

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Closed Session and 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 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Mendoza (arrived via teleconference at 6:06 p.m.),
Quinones.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, Director of
Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Management Assistant Cece
Dunlap, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie
Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation Cal Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1). Calderon et al v Southland Transit et al L.A.S.C. No. 21STCV02558

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 6:21 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jauregui reported that the City Council was briefed on the facts and circumstances pursuant to Cal Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1), and further direction was provided.

Management Assistant Dunlap requested clarification that Council Member Mendoza attended the closed session meeting 6:06 p.m. Mayor Klinakis confirmed that Council Member Mendoza participated in the closed session meeting at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Quinones.

Members absent: Argudo, Mendoza.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel-Medina, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amy Rowland, President of the La Puente Historical Society, announced that the society will be hosting a barbeque event to honor the John Rowland home that was built in 1855.

Amadeo Rodriguez announced his candidacy for City Council. He also shared that a fire took place at his residence on Monday, September 27, 2022, and further thanked the first responders for their services.

Fernando Solis spoke regarding La Puente Live, public records requests he submitted, and the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District pool project.

Ricardo Martinez shared his support for the vendors of the La Puente Live night market. He further spoke about Measure LP that was passed in 2018.

Joe Bautista spoke about the lack of cooling centers during the recent heat wave.

Diana Villalobos spoke about the use of the soccer field at La Puente Park.

Roger Villegas expressed support for the La Puente Live night market.

Lori Villegas expressed support for the farmers market and its vendors.

Jane Pfeifroth shared that she has attended the La Puente Live night market since its opening, and further expressed support for the event.

Veronica Contreras shared that the La Puente Live farmers market is part of her family's livelihood and expressed her support for keeping the market open. She further thanked everyone involved in operating the farmers' market.

Gloria shared that she is a food vendor at the La Puente Live night market and expressed support for the market, noting that it is part of her livelihood.

Angelica expressed gratitude for the La Puente Live market because it allows her to give back to her community with her real estate, tax, and notary services.

Angela shared her great experiences with Eli and the vendors at the night market.

Sandra shared that she is a vendor at the La Puente Live night market and expressed support for the continuity of the event.

Maria Florentino shared that she is a La Puente Live vendor and further expressed support for the continuity of the La Puente live night market.

Pedro Flores spoke regarding the La Puente Live night market and the financial impact of its potential closure on his business.

Enrique Morales shared his experience being a vendor at the La Puente Live night market and expressed support for keeping it open.

David Sosa shared his experience as a food vendor at the La Puente Live market and asked the City to support the night market.

Rosa Tamayo shared that she has been a vendor at La Puente Live for seven years, and expressed support for the market, noting that it is part of her livelihood.

Esteban Ortiz shared that he is a vendor at the La Puente Live night market and asked the support of the City Council to keep the market open.

Jesus Iniguez shared that he has been a vendor at La Puente Live since 2015 and expressed support for the continuity of the market.

Genoveva Perez shared that she is a vendor at La Puente Live and expressed support for the continuity of the market.

Eli Tawil spoke regarding his operation of the La Puente Live market and asked for the City's support to create a peaceful work environment for his vendors.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Quinones reported his attendance of the Serenity Home grand opening event in Baldwin Park, which is a housing project for families experiencing homelessness that was created by the San Gabriel Valley COG in partnership with the Baldwin Park City Council.

Mayor Klinakis reported his attendance of a San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting and reminded the public to empty containers of standing water to avoid an increase of mosquitos.

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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of September 13, 2022. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Quinones.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Argudo, Mendoza.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1538

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5752 approving Warrant Register No. 1538.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2022 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2022 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 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. 22-5753, authorizing the City Council, City Boards, and all Commissions of the City continue to hold teleconferenced meetings from September 29, 2022, through October 29, 2022.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND JESUS RODRIGUEZ FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VALLEY BOULEVARD FOR HOLIDAY SALES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the License Agreement with Jesus Rodriguez; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the License Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH BIG TREES NURSERY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TREES AT LA PUENTE PARK, GRACE NAPOLITANO NATURE EDUCATION CENTER AND CITY PARKWAYS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the purchase order contract to Big Trees Nursery in the amount of \$59,975.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the contract and approve change orders up to 10% of the original proposal amount.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2022 BUDGET REPORT

Finance Manager Merkel-Medina provided a report on the August 2022 budget.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro-Tem Munoz, Finance Manager Merkle-Medina confirmed the budget is a public record and available for public view and it is audited annually.

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE REPAINTING OF THE COURTYARD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND REPLACEMENT OF SHADE AWNINGS

City Manager Lindsey noted that Council Member Argudo had previously requested more options for the shade awnings at the Community Center.

Assistant Planner Juan Galvan provided renderings demonstrating the proposed color palette for repainting the Community Center Courtyard. Council Member Quinones suggested using more neutral tones since it is used for various community events.

Discussion ensued regarding the color palette for the Community Center Courtyard. Assistant Planner Galvan provided options for the shade awning within the Courtyard.

The City Council reached a consensus to select the shade awning with the three-piece cover and provided direction to staff to bring back additional color options.

E-3 UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

City Manager Lindsey introduced discussion regarding maintenance and beautification at the Grace E. Napolitano Nature and Education Center. Assistant Planner Galvan provided a site plan mapping the proposed projects for the nature center such as resodding, implementation of a dog park, and installation of a wrought-iron fence for the dog park.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz expressed support for the implementation of a dog park and focusing on the smaller park areas within La Puente.

Council Member Quinones suggested expanding the dog park area into the hilltop to provide more play areas for the dogs.

Mayor Klinakis noted that the nature center was created with state funding and requested that Staff research if the proposed projects are within the conditions of the state requirements for the funding provided.

The City Council reached a consensus to move forward with the proposed park projects.

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 met with the principals of Del Valle and Workman Elementary, and with multiple sixth-grade classes. He shared the student's excitement for being involved with the government and mentioned that the students would like to propose an event for the City.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Quinones reported that the ad hoc committee will be hosting a webinar on October 12 and 14, 2022 for youth and parents of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as businesses needing resources.

Adaptive Sports League Enrichment and Oversight Committee: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee met to discuss the goals and advancement of the program.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis recognized Acting Assistant Chief Richard Stillwagon from Los Angeles County Fire Department for his service to the community. He further thanked City Manager Lindsey and Staff for organizing cooling stations for residents within the community.

Council Member Quinones expressed appreciation to City Staff for their hard work and efforts.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey addressed a residents' concern regarding cooling stations within the community. He noted that there are cooling stations available to residents during the heat wave and invited residents to City Hall should they need a place to cool down.

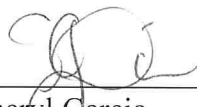
Director of Development Services Di Mario announced the La Puente Park middle restroom renovation bid opening on September 29, 2022, and the Community Center parking lot bid to open on October 6, 2022.

City Manager Lindsey noted efforts to involve Project LEAD students in Christmas concerts at the park. He further stated that on October 17, 2022, the concrete pad for the large picnic area would be poured, thus commencing its construction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of November, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair