

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 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 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, December 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Quinones

Members absent: None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Argudo led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Assemblywoman Lisa Calderon commended the City for devising the La Puente Park Master Plan and providing the community with a green space. She expressed elation when speaking of the skate park grand opening and presented the City with a \$400,000 check to use towards the La Puente Park. She further thanked Mayor Klinakis for leading the City through the pandemic and presented him with a certificate. Lastly, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Danika Mendoza presented a certificate to Mayor Klinakis on behalf of Senator Susan Rubio and commended him for his leadership, loyalty, and commitment to the community.

Dr. Alfonso Jimenez, superintendent of Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, celebrated Mayor Klinakis and his accomplishments. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside Mayor Klinakis, and thanked him for his support, contribution for service, and time and investment to the community.

Director of Development Services Di Mario thanked Mayor Klinakis on behalf of City Staff for his continuous leadership through the pandemic. He acknowledged that Mayor Klinakis kept the City healthy and together with his support for the advancement of the community, opening of new businesses, and carrying out events all while maintaining the City's strong financial condition.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Outgoing remarks by Mayor Klinakis

Mayor Klinakis spoke about his term during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He described his and the City's greatest accomplishments as the ability to remain open during the pandemic and maintain their positive relationships with the State. He acknowledged the City Council and Staff members for continuing to strive forward, despite the obstacles presented to them.

2. Selection of Mayor

Mayor Klinakis relinquished the gavel to City Clerk Garcia.

City Clerk Garcia opened the nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Quinones nominated Council Member Klinakis for Mayor. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

City Clerk Garcia introduced Mayor Klinakis, the City's newly selected Mayor.

3. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Klinakis opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Klinakis nominated Council Member Munoz for Mayor Pro Tem. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

City Clerk Garcia introduced Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, the City's newly selected Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked her colleagues for the opportunity to continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. She expressed excitement about continuing work with the City Council and Staff to build the community and thanked City Staff for serving the community daily. Lastly, she shared her hopes that the new year brings everyone health, happiness, and the end of the pandemic.

4. Incoming Mayor remarks

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo congratulated Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for newly assuming their roles. He also expressed his anticipation to continue working alongside them and accomplish more for the community in the next year.

Council Member Quinones thanked City Staff for their work and dedication to the City.

Mayor Klinakis noted that an update on the ad hoc committee projects would be given at a future city council meeting and thanked Staff again for all their work.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a reminder that City facilities would be closed December 20, 2021 through December 31, 2021. He noted that code enforcement, animal control, and public works services would remain available to residents throughout the closure.

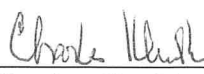
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in honor of John Marinakis and the victims of the tornados that occurred in Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Kentucky at 7:38 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of January, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair