

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), 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

Mayor Klinakis presented a proclamation recognizing March as American Red Cross Month. Patty Madera, Interim Executive Director of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys American Red Cross, thanked the City Council.

Project LEAD Students Karla Hernandez-Flores, Vanilla Maldonado-Zamora, Destinee Espinoza, and Abigail Leyva provided the City Council with updates on the programming that was provided to students at Nelson Elementary School and Workman Elementary School. Council Member Argudo donated \$200 from his discretionary American Rescue Plan Act fund to Workman Elementary School and Nelson Elementary School.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Maldonado spoke regarding the Puente Creek Nature Education Center, Measure LP, and town hall meetings.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding the July 3rd laser light show, the City's funding allocation, grants for vandalized businesses, virtual availability for the library, social media accessibility for non-English speakers, and sustainable programs for 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 MARCH 14, 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of March 14, 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 – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

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. 1548

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5784 approving Warrant Register No. 1548.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2023 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-5785, PROCLAIMING THE TERMINATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED IN RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATIONS NO. 20-5547, NO. 20-5548 AND NO. 20-555

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5785 terminating the local emergency caused by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2023 BUDGET REPORT

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

In response to Mayor Klinakis' inquiry if all expenses had been accounted for, Finance Manager Merkel Medina confirmed that all expenses were accounted for.

Council Member Quinones inquired if the funding for the soccer field had an annual allocation for operations and maintenance. In response to his inquiry, Director of Administrative Services Grunklee noted that Measure A provided an annual allocation for operations and maintenance.

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

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 Quinones reported that the City's second annual Pride resource event will take place in June 2023. He noted that surrounding cities support the City's work.

Mayor Klinakis established the Rowland, Basset, Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison ad hoc committee. He appointed himself and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz to serve on the committee.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo inquired about outreach efforts to Rowland Unified School District for upcoming events. Director of Community Services Bauman responded that event flyers were posted on the Peachjar app.

Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for their hard work last weekend at La Puente Park during the League's Opening Day and the visit with Senator Bob Archuleta. He also thanked Staff and City Council Members for their help during the Mock City Council meeting. Council Member Quinones thanked a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy for participating in the Sparks Middle School Career Day.

Mayor Klinakis noted that La Puente Park has additional parking spaces that are being utilized by the public and stated that the Snack Bar is doing well. He further spoke regarding town hall meetings.

Council Member Mendoza suggested designating certain parking spaces for larger vehicles, and thanked Staff for designating a specific time for children to skate during the roller-skating event.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz noted that Measure LP goes towards the general fund.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the Maintenance department has been working hard to beautify the City.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked park staff, coffee shop staff, the California Youth Corps, and Global Urban Strategies Inc. for their work. He provided an update regarding the coffee shop at La Puente Park, the filling of potholes throughout the City, designated RV parking, the \$3.6 million youth worker grant, City grant applications, Skate Night at La Puente Park, and a collaborative animal rescue by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and the City's Animal Control Officers. He also stated that Staff were attacked by a transient and thanked Staff for their quick response.

Associate Planner Galvan provided a presentation regarding crime statistics posted about the City of La Puente on the Neighborhood Scout website.

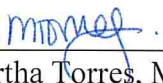
Council Member Argudo inquired about the agenda placement of the crime statistics presentation and requested that the discussion be moved to a future City Council meeting. City Attorney Jauregui further suggested that the item be moved to a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Klinakis thanked City Attorney Jauregui, Global Urban, and City Clerk staff.

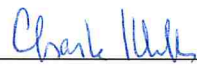
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of April, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair

