

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 10, 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.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, May 10, 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, Argudo, Mendoza (via teleconference), Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis presented Detective Salvador Diaz with a certificate recognizing his 31 years of service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and expressed appreciation for his dedicated service to the LA County region.

Giselle Sorial, on behalf of Senator Susan Rubio, presented a certificate to Detective Salvador Diaz for his courageous service and protection of LA County communities for more than 30 years.

Levy Sun from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District provided a report regarding mosquito-borne disease outbreaks and the groups of mosquitoes within the community. He shared prevention methods that residents may utilize to create a mosquito bite-free community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista expressed his concern regarding an incident at La Puente Live.

Chris Noriega spoke regarding the increase of homelessness within the community and the affect it has had on his experience as a business owner in Downtown La Puente.

Jocelyn Jimenez submitted a written comment regarding the monitoring of residents' social media.

Ricardo Martinez submitted a written comment expressing his concern for an item on the agenda regarding Zencity Technologies.

Maricela Vasquez Aviles submitted a written comment regarding the need for more stop signs, speed limit signs, and resources for residents on the east side of Pacific Palms Resort.

Eli Tawil addressed complaints that were made regarding an incident at La Puente Live.

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 APRIL 26 AND APRIL 29, 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 meetings of April 26, and April 29, 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 – None

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-8. 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 A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1529

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5711 approving Warrant Register No. 1529.

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. 22-5712, authorizing the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City continue to hold teleconferenced meetings from May 16, 2022 through June 14, 2022.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT FOR THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT THE 2022 BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY ON JUNE 3, 2022

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-5713 approving a permit for the public display of fireworks for Bassett High School's 2022 Graduation Ceremony on June 3, 2022, pursuant to all applicable code requirements.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A LIABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE SOCCER FIELD AND SKATEPARK BOUNDARY TURF AT LA PUENTE PARK

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY PARK DECOMPOSED GRANITE PATH IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR THE PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) rejected all bids received for the La Puente Community Park Decomposed Granite Path Improvements Project; (2) approved the plans and specifications for the Decomposed Granite Path and Planter Seat Wall Improvements at La Puente Park; and (3) authorized Staff to re-advertise and solicit bids for the Project.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-5710 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE TECHNICIAN

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-5714 rescinding Resolution No. 22-5710 and approving authorized full-time positions and salary ranges.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH INNOVATIVE PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SHADE STRUCTURES AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the amendment to purchase order contract with Innovative Playgrounds for the additional costs in the amount of \$83,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 (1) CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLOBAL URBAN STRATEGIES, INC. AND THE CITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND GRANT WRITING SERVICES (2) CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZENCITY TECHNOLOGIES AND THE CITY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA MONITORING SERVICES

Council Member Argudo inquired if the Global Urban Strategies and Zencity Technologies agreements could be split and discussed as two separate items. He further stated that he needed additional information regarding the agreement with Zencity Technologies and recommended that Staff bring it back at the next City Council meeting. Mayor Klinakis supported the recommendation and split the agreements into two separate items.

Omar Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer from Global Urban Strategies, gave a presentation outlining services already provided and to be provided in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the services that Global Urban Services and Zencity Technologies would provide to the City.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the duration period of the contract with Global Urban Strategies. Based on discussion regarding the performance of Global Urban Strategies to date and the services package proposed, City Manager Lindsey recommended amending the proposed two-year duration period to a three-year contract with two 1-year extensions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 22-5715 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process for an Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc.; for a three-year contract with the option of two 1-year extensions for a total of five years. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

City Manager Lindsey introduced discussion regarding the process of allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested to allocate St. Louis of France Church \$2,800 to help fund their inaugural carnival, stating it would be an opportunity to advertise the City's upcoming programs. She recommended allowing City Council members discretionary

funds up to \$4,000 with the understanding that the expenditures would have to be reviewed by Staff and brought back to the City Council later for record keeping purposes. She noted that expenditures over \$4,000 should be considered and approved by the City Council. Mayor Klinakis supported the recommendation, stating that it simplifies the process of utilizing the ARPA funds.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo, Assistant City Attorney Jauregui stated that the process must comport with all rules and regulations and be approved by the City Manager for amounts up to \$4,000 with any expenditures over \$4,000 needing to come back to City Council.

A motion was made Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to amend the current process to allow expenditures of discretionary funds of up to \$4,000 with the understanding that all expenditures are communicated to the City Manager, adhere to federal guidelines, and are reported out within the warrant register. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that La Puente Park is projected to re-open on June 26, 2022. She noted that the date for a grand opening event would be scheduled soon. She further recommended that the Community Safety and Welfare committee consider a universal paint theme for walls within the City.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Nothing to report.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Quinones provided an update regarding the organization of the LGBTQ + Community Resource Fair. He noted that organizing the event has helped the City in establishing partnerships with non-profit organizations within and outside the La Puente community.

Council Member Mendoza expressed excitement regarding the LGBTQ+ resources and awareness that the City will be providing to the community.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Sheriff Deputies for positively interacting with residents. He further expressed appreciation to Director of Administrative Services Grunklee and City Manager Lindsey for organizing a meeting with the Baseball Coalition to answer their questions regarding funding and City policies. Lastly, he requested that the next City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of a La Puente resident who had recently celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Council Member Quinones expressed his appreciation for all the work accomplished by Staff and the SAO team.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Phillip Daniel Rosas. She shared that he was eight-years old and a second-grade student attending Barranca Elementary School in the City of Covina.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

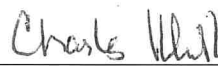
ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. in memory of Phillip Daniel Rosas.

Approved this 24th day of May, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair