MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 11, 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.lapuente.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, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Natalie Romo.

Mayor Klinakis noted that Mayor Pro Tem Munoz was absent due to the birth of her granddaughter.

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 6:05 p.m. to discuss the items 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) & (e)(1)

2. 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) (Two potential cases)

3. THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION, Cal Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). Calderon et al v Southland Transit et al L.A.S.C. No. 21STCV02558

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 out of closed session and stated that the City Council met in closed session pursuant to pending litigation (Calderon vs. Southland Transit). The Council was provided with briefing, no further direction was requested. With respect to one of the two anticipated litigation matters, facts and circumstances were discussed. Further direction, including authority, was provided to the City Manager to meet and confer with representative employees. With respect to the second anticipated litigation matter, facts and circumstances were discussed 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, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.
Members absent:	Munoz.
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, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera, Office Specialist Natalie Romo and Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez.

PRESENTATIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe spoke regarding recent burglaries in the City of La Puente.

Frank Sanchez spoke regarding trespassers at his business, forklift usage, and the La Puente Park.

Olivia Flamenco submitted a written comment regarding the beautification of the City of La Puente. Director of Development Services Di Mario responded that the City of La Puente is working with Los Angeles County on the Amar Road Complete Street Project, which focuses on the beautification of the City of La Puente.

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 28, 2023

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of March 28, 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

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS APPROVING WARRANT REGISTER NOS. 1549 AND 69

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5786 approving Warrant Register No. 1549 and Resolution No. SA 23-102 approving Warrant Register No. 69.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS AND DISPENSING WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HDL, COREN AND CONE FOR PROPERTY TAX CONSULTING & AUDITING SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted the Resolution 23-5787 making findings and dispensing with the competitive bidding process, and (2) approved the agreement with HdL, Coren and Cone and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TWO VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5788 and declare as surplus property, two vehicles in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO WEST COAST TURF FOR THE GRACE F. NAPOLITANO NATURE EDUCATION CENTER SOD INSTALLATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,980.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to West Coast Turf in the amount of $24,980.00; (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 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2022-23 PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the construction of the Street Improvements on Various City Streets FY 2022-23 project; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5789 approving participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this Program.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOD SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO FIVE NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH WALMART, CVS, WALGREENS, TEVA, AND ALLERGAN, ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5790, authorizing the City Manager to release the five settling defendants in exchange for the consideration set forth in the Subdivision Participation Forms and California State-Subdivision Agreements; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Participation Forms for each of the five settlements (Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart) and any and all documents ancillary thereto; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the proposed California State-Subdivision Agreements for each of the five settlements (Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart), and any and all documents ancillary thereto.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMMING

Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman provided an update on Special Olympics, Skate Nights at the Skate Park, the student scholarship program, the Tiny Tots graduation ceremony, concerts in the park, movies in the park, and music classes.

Council Member Quinones thanked Director Bauman for his hard work and inquired about space for residents to play at La Puente Park. Director Bauman responded that the grass area is open to residents that want to play at La Puente Park.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the number of scholarships that were distributed last year. Director Bauman replied that he would have to look at the number of scholarships that were distributed last year. Council Member Argudo inquired about the scholarship application deadline. Director Bauman responded that last year there was an initial deadline and an extended deadline.

Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee responded that year to date, $8,309.95 has been spent on the student scholarship program and eight scholarships have been awarded. Council Member Argudo requested that the student scholarship program be expanded in the future.

Council Member Mendoza stated that the student scholarship program is doing well because the deadlines are flexible for students and properly allocated to students.

Mayor Klinakis encouraged Council Members and City Staff to speak with residents in person about the student scholarship program. He also thanked City Staff and Council Members for their hard work on the Easter events, events at La Puente Park and the snack cart at La Puente Park.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente 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.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo inquired about the amount of money that the City of La Puente would receive regarding agenda item D-7 and how it would be allocated. City Attorney Jauregui responded that the amount of money going to each City is small and there are five subcategories that tell Cities how they can allocate the money received.

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding agenda item D-7 and stated that the money the City would receive would be small. Mayor Klinakis also inquired if the City would host a Cinco De Mayo event. Director Bauman replied that he would confer with Community Engagement Supervisor Kimberly Cardona and inform Mayor Klinakis if there is a Cinco De Mayo event scheduled.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that the City's snack cart at La Puente Park had an increasing number of customers. He also indicated that on May 11, 2023, the Community Center parking lot is scheduled for repaving. He also clarified that the security cameras within the City face the street to capture vehicle license plates. City Manager Lindsey also provided updates on the coffee shop, picnic area, and soccer field.

Mayor Klinakis recognized Frank Sanchez, the La Puente Community Foundation Vice Chairperson. He also thanked the Sheriff's Deputies that were present at the City Council meeting and City Staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2023.

Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk

Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair