

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 24, 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 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 24, 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 (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Mendoza, 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, Community Engagement Supervisor Hector Hernandez, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis presented a proclamation to Looms4lupus declaring May 2022 as Lupus and Fibromyalgia Awareness Month.

Mayor Klinakis presented a certificate of recognition to Lan Truong and Erik Deurmeier of Union Station Homeless Services.

Joseph Venzon, Civil Engineer, for Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, provided a presentation regarding the Bassett High School Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture Project.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Stephanie Nava-Angelus, Program Manager, for Water Education for Latino Leaders, spoke regarding its upcoming conference about main challenges of water issues due to the ongoing drought.

Ricardo Martinez requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of students in Texas. He further spoke regarding concerns about the downtown La Puente market rate apartments being built, noting that it would not be an affordable housing opportunity for community residents. He further requested that the City Council reconsider and receive community input regarding the project and the Zencity contract.

Joe Batista expressed concern for the rules and regulations set forth for businesses within the City as he had observed a forklift carrying cargo that was driving on the sidewalk on Main Street.

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 MAY 10, 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 May 10, 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

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo pulled items D-4 and D-7 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3, D-5, and 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. 1530

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5721 approving Warrant Register No. 1530.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2022 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2022 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT IN THE CITY

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-4 for further discussion.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the long-term plans for underground utilities throughout the City, Director of Development Services Di Mario provided an update on the Rule 20A project funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to adopt Resolution No. 22-5722 setting June 14, 2022 as the date to conduct a public hearing to consider the establishment of an underground utility district along Amar Road from Orange Avenue to Sunset Avenue. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR MAINTENANCE YARD ACCESS ROAD 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 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTITIES PERMITTED TO SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IN THE CITY FOR 2022

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

Mayor Klinakis expressed his concern with illegal fireworks with regard to veterans and pet owners and requested that the City continue to allocate funds for fireworks suppression.

City Manager Lindsey introduced the new SAO Team Sergeant Dave Hernandez. Sergeant Hernandez noted that the SAO Team had met and was working on the fireworks suppression plan.

Discussion ensued regarding anxiety medication for pets; the possibility of providing free pet microchipping services; firework permit holders list; and the participation of the La Puente Community Foundation.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to adopt Resolution No. 22-5723 designating the entities permitted to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE THE PROJECT

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-7 for further discussion.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the bids received for the project, Director of Development Services noted that the supplier/manufacturer that provided price quotes to 3 of the bidders that did not follow the specifications and do not comply.

Discussion ensued regarding the lowest responsible responsive bidder out of the 5 bidders; the rebid process; and the possibility of awarding the contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder who met the specifications.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to bring back a contract with Calpromax Engineering for consideration at the next City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZENCITY TECHNOLOGIES AND THE CITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 22-5716 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process for an Agreement with Zencity Technologies; (2) approved the Agreement with Zencity Technologies; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2022 BUDGET REPORT

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

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HOST A BEER GARDEN AT THE FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Community Engagement Supervisor Hernandez provided a report regarding a proposal to allow the La Puente Community Foundation to host a beer garden at the Fortunato Jimenez Independence Day Celebration.

Discussion ensued regarding limit consumption; time frame the beer garden would be open; the checking of patrons entering the area; signage; volunteer staffing; and additional security.

Council Member Argudo expressed his concern regarding the safety of the community at such a well-attended event and recommended the beer garden be held on a different day.

Council Member Mendoza inquired on the volunteer staffing and her concern for safety.

Council Member Quinones noted that the event would be the best opportunity for the Foundation to receive exposure and is in favor of the event with security measures in place.

Council Member Munoz recommended limiting the time frame the beer garden would be open, the limit per patron, and considering allocating additional funding of private security to run the beer garden. She noted she would be in favor of the event with those recommendations.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Klinakis regarding the selling food/snacks within the beer garden area, Community Engagement Supervisor Hernandez confirmed there would be pre-packaged snacks available for purchase.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) authorize the La Puente Community Foundation to host a beer garden at the Fortunato Jimenez Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2022; (2) set the limit at 48 ounces; (3) the stamping of hands when beer is purchased; (4) allocate additional funds for security; (4) approve the time 12:00 p.m. to 7:30p.m.; (5) checking patrons as they enter; and (6) the selling of snacks. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz announced the grand opening of the park would be on June 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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 announced the Brunch by the Bridge resource fair would take place at the Community Center Courtyard on June 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reported his attendance to the California Contract Cities conference and spoke regarding discussions with state officials on the future state financing.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Quinones spoke regarding work with Director Bauman to organize the resource fair, and further thanked Staff for their time, effort, and dedication towards organizing City events.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for being timely and efficient. He further spoke regarding a resident's positive experience with Staff and maintenance in relation to responsiveness.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

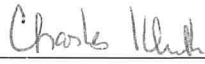
City Manager Lindsey noted the process of the grass installation and invited the City Council to visit the site. He mentioned that areas that are not completely done will provide signage that updates the community regarding the area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. in memory of those who lost their lives in the Texas shooting.

Approved this 14th day of June, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair