MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 22, 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, March 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Klinakis, Munoz, Mendoza, Quinones (via teleconference).
Members absent:	Argudo.
Staff members present:	City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel-Medina, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS - None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amadeo Rodriguez thanked the Programs Reemployment Outreach Services (PROS) team for their dedicated services to the community and professionalism. He spoke of his positive experience when collaborating with the PROS team to assist residents in need of housing. He expressed hope that the City would make their services a permanent program and that the PROS team continues to grow. He further spoke regarding the community's need for veteran support services. Lastly, he offered veteran resources from his detachment in the Marine Corps League and Battleship Iowa.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that Oral Comments from Council be heard at this time.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz introduced and welcomed the PROS team to provide an update regarding an opportunity that was presented to the City and would move forward programming.

The PROS team introduced themselves and Raymond Perez from the Beautification program.

Mr. Perez shared his story experiencing homelessness and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to better his life utilizing the resources offered through the Beautification Program.

Brian Torres from the PROS team spoke regarding Mr. Perez's tremendous work ethic and successes within the program. He noted that part of the Beautification Program entails of resume building, mock interviews, and job search. He announced that Mr. Perez was able to apply for a position at Disneyland using those resources and was offered a job with them.

Reanna Lopez from the PROS team provided an update regarding their recent work. She thanked Michael Gutierrez from St. Louis of France Church for collaborating with Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to realize a funding opportunity. She further extended gratitude to Omar Hernandez and his team at Global Urban Strategies for successfully utilizing the City's allocation of $6,000 to the grant writing process. She further announced that the City was recently awarded a $3.6 million dollar grant from the Californians for All Youth Workforce Development Program. Lastly, she specified that the funds would be utilized towards job creation, additional programming, and youth development services within the City.

Brian Torres provided a reminder regarding the Veteran's Dinner on April 14th from 6 to 8pm. He announced the guest speaker as Sgt. Montoya from the U.S. Marine Corps. He further requested that the City Council assist the PROS team in sending him a formal invitation to the event.

Omar Hernandez from Global Urban Strategies thanked the City Council for the opportunity to write the grant proposal to the Californians for All Youth Workforce Development Program. He expressed excitement for the many opportunities the grant award will bring to the community.

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 MARCH 8, 2022

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of March 8, 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1526

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5699 approving Warrant Register No. 1526.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2021 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the 2021 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and (2) directed Staff to submit the report to HCD and OPR.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH MDJ MANAGEMENT LLC FOR AN ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE BUILDING IN THE CITY YARD AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $438,433.13

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the agreement for construction services with M D J Management, LLC for an additional maintenance building in the City Yard at La Puente Park in the amount of $438,433.13; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-4 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2022 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report.

D-5 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2022 INVESTMENT REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC. FOR PHASE 3 ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $58,700.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWELVE DECORATIVE SECURITY LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED AT LA PUENTE PARK

Staff pulled this item for further discussion.

Director of Developmental Services Di Mario provided a report regarding the consideration to augment the change order with FEC Electric Inc. He informed the City Council that Staff had not included additional electrical work required on the eastside of the park that amounted to $14,743.70. He noted that augmenting the amount would total the change order to $73,443.70. Lastly, he itemized the expenditures to be used on 12 concrete pole boxes, new wiring and connection for the portable offices on the maintenance yard, and three 50-amp receptacles at various location at the park to provide adequate power for special events.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Klinakis regarding the size of the decorative security lights, Director of Developmental Services Di Mario responded that the lights are 12 feet tall.

Discussion ensured regarding the lighting installations and additional power sources.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to approve the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of $73,443.70 for Phase 3 electrical improvements at La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2022 BUDGET REPORT

Finance Manager Merkel-Medina provided a report regarding the February 2022 budget report.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report.

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (MAYOR KLINAKIS)
City Clerk Garcia provided a presentation regarding the time of regular closed session meetings that is set by a resolution. She noted that the current start time is set at 6:30 pm. She further recounted a suggestion made by Mayor Klinakis to amend the time for regular closed session meetings to 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Quinones to adopt Resolution No. 22-5700 establishing the time for regular closed session meeting to begin at 6:00 pm. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported the ad hoc committee met to discuss the current park projects along with discussions regarding funding and grants. She further spoke regarding the City's purchase of trees for planting at the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that a park update be included as an item for the next City Councill meeting.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones shared that Project LEAD would be working with La Puente High School next for the mural project. He further spoke of an idea from City Manager Lindsey to recognize students utilizing the marquees at the park and community center. He reported reaching out to principals in the community for their input on students that have accomplishments that deserve recognition.

Mayor Klinakis spoke of a meeting with the principal of Bassett High School who identified areas that would benefit from the mural project.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding improvements to the homelessness issue within the City. He reported discussion with staff and sheriffs regarding their plan of action. He noted that there are a people experiencing homelessness who are reluctant to receive support services and expressed hope that establishing other programs would better aid their needs.

Council Member Quinones thanked City Staff, the PROS Team, and the SAO team for their swift response to an incident that occurred within City Hall.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding a recent burglary located at Harbor Freight, LASD Sergeant Smith noted there was an ongoing investigation and praised the flock camera system for helping to reduce crime in the City.

Council Member Mendoza thanked all Staff for their participation and organization of the La Puente National Little League ceremonies event on March 21, 2022.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Juan Galvan for his work developing the shed located at the maintenance yard for City vehicles. He stated that Spohn Ranch would begin construction for the beginner skate park the following day and noted that completion should be expected within the next 45 days. He thanked Omar Hernandez for his work on the social media accounts. Lastly, he thanked Council Member Quinones for an image he sent over to post on the park marquee.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz encouraged the City Council to walk through the park to observe the enhancement process. She further spoke of her experience visiting the park with her father and watching it continue to transform. She thanked City Manager Lindsey for pushing the project forward and to all parties involved that have helped realize the project including elected officials that provide funding.

CLOSED SESSION

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one case)

The closed session item was continued to a future City Council meeting.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of April, 2022.

Charlie Klinakis

Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair