

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Kinakis.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Sheryl Garcia, 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 Analyst Martha Torres, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, Office Specialist Christine Soo, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Management Analyst Torres and Director of Community Services Bauman presented Community Services Coordinator Angel Morales with an Employee Recognition Award for his 15 years of dedicated service and commitment to the City of La Puente.

Sergeant David Hernandez from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported on recent crimes in La Puente. He further announced that on October 20, 2022, the department would be providing a presentation regarding fentanyl awareness at La Puente High School at 6:00 p.m. and noted that the department was still working to acquire translation services for the event. Lastly, he also spoke regarding the Sunburst Youth Academy program that would take place on October 20, 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz requested the support of the City Council to allocate her discretionary funds to acquire translation services for the fentanyl awareness event.

Council Member Argudo requested clarification from the City Attorney regarding the process of approving the allocation as it was not itemized on the agenda. He inquired if it would require walking up the item, make a vote, and then consider the item. Assistant City Attorney Susie confirmed that the process he mentioned was correct and further asked Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to restate the item and to take a roll call vote for the record.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reinstated the allocation as a walk-on item to approve discretionary funds allocated from her account for the translation and interpretation services for the fentanyl presentation at La Puente High School.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to allocate up to \$5,000 of Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's discretionary funds to fund the translation services for the fentanyl awareness presentation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fernando Solis spoke regarding a contract with La Puente Live.

Ricardo Martinez expressed his concern for the dog park rules and regulations proposed in item E-5, Los Angeles City Council members, La Puente City Council members, and the \$5,000 allocation to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for translation services.

Arturo Diaz spoke regarding the importance of Fair Political Practices in government and adequately using the term "re-elect" in campaign signage.

Joe Bautista spoke regarding an independent local news and journalism social media account.

Marty Paz thanked Community Services Coordinator Angel Morales for his service to the community. He further requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in honor of Tony Anthony Monjas (a.k.a Sonny).

Frank Sanchez expressed concern about information circulated by candidates running for the La Puente City Council and comments made during oral communications.

Eli Tawil spoke regarding the operations and vendors of La Puente Live.

Anthony Orozco expressed his concern about the \$5,000 allocation to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to fund translation services.

Vanessa expressed her concern for the safety of her son that attends Nogales High School and deputy presence on school campus.

Frank M. spoke regarding candidates running for the La Puente City Council.

Raul spoke regarding candidates running for the La Puente City Council, and expenditures from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

Betty spoke regarding candidates running for City Council.

Samuel spoke regarding a campaign flyer using the City Logo, and an Instagram account being used for campaign advertising.

Amadeo Rodriguez spoke regarding his candidacy for the La Puente City Council.

Jocelyn Jimenez submitted a written comment regarding candidates running for City Council.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

- A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS – None
- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL - None
- C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
- C-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE REPAINTING OF THE COURTYARD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND REPLACEMENT OF SHADE AWNINGS

Assistant Planner Galvan provided several renditions of options for the repainting of the Community Center Courtyard.

Council Member Argudo recommended showcasing the City logo or City colors within the courtyard at the Community Center.

Council Member Quinones recommended selecting a neutral-colored courtyard so that it may be versatile for events that are hosted there.

Council Member Mendoza expressed her support for selecting the neutral color palette.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by council Member Quinones to adopt option one from the renditions provided. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled items D-5 and D-6 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. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NO. 1539

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5754 approving Warrant Register No. 1539.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CORRAL CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR THE MIDDLE RESTROOM ADDITION IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$348,877.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Corral Construction & Development, Inc. in the amount of \$348,877.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR LA PUENTE PARK SOD INSTALLATION

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT TO SPOHN RANCH, INC. FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE DANIEL C. HOLLOWAY BASKETBALL COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,270.50

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the purchase order contract to Spohn Ranch, Inc. in the amount of \$ 25,270.50; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the contract and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-5586 AND ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE CONTAINING REVISED DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo requested clarification on the specific amendments being made to the conflict-of-interest code.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee clarified that the City updates its Conflicts of Interest Code to reflect the City's creation of new positions, deletion of positions and changes in titles. He noted that the updated list would ensure the positions listed in the policy file Statements of Economic Interest (FPPC Form 700).

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to adopt Resolution No. 22-5755 rescinding Resolution No. 20-5586 and approving the City's amended Conflict of Interest Code. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GRACE F. NAPOLITANO NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion. He further inquired regarding the procurement of the vendor contracts for the improvements at the Grace F. Napolitano Nature Education Center.

City Manager Lindsey noted discussion with Director of Development Services Di Mario regarding the park improvements. He further introduced discussion regarding a request from Council Member Quinones to expand the dog park area.

Council Member Argudo inquired if the expansion is an addition to cost that are not reflected in item D-6. City Manager Lindsey clarified that the costs were reflective of the expansion.

Assistant City Planner Galvan provided a rendition of the dog park expansion requested by Council Member Quinones at a previous City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the improvements at the Grace F. Napolitano Nature Education Center and the proposed mesh fabric for the fence surrounding the dog park. City Manager Lindsey proposed that Staff select higher quality and durable mesh fabric for the fence.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the procurement of vendors and public works contracts, Director of Development Services Di Mario provided clarification regarding the purchase order contracts and recommended approval of three vendors from the list: Resource Building Materials, Ewing, and Mark's Welding, with the removal of the following vendors: Site One, West Coast Turf, Bravo Signs, Fremontia Horticultural, and TLC Materials.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to: (1) awarded purchase order contracts to: Resource Building Materials, Ewing, and Mark's Welding in the total amount of \$80,775.54; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the contracts and approve change orders up to 10% of the original proposal amounts. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF MEASURE LP BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the Measure LP Budget Report for September 2022.

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

E-2 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMMING

Director of Community Services Bauman provided an update regarding the community services programming.

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

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

City Manager Lindsey provided a report regarding the upcoming projects at La Puente Park.

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

E-4 UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION REGARDING CURRENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMMING OF THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Engagement Supervisor Hernandez provided an update on the snack bar renovations. He further communicated that sixteen-community services staff were trained and received their certifications in food handling.

Action Taken: The City Council discussed this item and provided any necessary direction to Staff.

E-5 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.68 OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PUBLIC PARKS AND FACILITIES AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO UPDATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE AND OPERATION OF CITY PARKS, RECREATIONAL AREAS AND DOG PARKS

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a report regarding the updating of the rules and regulations at City parks, recreational areas, and dog parks.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the rules and regulations that were recommended by the ad hoc committee. He further expressed concern for a rule at the dog park that restricts dogs that are not neutered or spayed from entering the area. He requested that the provision be removed from the proposed ordinance. He further inquired if the dog park at the Grace F. Napolitano Nature and Education Center conflict with the requirements of the grant for the educational center.

Assistant City Attorney Altamirano stated that based on discussions with the city attorney, there are no conflicts with the implementation of the dog park as it does qualify as an educational component.

City Manager Lindsey noted that the provision was recommended upon reviewing common dog park regulations from surrounding cities.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to: (1) waive the reading of Ordinance No. 22-979 and read by title only; (2) introduce Ordinance No. 22-979 Amending Chapter 3.68 of the La Puente City Municipal Code Regarding Public Parks and Facilities; (3) adopt Resolution No. 22-5756 to update rules and regulations governing the use and operation of city parks and recreational areas; and (4) adopt Resolution No. 22-5757 to implement the rules governing dog parks with the amendment of allowing non-spayed and non-neutered dogs to enter the dog park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-6 CONSIDERATION OF A USE AND FORBEARANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS (ESGVCH) AND THE CITY

The Community Safety and Welfare ad hoc committee provided background and report regarding the agreement being considered between the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless (ESGVCH) and the City.

Community Resource Technician Kimberly Cardona shared that the partnership with ESGVCH has complimented the P.R.O.S. Team's work with the community by providing hotel vouchers and developing plans to help individuals find housing. She further shared that the City is providing employment through the workforce development and beautification program.

The P.R.O.S. Team provided a presentation regarding the 2022 La Puente Homeless Count.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to: (1) approve the agreement between the East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless and the City; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-7 UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS AT LA PUENTE PARK (COUNCIL MEMBER ARGUDO)

Council Member Argudo introduced discussion and provided an update regarding the water filtration systems at La Puente Park. He further inquired if the cost of the filtration system would be above the City Manager spending authority. City Manager Lindsey stated that the cost is not above his spending authority.

Discussion ensued regarding the quality of water in the City of La Puente.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz restated that the water within the City of La Puente is safe to drink and emphasized the importance of maintaining the water filtrations that will soon be installed.

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: Nothing to report.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Quinones reminded the public and City Council of the LPQT Queer and Trans Webinar to be hosted on October 12, 2022 and October 14, 2022. He further reported efforts from the ad hoc committee to partner with Board Supervisor Hilda Solis' office and surrounding cities to provide more resources for the LGBTQ+ community.

Adaptive Sports League and Enrichment Programs Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS - None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding water filtrations systems at the La Puente City Park. He further stated that he had not engaged in any smear campaign activity towards incumbents running for La Puente City Council and disclosed that he had been providing resources to candidate Amadeo Rodriguez.

Council Member Quinones addressed comments and concerns voiced during oral communications. He further voiced his support of the \$5,000 allocation from Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for the fentanyl awareness presentation at La Puente High School.

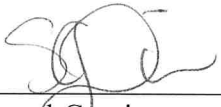
Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that the City of La Puente is all inclusive community and noted that any policies created by the City Council is a policy for all the community. She further spoke regarding the programming implemented within the City that promotes safety and inclusivity.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF- None

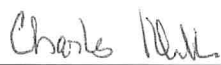
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at in memory and honor of Anthony Monges (a.k.a. Sonny) at 10:01 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of November, 2022.



Sheryl Garcia
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair