

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 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, March 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Quinones, Mendoza (arrived at 6:08 p.m.).

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, 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. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (Lewis v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18841)

2. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (City of La Puente v. Dank City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00417)
3. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (City of La Puente v. EML, LLC, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00609)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jauregui reported that with respect to closed session item number 1, which is (Lewis v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV18841), the City Council was briefed by in-house counsel and outside counsel. He specified that privilege issues were discussed, authority was provided, and further direction was further provided.

City Attorney Jauregui reported that with respect to closed session item number 2, which is (City of La Puente v. Dank City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00417), the City Council met in closed session, it was briefed by in-house counsel and outside counsel and further direction was provided.

City Attorney Jauregui reported that with respect to closed session item number 3, which is (City of La Puente vs EML, Los Angeles Superior Court Case number 21PSCV00609), the Council met in closed session, it was briefed by in-house counsel and outside counsel and further direction was provided.

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, 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

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Attorney Jauregui noted for the record that all five City Council Members were present during closed session.

PRESENTATIONS

Andrea Moreno, a La Puente High School senior from Project LEAD, thanked the City Council for sponsoring the students to participate in the LP Run Marathon Event. She also provided updates on career day, JROTC, the spring concert, prom, college application workshops, and mural efforts.

Omar Hernandez from Global Urban gave a presentation regarding the City's social media updates and communications. Council Member Argudo requested that Global Urban promote the upcoming free music classes on social media. Council Member Quinones requested that Global Urban promote outreach and online sign-ups for the music classes to students in La Puente and Project LEAD. Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman stated that during the concert on March 25, 2023, staff will conduct outreach about the music classes and assist interested residents in signing up for the classes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Castro Valenzuela, from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, spoke regarding Measure A and the Technical Assistance Program's funding that is available to the City of La Puente.

Joe B. spoke regarding the July 3rd laser light show, skate park, and social media.

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, the Friday night market, and low-income and homeless residents.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis stated that he will request representatives from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District to attend an upcoming City Council meeting.

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 Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of February 28, 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 – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 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

City Manager Lindsey stated that Valley Vista Services, City of Industry and the City's non-profit organization would be contributing funds to the July 3rd laser light show, and money would not be used from the City's general fund to fund the event.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 23-5781 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process; (2) approve the Agreement with Artistic Laser Productions, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500; 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. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member 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 REGISTER NO. 1547

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5782 approving Warrant Register No. 1547.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT AND CITY LOGO INSTALLATION ON EXISTING BUS SHELTERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY IN THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OPEN PACE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-5783 consenting to the inclusion of properties within the territory of the City in the CSCDA Open PACE Programs; authorizing the CSCDA to accept applications from property owners, conduct contractual assessment proceedings and levy contractual assessments within the territory of the City; and authorizing related actions.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND VAN LANT & FANKHANEL, LLP FOR AUDIT SERVICES, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,175 PER YEAR

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 with Van Lant & Fankhanel, LLP for Professional Auditing Services; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the City.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

City Manager Lindsey noted that a previous appointee was unable to fulfill the responsibilities serving on the board and had resigned. He stated that the City received an application from John Solis to fill the vacant position. City Manager Lindsey indicated that Mr. Solis has been working with the La Puente Community Foundation (LPCF) and offered to assist in coordinating golf tournaments to help bring in funding to the foundation.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Klinakis, to appoint John Solis to serve on the La Puente Community Foundation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance and Program Oversight: 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

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo suggested that the City Council Members share on social media that the City's free music classes will begin soon. He requested that Staff provide the City Council Members with paper and electronic copies of the flyers for the free music classes.

Mayor Klinakis shared that he was a judge for the afterschool program talent show and spoke of the upcoming Breakfast with the Bunny event. Mayor Klinakis further shared that City Council Members, Staff, and Assemblymember Lisa Calderon took a tour of La Puente Park. He thanked Assemblymember Lisa Calderon for participating in a tour of the park. Mayor Klinakis also spoke regarding the food bank, roller skating event, the barricade incident in Valinda, and potential testimonials from residents.

Council Member Quinones thanked City Clerk staff for their hard work. He shared that he attended the memorial for late Sierra Vista Middle School counselor, Victor de La Cruz. Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for their hard work at the Community Center and the July 3rd laser light show. He also stated that the snack bar is open for business and provided hours of operation.

Council Member Mendoza thanked Staff for their hard work at the snack bar. She shared that she visited the snack bar with her family and that they enjoyed the food.

Mayor Klinakis thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's staff for their hard work.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff, Mayor Klinakis, and City Clerk staff for their hard work.

Director of Development Services Di Mario and City Manager Lindsey gave a presentation on the proposed additional spaces for the parking lot.

Associate Planner Galvan invited the City Council to the grand opening of the new maintenance building on April 12, 2023.

La Puente Community Foundation Board Member Frank Sanchez suggested that members of the community choose the name for the snack bar. City Manager Lindsey noted that the snack bar staff suggested "LP Grub" as a potential name for the snack bar.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of March, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair