MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 8, 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.lapuente.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, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.
Members absent:	None.
Staff members present:	City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Victor Ponto (via teleconference), Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Code Enforcement Supervisor J.D. Buckwell, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Bryan Smith of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department gave a report regarding the effectiveness of recently implemented flock camera systems. He noted that there have been 32 flock related arrests and 17 tracked arrests since the systems installation. He further specified that overall crime in the City has reduced by 60 percent and that grand theft auto crime has reduced by 50 percent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Greenspan spoke regarding his concerns.

Jack spoke regarding his concerns with the California Department of Transportation and issues that occurred in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles.

Council Member Argudo requested that Staff bring back a discussion regarding a speaker time limit.

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 MEETINGS OF JANUARY 25 AND JANUARY 28, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of January 25 and January 28, 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Lindsey pulled Item D-4 for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-6 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3, D-5, D7 through D-9. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1523

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5686 approving Warrant Register No. 1523.

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. 22-5687 authorizing the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City continue to hold teleconferenced meetings from February 14, 2022 through March 15, 2022.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-5688 in support of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Complete Streets Policy.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH MOON VALLEY NURSERY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LARGE SPECIES TREES AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $431,749

City Manager Lindsey pulled this item for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY ONE VEHICLE IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLE BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 22-5689 declaring as surplus property, one vehicle in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicle at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT AND STREET USE AGREEMENT FOR LA PUENTE YOUTH COALITION CARNIVAL WITH LA PUENTE SOFTBALL INC., LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE, GUERREROS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION, AND JR. ALL AMERICAN FOOTBALL OF LA PUENTE, INC.

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

City Manager Lindsey introduced the La Puente Youth Coalition representatives, Erick Sanchez and President Frankie Sanchez. He further gave a report regarding the recommencement of the annual community carnival event.

Council Member Argudo expressed concern for the proposed location and closure of Glendora Avenue due to safety and traffic issues. He further inquired about the associated costs with the proposal and other potential locations for the event.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed carnival location and its associated costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz expressed concern for the proposed closure of Glendora Avenue. She recommended searching for other venue opportunities, supplementing coalition funds upon receiving accurate financial information, and beginning preparations for next year's event. Moreover, she suggested that Staff come back with accurate financial information and that a special meeting be called to discuss this specific line item.

Council Member Argudo recommended for Staff to assist the coalition in finding a safer location and allocate supplemental funds if a location is not secured within 48 hours.

Mayor Klinakis expressed concern for the closure of Glendora Avenue for safety reasons associated with the potential blockage of emergency service routes. He further agreed with the recommendations made by Council Member Argudo and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) cap supplementary funds to the La Puente Youth Coalition at $40,000; (2) allocate $25,000 of Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's ARPA monies to the La Puente Youth Coalition; (3) call a special meeting if expenditures exceed $40,0000 to reconvene discussion regarding the event's financing; and (4) allocate $15,000 of Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's and Council Member Argudo's ARPA monies to the La Puente Community Foundation for a total amount of $30,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR AMAR ROAD AND ELLIOTT AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SPOHN RANCH, INC. FOR THE ADDITION TO THE IAN C. CALDERON SKATE PARK AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $208,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Spohn Ranch. in the amount of $208,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PHASE 3 ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,000 AND A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE LIGHTING POLE FOR THE SKATEPARK EXPANSION TO BE INSTALLED AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,705

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of $30,000 for Phase 3 electrical improvements at La Puente Park; and (2) approved the purchase order contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the purchase of one lighting fixtures to be installed at La Puente Park in the amount of $34,705.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING GRANT FUNDING TO VOLUNTEERS IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS ("VIDA")

Mayor Klinakis presented Laura Sandoval with a certificate recognizing her dedication and service to animals in need within the community.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell provided a presentation regarding the services provided by VIDA, including cost benefit of utilizing VIDA as opposed to LA County animal sheltering services. He further spoke about a proposed grant to assist with operating costs.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the City's financial benefits upon providing VIDA with funds. Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell indicated the VIDA program is more cost effective than utilizing the LA County animal sheltering services.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis to: (1) allocate $15,000 of Mayor Klinakis' discretionary ARPA funds, and direct the Finance Department to look at cost saving measures for the additional $45,000 for a total of $60,000 in increments of $5,000 a month for a one-year period. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Nothing to report.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported meeting with students at Sparks Middle School, Council Member Mendoza, and mural artist Frankie. He noted that the start date for the mural project is February 14, 2022. He further mentioned that the students would be participating February 15-17, and that the mural artist would finalize the mural on February 18, 2022.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Quinones reported on a meeting that was attended by Staff, Mayor Klinakis, City Manager Lindsey, Director of Administrative Services Grunklee, President of the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center, and the consultant for the center. He spoke of the discussion regarding the organization's future participation with the City, as well as the suggested allocation of funds. Lastly, he noted that the organization would be temporarily sharing an office space with the PROS Team.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff and Director of Developmental Services Di Mario for the street improvements in progress.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Developmental Services Di Mario thanked the LA County Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement for assisting in parking enforcement while the street improvements progress.

City Manager Lindsey invited the City Council to visit the park for a tour of the soccer field. He noted that the fitness area would be installed within three weeks upon delivery of equipment. He further spoke of progress with City social media and its positive community response. Lastly, he thanked those who donated and helped distribute COVID-19 test kits to residents of the community.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2022.

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair