MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 24, 2023

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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, January 24, 2023, 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, 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, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, 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 6:02 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one case).

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(b) & 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:
   Property: APN 8247-032-023; Vacant Lot – Valley Boulevard and Old Valley Boulevard
   City Negotiators: Bob Lindsey, City Manager and John Di Mario, Director of Development Services
   Negotiating Party: TCH GROUP LA PUENTE LLC; Diana Cheng, Broker
   Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jauregui reported that with respect to item number one, "Anticipated Litigation" under government code section 54956.9(d)(2), the City Council provided their outside architect Holt with further direction with respect to an option. With respect to item number two, real property negotiator regarding assessor parcel number 8247-032-023, he reported that the City Council gave further authority and direction to the City Manager to proceed on the proposed purchase transaction with respect to that property.

City Clerk Sheryl Garcia noted that Council Member Argudo and Council Member Mendoza participated in both closed session items.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel-Medina, Associate Planner Juan Galvan, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Laura Santos submitted an e-comment in support of the Safe Route to School Plan and stated that it will be beneficial to the community.

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 JANUARY 10, 2023

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 January 10, 2023. 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 ORDINANCE NO. 23-981 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE 2022 AND OTHER RELATED CODES AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a staff report on the non-urgency ordinance regarding incorporating the updated Los Angeles County Building Code.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. 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 Mayor Pro Tem Valerie Munoz to: (1) open the public hearing and take public testimony; (2) adopt Ordinance No. 23-981 adopting by reference pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.2, Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Building Code, incorporating by reference the California Building Code 2022 Edition; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Plumbing Code incorporating by reference the California Plumbing Code 2022 Edition; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Electrical Code, incorporating by reference the California Electrical Code 2022 Edition; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Mechanical Code, incorporating by reference the California Mechanical Code 2022 Edition; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Residential Code, incorporating by reference the California Residential Code 2022 Edition; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code, incorporating by reference the California Green Building Code 2022 Edition; Title 33 of the Los Angeles County Existing Building Code; incorporating by reference the California Existing Building Code; and adopting local amendments thereto and making findings for same; and (3) adopt the Notice of Exemption. 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

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LA PUENTE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN

Planning Associate Ryan Johnson from Alta Planning presented the "Safe Routes to School" plan that focused on pedestrian safety around school zones as a part of a Federal Highway Improvement Program. Additionally, he noted that a separate project to improve eight crosswalks throughout the City and eighty-eight compliant access ramps, will continue construction in March 2023.

Director Di Mario clarified that the City will only pay for improvements within the City and not within Los Angeles County areas.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for the plan and communications with school districts.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones to adopt Resolution No. 23-5773 adopting the La Puente Safe Routes to School Plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 95-3662 AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR PLACING MATTERS ON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS

City Attorney Jauregui provided a report regarding the request to update the existing procedures for placing matters on the agenda, including a two-member vote process and centralization of the agenda overseen by the mayor.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Mayor Klinakis to repeal Resolution No. 95-3662 and adopt Resolution No. 23-5775 adopting procedures for placing matters on City Council meeting agendas. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5. 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. 1544

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 22-5774 approving Warrant Register No. 1544.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORTS

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the requisition summary reports for November and December 2022.

D-3 PRESENTATION OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022 INVESTMENT REPORTS

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed these reports.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR BUDGET SOFTWARE SERVICES WITH IGM TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $72,600

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a professional services agreement for budget software services with IGM Technology Corporation in the amount of $72,600; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FOOTHILL TRANSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,000.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BUS SHELTER STRUCTURES IN THE CITY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Grant Agreement with Foothill Transit for the replacement of bus shelter structures in the City in the amount of $40,000; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022 BUDGET REPORTS

Finance Manager Alexander Merkel-Medina provided a report on the November and December 2022 budget reports.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed these reports.

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY CENTER BUILDING AT LA PUENTE PARK

Associate Planner Juan Galvan gave a presentation on the proposed activity center building at La Puente Park.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the building needs to highlight the playground area as well.

Mayor Klinakis suggested that Council Member Argudo and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz discuss the project further at the Park Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the comparison of the cost of the activity center with or without additional elements, the funding possibilities for the activity center and the liabilities that could come with the activity center.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance and Program Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

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

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for attending the Lunar New Year event on Sunday, January 22, 2023. He noted that over two hundred people attended the event. He also thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for attending all events this past weekend.

Council Member Mendoza thanked the Los Angeles County's Sheriff Department for protecting and serving the community. Additionally, she thanked Staff for the Lunar New Year event and expressed her approval of the newly repainted courtyard.

Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for the Lunar New Year event and noted that it was the "reopening" of the newly repainted courtyard.

Council Member Argudo expressed his approval of the new colors in the courtyard and thanked the Sheriff's Department for their services.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey noted that a new gate was installed between the school and playground. The gate will allow tractors access to enter, to install canopies in the national fitness center, soccer field and water fountains. City Manager Lindsey noted that the soccer field had a new custom gate; and future projects that are still being worked on are the picnic area and coffee house. He thanked Staff for organizing the Lunar New Year event in just two and half weeks and for the completion of painting the courtyard. The new courtyard canopy would be installed in March, in time for the "Women of the Year" event hosted by Senator Bob Archuleta.

Mayor Klinakis noted that additional chairs need to be acquired and thanked City Manager Lindsey for buying the heaters that were utilized at the Lunar New Year event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2023.

Sheryl Garcia	Charlie Klinakis
City Clerk	Mayor/Chair