

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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, February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz.

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 Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Natalie Romo, Human Resources Management Analyst Martha Torres.

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 6:01 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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 6:37 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jesse Jauregui reported that the City Council met in closed session pursuant to 5494.5(b) and 54956.8. He specified that the City Council was provided with the status update and further direction was given to the property negotiators.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz.

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, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Natalie Romo, Human Resources Management Analyst Martha Torres.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Sheryl Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis presented a certificate in memorium of late resident Sara Flowers.

City Manager Bob Lindsey presented a certificate in recognition of Jack Zhao, for providing services to the La Puente community during the 2023 Lunar New Year event.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Covani expressed his concerns regarding a neighboring house engaged in criminal activity.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reported his attendance of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District meeting and noted that the District will present at a future City Council meeting regarding mosquito prevention education.

Council Member Argudo suggested that Staff post San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District meeting updates on the City of La Puente's social media accounts.

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 24, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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 January 24, 2023 and February 7, 2023. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-2 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-3. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 1545

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23- 5776 approving Warrant Register No. 1545.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR 2022 CALHOME HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-2 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo requested an update regarding Staff efforts to implement a housing program for first-time homebuyers.

Director Di Mario provided a report regarding the 2022 CalHome Homeownership grant program opportunity announced by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”).

Council Member Argudo inquired about the funds that were previously awarded through the First Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance. In response to his inquiry, Director Di Mario stated that the City is waiting for these funds to be released by HCD to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (“LACDA”) and then to the City. Based on Director Di Mario’s response, Council Member Argudo recommended that Staff apply for the \$5 million offered by the CalHome Program if the City has the staffing capacity to operate the program.

Discussion ensued regarding the staffing capacity of requesting \$3.2 million for the First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance Program and \$1.8 million for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program; requesting \$5 million for CalHome Homeownership program; and hiring a consultant to manage the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to request \$3.2 million for the First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance Program and \$1.8 million for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan Program. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY ONE TRACTOR, TWO MOWERS, AND ONE ELECTRIC CART IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES AT AUCTION, AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KEN PORTER AUCTION CO. FOR THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5778 declaring as surplus property, one tractor, two mowers, and one electric cart in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; and (2) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Ken Porter Auction Co. for the sale of the vehicles and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL - None

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Committee: Nothing to report.

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

Project LEAD Committee: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Mendoza reported that the ad hoc committee met with partners at the Los Angeles County to inform residents of the committee's efforts.

Adaptive Sports League and Enrichment Programs Oversight Committee: Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding his attendance of the informational meeting for the City's Special Olympics program. He thanked Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman for his efforts in organizing the Special Olympics.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis reported that he attended the Senior Valentine's Day Dance. He thanked Staff for supporting the Girl Scouts stationed in front of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The City Council thanked City Clerk Garcia for eight years of dedicated service to the City of La Puente.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey presented a certificate to City Clerk Garcia in recognition of her hard work, leadership, and achievements during her eight years as City Clerk at the City of La Puente.

City Manager Lindsey presented a rendition of the coffee shop and noted that the front side of the La Puente Community Center will be closed due to construction.

City Manager Lindsey provided an update regarding ongoing projects at La Puente Park and thanked Staff for their hard work on the Park construction and coffee shop development.

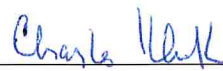
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of February, 2023.



Martha Torres
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair