

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz (via teleconference), Argudo (arrived at 7:05 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, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

City Manager Lindsey presented Sergeant Bryan M. Smith of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department with a special recognition. On behalf of Senator Susan Rubio's office, Laura Brantley presented Sergeant Bryan M. Smith with a certificate of recognition.

City Manager Lindsey presented Monique Villasenor with a certificate of recognition for her exemplary skills in Taekwondo. On behalf of Senator Susan Rubio, Laura Brantley presented Monique Villasenor with a certificate of recognition and wished her well on her endeavors.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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 16, MAY 24 AND JUNE 2, 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 16, May 24, and June 2, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 22-01 ALONG AMAR ROAD BETWEEN ORANGE AVENUE AND SUNSET AVENUE

Director of Developmental Services Di Mario provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the establishment of an underground utility district.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza to adopt Resolution No. 22-5726 establishing underground utility district No. 22-01 along Amar Road between Orange Avenue and Sunset Avenue. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz pulled item D-9 for further discussion.

City Manager Lindsey pulled item D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4 and D-6 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. 1531

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5727 approving Warrant Register No. 1531.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 8, 2022, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY'S ELECTION WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROVIDE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, ADOPTING CANDIDATE STATEMENT REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-5728 calling for and giving notice of the City's November 8, 2022, election, requesting consolidation of the election with the County of Los Angeles, requesting that the County of Los Angeles provide election administration services, adopting candidate statement regulations and providing for a special election in the event of a tie vote.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH PIPE TEC, INC. TO PERFORM SEWER MANHOLE REPLACEMENTS AND STORM DRAIN REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,500.00

Action Taken: The City Council approved a change order with Pipe Tec, Inc. in the amount of \$48,500 to perform sewer manhole replacements and storm drain repair.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRAKE TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES INC FOR SPECIAL EVENT TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,885.00.

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Drake Traffic Control Services Inc, in the amount of \$24,885.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WORLD SPACE FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMING AT LA PUENTE PARK

This item was pulled by City Manager Lindsey for further discussion.

City Manager Lindsey provided a summary regarding the services by the World Space Foundation and inquired if the City Council would be interested in contributing their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discretionary funds to fund the \$25,000 enrichment program.

Mayor Klinakis, Council Member Quinones, Council Member Mendoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, each allocated \$5,000 of their ARPA discretionary funds to help fund the program.

Council Member Argudo inquired regarding the timeline of the program and the proposed activities that would be hosted at the park.

Dr. Richard Shope from the World Space Foundation provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the scope of activities and classes that would be offered during the summer and holiday breaks. He noted that the program would offer educational classes encouraging the exploration of scientific inquiry, climate change, and performing arts.

Mayor Klinakis acknowledged the importance of providing educational programs in addition to the sports programs the City offers and offered to cover the remaining cost of the enrichment program.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis to: (1) approve the Professional Services Agreement for programming provided by the World Space Foundation; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; (3) allocate \$10,000 of Mayor Klinakis' and \$5,000 of Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's, Council Member Mendoza's, and Council Member Quinones' ARPA discretionary funds to the program for a total amount of \$25,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-5729 approving the City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR SECURITY SPECIALISTS, INC. DBA SUPERIOR ALARM SYSTEMS FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AND SPEAKER SYSTEM AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Superior Security Specialists, Inc., dba Superior Alarm Systems in the amount of \$181,000.00; (2) and authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount on behalf of the City.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUPERIOR ALARM SYSTEMS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A CITY HALL, COMMUNITY CENTER, SENIOR CENTER, PARK MAINTENANCE OFFICES, AND MAINTENANCE ACCESS ROAD GATE ENTRANCE ACCESS CONTROL READER KEYPADS, FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADE AND SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE AT THE LA PUENTE SENIOR CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,700.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Superior Alarm Systems for the purchase and installation of the access reader keypads and fire and alarm system upgrades in the amount of \$109,700.00; (2) adopted Resolution No. 22-5730 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process for a purchase order contract with Superior Alarm Systems; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original amount, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

D-9 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CALPROMAX ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$362,490.00

This item was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for further discussion.

Because several bidders relied on incorrect information provided by a vendor not identified in the bid documents and potential cost savings of re-bidding, Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended rebidding the project.

Discussion ensued regarding the consideration to award the bus shelter installation project contract to Calpromax.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested guidance from the City Attorney to which Assistant City Attorney Jauregui recommended that the safest course of action is to rebid the project. He further stated that there is a specific public contract code that allows the City to rebid which would eliminate the possibility of any litigation.

The City Council reached a consensus to remove the item from the agenda and bring it back at the next City Council meeting to reject all bids and authorize the solicitation of bids for the project.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

City Manager Lindsey provided an update about the La Puente Park grand opening. He further introduced discussion regarding the potential naming and recognition of specific areas within the park.

Mayor Klinakis suggested recognizing State Senator Susan Rubio at the park grand opening. Council Member Argudo added that Senator Rubio helped obtain funding for the La Puente Park and recommended naming an area within the park "Rubio Recreation and Education Complex". The City Council reached a consensus to name the area near the renovated soccer field and playground "Rubio Recreation and Education Complex".

City Manager Lindsey reported that the decomposed granite pathways are in the process of installation, that remaining grass areas would be installed June 27, 2022, and that pictorial banners of the remaining projects would be displayed for the community to see. Lastly, he stated that parking lot renovations and solar panel canopies would be installed on July 18, 2022.

Councilmember Quinones inquired about the COVID-19 memorial bench, to which City Manager Lindsey reported that the bench would arrive soon and be displayed the day of the grand opening. Mayor Klinakis recommended unveiling of the bench to the community.

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 and Council Member Mendoza reported reaching out to students at La Puente High School and Nelson Elementary to help Staff prepare for the park grand opening, as well as get a sneak peek tour of the park.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Mendoza recognized Director of Community Services Bauman for bringing forth a successful LGBTQ+ resource fair. Council Member Quinones reported that about 300 people attended the event throughout the day and spoke of the organizations who helped provide information to the community.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Mendoza thanked the LA County Sheriff's Department for partnering with the City and contributing their expertise at all events.

Council Member Argudo wished Director of Community Services Bauman a happy birthday and thanked him for being present at the Brunch by the Bridge event. He also expressed appreciation for Senator Susan Rubio and stated that she will always be available to the City should they need help. Lastly, he requested that Staff move forward with assisting St. Louis of France Church with the renovation of their parking lot.

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding the Bassett pocket park and noted that County Supervisor Hilda Solis put forward a motion to allocate funds to the project. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz noted that the motion would be going to the Bassett Unified School Board for approval.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the state's drought issue; the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority webinar on June 21, 2022; policies and monies that elected officials should utilize to develop long-term water conservation policies.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz spoke regarding the role of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, as well as the importance of elected officials addressing water cleanup and conservation.

Mayor Klinakis suggested inviting a representative from Sacramento to provide a report regarding the severity of the states' drought and combating misinformation about the issue.

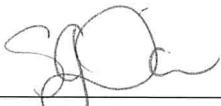
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey noted that the facility leasing agreement for the proposed Senior Center at La Puente Park would be going for approval by the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District school board.

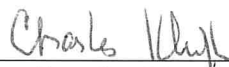
ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. in memory of El Monte Police Department's Corporal Michael Paredes and Officer Joseph Santana.

Approved this 28th day of June, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair