MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

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A Special 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 Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones.
Members absent:	Lewis.
Staff members present:	City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Victor Ponto, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

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 8:05 a.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1) – In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Case No. 1:17-MD-02804

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:11 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran reported that a report was given and no final action was taken.

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-1 for further clarification.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Item 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 AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH MCKESSON CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, INC., AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORPORATION, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., AND JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICAL, INC., AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE MOU ALLOCATING SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, AND AUTHORIZE ENTRY INTO THE MOU WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Council Member Argudo requested a brief report regarding the origin of the item.

Assistant City Attorney Tran clarified that the item pertained to national opioid litigation occurring across the nation; and that the case had entered the settlement phase. He stated that by approving the resolution and authorizing the City Manager to enter into settlement agreements, the City could receive funds for future use.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to: adopt Resolution No. 21-5671, authorizing Bob Lindsey, City Manager, to settle and release the City's claims against the Settling Defendants in exchange for the consideration set forth in the Settlement Agreements, Allocation Agreements including taking the following measures: (1) The execution of the Participation Agreement to the Distributors Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto; (2) The execution of the Participation Agreement to the Janssen Settlement Agreement and any and all documents ancillary thereto; (3) The execution of the Proposed California State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds - Distributor Settlement by executing the signature pages to that Allocation Agreement; and (4) The execution of the Proposed California State-Subdivision Agreement Regarding Distribution and Use of Settlement Funds - Janssen Settlement Allocation Agreements by executing the signature pages to that Allocation Agreement. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL 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

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5672, authorizing the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City continue to hold teleconferenced meetings from December 13, 2021 through January 12, 2022.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E- 1 CONSIDERATION OF VACANCY OF OFFICE DUE TO COUNCILMEMBER'S CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES FROM REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Assistant City Attorney Tran noted that staff recommended the City Council to consider whether to declare a vacancy due to Council Member Lewis' excessive absences.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the state law regarding vacancies. Assistant City Attorney Tran explained that under government code, "[i]f a city councilmember is absent without permission from all regular city council meetings for 60 days consecutively from the last regular meeting he or she attended, his or her office becomes vacant and shall be filled as any other vacancy."

Council Member Argudo requested the number of days elapsed thus far that Council Member Lewis was last present.

Assistant City Attorney Tran stated that Council Member Lewis had been absent for 239 consecutive days.

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to declare the seat vacated by Council Member Lewis due to absences and for Staff to provide the City Council with options on how to fill the seat at a future City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz provided an update regarding the La Puente Park completed and current projects, as well as optional funding.

Soccer Field

City Manager Lindsey gave a brief overview of the park map. He noted that the remaining project for the soccer field was the installation of a retaining wall.

Discussion ensued regarding the different options provided for the color scheme and design of the retaining wall.

The City Council directed staff to move forward with a neutral-colored wall, as well as a stamped in logo and soccer ball design.

Exercise Equipment

City Manager Lindsey provided an update on the delivery of the exercise equipment and stated it would be installed once received. He further noted that the installation of the umbrella and shade structures were completed.

Recreational Building

City Manager Lindsey informed the City Council of a potential space for an addition to the community center. He noted that Director of Developmental Services Di Mario had conducted a bid search for an architect.

Director of Developmental Services Di Mario provided a report regarding the proposal and quote the potential architect gave.

Discussion ensued regarding the expansion of the Community Center.

Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting at 9:25 am and reconvened at 9:32 am.

The City Council directed Staff to conduct an informal solicitation process of three different architectural design firms to later select an architect at a future City Council meeting.

Playground and Hydration Stations

City Manager Lindsey gave an update regarding the conceptual design for the 5-12 playground. He stated that the renovation of the current park 5-12 playground would cost $200,000. He noted that if approved, the parts would be shipped together and have great warranty. Moreover, he gave a description of the hydration stations proposed by Innovative Playgrounds. Lastly, he stated that the completion of both playgrounds would near mid-February.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) approve funding for the 0 to 5 playground and allocate an additional $715,000 for the 5 to 11 playground; and (2) approve the use of funds in the amount of $55,000 for the installation of hydration stations between the fitness court and fitness equipment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Skatepark Expansion

City Manager Lindsey gave a report regarding a proposal from Spohn Ranch to construct a beginner area at the skatepark. He further clarified that approval and direction is needed to move forward with the expansion.

Discussion ensued regarding the skatepark expansion.

Mayor Klinakis suggested the center of the additional skate structure be filled with Astroturf.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee informed the City Council that funding would come from the Prop 68 per capita funds. He specified that an application would be submitted to use the $202,000 and that it could only be acquired with a 20% match. Moreover, he noted that there is $95,000 in the general fund to cover that match.

City Manager Lindsey communicated that he would follow up with Spohn Ranch regarding their prior commitment to raise $25,000 for the expansion of the skatepark.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve $202,000 of Proposition 68 funding for the skatepark expansion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting at 10:05 am and reconvened at 10:13 am.

CONVENE STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

1. Welcome and Meeting Objectives

City Clerk Garcia provided an update regarding the 2019 Strategic Planning Session's S.W.O.T. analysis, goals, and project objectives. She reported that 14 of 18 project objectives from the previous planning session have been completed thus far. She recommended that the City Council: (1) discuss strategic planning including goals, objectives, and project requests; (2) provide any necessary direction to Staff; and (3) authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all purchase orders and contracts necessary to carry out City Council's direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended the removal of the completed projects from the strategic plan and identified those as line items 5 through 18 from the 2019 Six-Month Strategic Planning Objectives.

2. Review and Discussion of Previous Strategic Plan

<u>Bus Stop Enhancement Program</u>

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided an update on the Bus Stop Enhancement Program. He reported that ten locations were identified for the new bus shelters and that a $40,000 grant from Foothill Transit would fund the construction of two. Moreover, he explained that the other eight shelters would be funded with Prop A monies. He estimated June 2022 as the date of completion.

<u>Updated City Personnel Policy Manual</u>

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee gave a report regarding the personnel policy updates. He also spoke regarding work with Management Analyst Torres to request proposals from attorney firms that may assist in the policy update process.

Council Member Argudo recommended that Staff join the Human Resource Society for more guidance and information regarding personnel policies.

<u>Street Revitalization Maintenance</u>

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a report regarding the Street Revitalization Maintenance project. He noted the completion of all curb painting in the City. He further reported that budgeted funds were used to abate trip hazards on displaced sidewalks and updated the City Council on the minimizing of street signs throughout the City. He presented a map of the streets that exhibited where grind and overlay, and slurry seal improvements were being conducted. He noted that the bond proceeds monies and RMC grant funds were covering the cost of both projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz inquired about the cost to complete the street improvement projects. Director of Development Services Di Mario indicated the cost to complete the projects as $21 million. He noted that the bond proceeds monies covered about $7 million of the cost. He further mentioned that monies from Prop C, Measure M, Measure R, and SB1 could be allocated to cover the cost.

Discussion ensued regarding other projects under the Street Revitalization Maintenance Project.

Preliminary Street Parking Evaluation and Needs Assessment

City Manager Lindsey identified the parking issue around the BAART clinic to be of primary concern. He reported on a recent operation to clean up the area, as well as install temporary no parking signs. He noted that most vehicles parked in that area are not owned by residents of the City. Lastly, he noted that Director of Development Services Di Mario conducted a few studies to address the parking issues at the park.

Council Member Argudo noted that direction was given to hold a special meeting to openly discuss the parking issues and inquired about the date for that meeting.

City Manager Lindsey clarified that the meeting would take place during the beginning of 2022, upon the return from the holidays.

Mayor Pro Tem recommend keeping line item 2 as a pending item on the strategic plan, line item 3 for future discussion and line item 4 for future discussion at a special meeting.

3. Review and Discussion of Key Issues, Project Opportunities and Unmet Needs/Special Project Requests to City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended continuing with the line item 8 "Implementation of financial packet for construction" and rename it in the new strategic plan as "Implementation of final financial packet for completion of park construction and final park completion". She also recommended adding the Homelessness issue to the strategic plan as a line item; moreover, suggested including Sheriff's, Sheriff Captain, City Manager, City Council, and Homeless Staff to the WHO section. She noted that following establishing a strategic plan, as a consensus of City Council in coordination with Sheriff Captain and Staff, it should be handed over to the Homelessness ADHOC committee for completion.

Council Member Quinones recommended adding the return of the Little League Parade to line item 17, adding the COVID-19 memorial bench to line item 8, and adding partnerships with LGBTQ+ organizations to provide residents with resources to line item 17.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended rewording line item 17 and to review community programming, projects, and special events at that time. She also recommended evaluating youth sports, recreational programming, tiny tots, and further enhance community partnerships to improve all community programs.

Amar Road Project with County

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested an update regarding line item 3 the "Amar Road Project".

Director of Development Services Di Mario reported that the County requested a funding request for $8 million. He stated that the City would be able to contribute approximately $3.7 million to the Amar Road Project. He explained that $1.05 million of those funds are from underground utility district money and that the City will continue to receive monies in future fiscal years. He noted that Staff was seeking direction on whether to notify the County of amount the City is prepared to contribute.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz inquired if the financial estimates provided took into consideration other developing current needs assessment projects, and the date the County expects a response.

Director of Development Services Di Mario confirmed that the estimate allows to allocate $2.8 million to ongoing local street resurfacing projects, $600,000 to street ceiling, $2 million to major arterial streets, $750,000 to address the Las Vecinas street improvements. He noted that the County was seeking a response within the following week.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended adding the Amar Road Project to line item 3 in the strategic plan.

The City Council directed Staff to notify the County of the $3.7 million the City is prepared to contribute towards the Amar Road Project.

4. Compilation of City of La Puente Goals For 2022 (Task Assignments, Timeline Implementation)

   Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended that the City Council meet with Staff at a future date to eliminate or add items onto the strategic plan.

   Mayor Klinakis recommended adding Street Art as a line item. He noted that all council members should each have discretionary funds to use on projects. He further informed the City Council that the Star Theater signage was near completion; moreover, he suggested locating it at the park near Amar Road and Glendora Ave.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis noted that to improve the productivity of future city council meetings, Staff should hire a professional to update the technology in the council chambers. He further welcomed new employees with the City Clerk's Office, Christine Soo and Natalie Romo. Lastly, he extended his condolences to Council Member Argudo and wished him well.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey expressed his appreciation for the direction council members provided. He stated that he and staff would promptly move forward with all items and projects discussed in the City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am.

Approved this 11th day of January 2022.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair