for her new position.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Director of Community Services Lerma for her years of service to the City and noted it would be a challenge to find a replacement to supersede her great work. He further stated that meetings to address the BAART clinic have been preplanned. He noted that information on this issue will be gathered and ready to deliver at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Director of Community Services Lerma expressed her gratitude for being able to serve the community this past decade. She emphasized the opportunities present in the City and encouraged Staff to harness that potential. She further thanked Director of Development Services Di Mario for his dedication to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Approved this 26th day of October, 2021.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair