

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, 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 – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Josette Flores spoke and provided information about the community's need for a special needs and inclusive sports league.

Following Ms. Flores' oral communication, Mayor Klinakis established an ad hoc committee dedicated to developing a special needs sports league and more inclusive programming.

Joe Batista spoke regarding the recent cancellation of La Puente Live, implementing a suggestion box for La Puente Live, and establishing cooling centers for residents on hot days.

Samuel Vasquez expressed his concern for the approval of the thirty-four-unit condos on Main Street, and its categorical exemption from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. In addition, he voiced concern that meeting state housing requirements of implementing luxury housing would contribute to the displacement of local low-income residents in La Puente.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested that item E-1 be discussed at this time.

Director of Community Services Bauman reported on the park's newly implemented sports and recreation programming. He shared that the Youth Soccer League's sponsorship from the Industry Sheriff's Youth Activities League made the program free for all participants, encouraging 130 participants to sign up for the league. He reported the implementation of four sports classes: flag football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. Moreover, he stated that a "parent and me" option for the baseball class is available. Director Bauman also announced the implementation of an adaptive recreation program, stating that it is designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities. He noted that the sports-based program will be held on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., adding that Staff also intends to generate community interest for a Special Olympics in 2023. Additionally, he noted efforts and discussions with Special Olympics California to host Special Olympics in La Puente. He stated that skateboard classes would be held on Saturdays and spoke of a partnership with the Skateboard Bus to offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes for ages five and up. He further spoke of efforts to organize and identify weekly themed night events. He also announced that Movies in the Park would continue on September 30, 2022, for a feature of Minions, and October 14, 2022, for Sonic the Hedgehog 2. Lastly, he spoke of programming available at the Senior Center, noting Staff efforts to work in conjunction with AARP to implement and return classes that were available pre-pandemic. He also noted efforts to return the holiday social, in-person meals and implement programming for seniors at the park.

Mayor Klinakis inquired if the sports classes would be available year-round. Director Bauman affirmed that the sports programming would be available year-round and clarified that the classes offered would follow a seasonal sports schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Josette Flores for taking the time to research the community's need for adaptive programming and providing that information to the City Council. She further spoke of CIF's consideration of creating a seven-on-seven girl's flag football league, as well as a potential grant availability to aid in establishing a girl's flag football league at the park.

Council Member Quinones inquired if the sports classes offered would create sports leagues for them as well. Director Bauman responded that the classes offered are instructional only and noted that they would operate for a six-week period.

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

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis shared concerns from residents regarding the increase of mosquitoes and gnats near their fruit trees. He further communicated that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District reported a higher presence of gnats within the community and stated that their inspection services are available to residents.

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 AUGUST 23, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of August 23, 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 Arugdo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. 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. 1537

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5750 approving Warrant Register No. 1537.

- D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO LEONIDA BUILDERS INC. FOR THE UNRUH AVENUE WALL IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN FLYNN STREET AND AMAR ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420,405

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Leonida Builders Inc. in the amount of \$420,405; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 22-5751 amending the FY 22/23 Capital Budget.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 82895 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 914 ALDGATE AVENUE

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) found that Final Parcel Map No. 82895 complies with the Conditions of Approval set forth within Tentative Parcel Map No. 82895; (2) approved the Final Map and authorize the City Clerk to endorse the cover sheet of the Final Map, the certificate which embodies the approval of said Map for recordation with the County of Los Angeles.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND A5 EVENTS/STUDENTS RUN LA FOR A 5K/10K STRENGTH TRAINING RUN

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and A5 Events/Students Run LA for a 5K/10K Strength Training Run; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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 that the ad hoc committee would be meeting with a few principals to expand the program at more school within the community. Council Member Mendoza added that schools within the community are enthusiastic about engaging with young residents in La Puente and recognize the educational opportunities that Project LEAD provides.

Community Safety and Welfare: Council Member Argudo reported that the ad hoc committee met to discuss and address the homeless community, the implementation of additional resources, and a potential partnership with a non-profit organization to expand available resources.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Adaptive Sports Leagues:

AB 1234 REPORTS

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding the District Attorney's lack of prosecuting truancy and expressed concern for the well-being and safety of those students. He further called for action from the District Attorney to aid cities and agencies with resources that help underserved and disadvantaged students.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey addressed a concern voiced during oral communication and stated that the City would implement an anonymous suggestion box at the City's booth at the next La Puente Live event.

Director Di Mario addressed a concern voiced during oral communication regarding the thirty-four-unit apartments on Main Street. He clarified that the apartments are not luxury housing but market-rate housing. Additionally, he stated that the state requires the City to facilitate and provide housing units for multiple income categories, including low-income, moderate, and above-moderate. He informed the public of Staff efforts to identify and provided housing units for lower incomes and noted that the City sought out and obtained a grant to establish a first-time home buyer program. Lastly, he clarified that the thirty-four-unit apartment project met the CEQA exemption criteria per the statutes of CEQA.

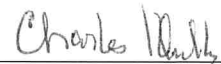
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of September 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair