

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 28, 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 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 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Martha Torres, 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 Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, and Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Nathan Dietlin and Alanis Hernandez, from Sparks Middle School, provided an update on the incentives Project LEAD established during the school year to encourage good behavior among students.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ricardo Martinez spoke regarding the July 3rd fireworks show and laser show in July, the La Puente Special Olympics, the upcoming City budget, and the Housing Rights Center workshops in the San Gabriel Valley region.

Joe B. spoke regarding recovery funding for vandalized small businesses and response times to vandalism calls. He further expressed concern about the driving speeds of public safety patrols in residential and school areas.

Diana Herrera submitted an e-comment regarding alternate uses for the funds intended for the July 3rd laser show, including support for: vandalized small businesses, technological improvements for hybrid activities, the City's social media presence, the Friday night market, and low-income and homeless residents.

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 FEBRUARY 28, 2023

A motion was made by Council Member David Argudo, seconded by Council Member Gabriel Quinones, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of February 14, 2023. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 1546

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23- 5779 approving Warrant Register No. 1546.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2023 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the requisition summary report for January 2023.

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO OPPENHEIMER NATIONAL FOR THE COFFEE SHOP KIOSK INSTALLATION AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,425.80

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Oppenheimer National in the amount of \$64,425.80; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC. AND THE CITY FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY FOR THE CITY'S FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,500

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-5 for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the City's vetting process when selecting vendors, the budget for the event, and the duration of the event. In response to his inquiry, City Manager Lindsey stated that the City selected a vendor used in previous years and noted that the duration of the show would be 30 minutes. City Manager further stated that the City decided to use a different vendor in July 2022 to provide residents with a longer show.

Council Member Quinones thanked Council Member Argudo for pulling the item and expressed his support for the Fourth of July event.

Council Member Mendoza inquired about potential donations for the event from neighboring cities.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee stated that the City of Industry donated \$40,000 to host the event in previous years prior to 2022.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the process of obtaining a donation from the City of Industry. In response to his inquiry, City Manager Lindsey stated that he reached out to the City Manager of the City of Industry for a donation.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 23-5780 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process; (2) approve the Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$33,500; and (3) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARTISTIC LASER PRODUCTIONS AND THE CITY FOR A LASER LIGHT DISPLAY FOR THE CITY'S FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,500.

Council Member Argudo pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

Mayor Klinakis recommended that the City Council consider the item at a later meeting to allow staff time to provide additional information about the event.

Council Member Argudo introduced discussion regarding the cost of the laser light show. He suggested that Staff provide more comprehensive financing information and acquire sponsorships for the event.

Council Member Quinones expressed support for keeping the laser light show and noted that residents enjoyed the event the previous year.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz recommended that the item be discussed at a future City Council meeting after Staff look into additional support and funding since the item was not time sensitive.

The City Council reached a consensus to bring back the item at a future City Council meeting and have Staff outreach for donations that could offset the cost of the laser show.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2023 BUDGET REPORT

Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina provided a report regarding the January 2023 Budget Report.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Finance Manager Merkel Medina for the budget report.

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

E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMMING

Director of Community Services Alex Bauman provided an update on community services programming.

Council Member Argudo inquired about outreach efforts to encourage skateboarders to participate in the roller-skating program. Director Bauman noted that Staff would use flyers and social media posts to inform the public of the roller skate event, as well as assign Staff to advertise the roller-skating program in person.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz gave a brief update on efforts to bring about a joint-use agreement with the Bassett Unified School District to utilize their facilities to expand the City's athletic programming. She noted that she and Council Member Quinones have been working diligently to secure contracts for the soccer league to take place in different locations and include a wide range of age groups. She further thanked Mayor Klinakis for his help in establishing the soccer league last year.

Council Member Quinones thanked Director Bauman for the update and for developing the roller-skate night.

Council Member Mendoza thanked staff for working with residents and creating programs at the parks and suggested that Staff reach out to schools to advertise the programming.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked staff for developing inclusive and diverse programs for residents.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the park goals from three years ago have been reached and spoke regarding the Special Olympics athletes.

Director Bauman stated that the Special Olympics is keeping him updated on opportunities to fund applicants.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

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

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones provided an update on the mural project with Project LEAD. He presented a mural concept that La Puente High School students created and will be

painting in Downtown La Puente. He thanked Council Member Mendoza for her help and hard work on the project.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

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

AB 1234 REPORTS - None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis shared that he met with several dignitaries in Sinaloa, Mexico to discuss youth programs offered in La Puente. He presented gifts that he received from the head of Congress and from the Mayor of Angostura, Mexico.

Director Bauman announced that there will be a "Breakfast with the Bunny" event on April 8, 2023.

Council Member Quinones thanked the City Council for working well together and Staff for working diligently. He further requested that the City Council adjourn the meeting in honor and memory of Victor De La Cruz, the lead school counselor at Sierra Vista Middle School.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey noted that the Grace Napolitano Park will have a grand opening in May. He stated that in the upcoming future, there will be picnic areas and a coffee shop at La Puente Park. He also thanked Staff for their hard work.

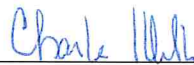
ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in honor and memory of Victor De La Cruz at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of March, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair