

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 25, 2022

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 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, January 25, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Management Analyst Martha Torres, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Christine Soo.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SM-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NADIA MENDOZA TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 22-5682 memorializing the appointment of Ms. Mendoza to the City Council; and (2) direct the City Clerk to perform the swearing in ceremony for Ms. Mendoza. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Management Assistant Dunlap administered the oath of office to incoming Council Member Mendoza.

Mayor Klinakis welcomed Council Member Mendoza to the City Council and thanked her for helping the community in accepting the position.

Council Member Mendoza shared that it is a privilege and an honor to serve the City, as well as perform duties in the best interest of its people.

Council Member Quinones thanked Council Member Mendoza for accepting the position and expressed enthusiasm for working alongside her.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz warmly welcomed Council Member Mendoza to the City Council and expressed excitement for their journey in working together to better the community.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (Lewis v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18841)
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (City of La Puente v. Dank City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00417)
3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (City of La Puente v. EML, LLC, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00609)
4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivisions (d)(2) and (e)(2) (1 Matter)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:01 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran reported that reports were given, direction was provided, and no final action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Marc Tran, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel-Medina, Management Analyst Martha Torres, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Christine Soo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of January 11, 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF: (1) APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL BOARDS; AND (2) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIFIC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mayor Klinakis made the following appointments to regional boards, commissions, and committees:

Council Member Argudo as the delegate and Council Member Quinones as the alternate to the California Contract Cities Association.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz as the alternate to Sanitation Districts 15 and 21.

Council Member Argudo as the delegate and Council Member Mendoza as the alternate to the League of California Cities.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz as the alternate to the City Selection Committee.

Council Member Quinones as the delegate and Council Member Argudo as the alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Council Member Quinones as the delegate and Mayor Klinakis, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, Council Member Argudo, and Council Member Mendoza as the alternates to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz as the delegate and Mayor Klinakis as the alternate to the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

Mayor Klinakis as the delegate to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District for a 2 year term.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis to adopt Resolution No. 22-5680 Appointing Specific Representatives to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO AD HOC COMMITTEES

Mayor Klinakis established the following ad hoc committees:

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Mendoza would serve on the Code Enforcement ad hoc committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Quinones would serve on the La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz would serve on the Comprehensive Fee Schedule ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Argudo would serve on the Park Ordinance Oversight ad hoc committee.

Council Member Quinones and Council Member Mendoza would serve on the Project Lead ad hoc committee.

Council Member Argudo and Council Member Quinones would serve on the Community, Safety, and Welfare ad hoc committee.

Mayor Klinakis and Council Member Quinones would serve on the Homeless Oversight ad hoc committee.

Council Member Quinones and Council Member Mendoza would serve on the LPQT Action Committee ad hoc committee.

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-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1522

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5683 approving Warrant Register No. 1522.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2021 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORTS

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed these reports.

D-3 PRESENTATION OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2021 INVESTMENT REPORTS

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed these reports.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-5684 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 21-5627 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED PART-TIME POSITIONS AND HOURLY RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution 22-5684 rescinding Resolution 21-5627 establishing the number of authorized part-time positions and hourly rates for City employees.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH TURF ALLIANCE FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION OF A RETAINING WALL AND PERIMETER FENCE FOR THE SOCCER FIELD AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the amendment to purchase order contract with Turf Alliance for the additional costs related to the installation of the retaining wall and perimeter fence at the soccer field in the amount of \$175,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS AND PAYMENT PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF LA PUENTE IS ELIGIBLE

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 22-5685 authorizing submittal of application(s) for all CalRecycle grant and payment programs for which the City of La Puente is eligible.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 PRESENTATION OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2021 BUDGET REPORTS

Finance Manager Merkel- Medina provided a budget report for the months of October, November, and December 2021.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed these reports.

- E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF COVID-19 MEMORIAL BENCHES AT CITY FACILITIES (COUNCIL MEMBER QUINONES)

Council Member Quinones recounted a previous City Council decision to partner with Yellow Heart Memorial to honor the community's loved ones that were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director of Developmental Services Di Mario provided options for the COVID-19 memorial bench.

City Council directed Staff to proceed with the Premier Arched Memorial Bench with Yellow Heart Memorial laser cut inscription and painted to match the color consistent with the existing green benches at the park.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

AB1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo congratulated Council Member Mendoza for her new position on the City Council.

Council Member Quinones welcomed Council Member Mendoza to City Council. He further thanked Staff for all their work.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for persevering through the recent COVID-19 surge and maintaining daily operations. He further welcomed back the Sheriff Deputies from the holidays and helping care for the residents. He thanked the PROS team for assembling 1,800 packages of PPE for the community and noted that Delhaven Community Center participated as well. Lastly, he expressed gratitude to Council Member Mendoza for accepting the position.

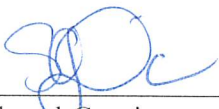
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey reminded the City Council that the soccer wall would be poured in the following day and noted that the molds for the soccer balls would be installed as well. He further noted that the installation of the 5-12 playground had commenced. Lastly, he welcomed Council Member Mendoza on behalf of all Staff and noted that Staff would be prepared to assist her at any time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of February 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair