

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 25, 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 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 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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, Assistant City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Senior Planner Abraham Tellez, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, Office Specialist Destiny Rivera.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis presented an In Memoriam certificate to the family of the late Sierra Vista Middle School Counselor Victor De La Cruz Alvarez. Sierra Vista Middle School student Brandon Marquez spoke about Mr. De La Cruz Alvarez's positive impact on himself and the school. The City Council offered their condolences to the family. Furthermore, Council Member Quinones noted that the City would be planting a tree in Mr. De La Cruz Alvarez's honor.

Mayor Klinakis presented checks from his discretionary American Rescue Plan Act fund to the La Puente Valley Woman's Club, Hacienda Christian Fellowship Food Bank, First United Methodist Church Food Bank, and the Faithful Service for Veterans.

Sunburst Youth Academy Cadet Ariel Klinefelter spoke regarding her experience at Sunburst Youth Academy. Sergeant Viviana Gonzalez gave a presentation about the Academy.

Eric Sanchez spoke regarding the Guerreros Judo Club's recent success at the 2023 USA Judo National Championship. Mayor Klinakis and Coach Frank Sanchez Jr. presented certificates of recognition to the athletes and coaches of the Guerreros Judo Club.

Mayor Klinakis recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

Sergeant Del Valle from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided an update on the current crime statistics and a recent operation focused on combating human trafficking. Council Member Argudo inquired about actions being taken to ensure public safety. City Manager Lindsey stated that the City is working with the City Attorney and noted the City Council would be briefed at a later time. Acting Captain Lieutenant Julie Gary introduced herself to the City Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manuel Maldonado spoke regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, public safety, services available to Spanish speaking residents, and property code enforcement. He also congratulated the City of La Puente for vacating a property on California Avenue.

Frank Sanchez thanked the City for providing translation services and improving La Puente Park. He also spoke regarding the crime report update.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment requesting a community discussion on the City's budget.

City Manager Lindsey clarified in response to a public comment, that Code Enforcement Staff are automatically assigned beautification cases generated by the Maintenance Department. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that Staff would discuss support services for residents at a future Code Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

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 APRIL 11, 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 April 11, 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

C-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SCOUT CRIME STATS

City Manager Lindsey requested approval to send a letter drafted by City Attorney Jauregui to Neighborhood Scout. Council Member Argudo inquired about the content of the letter. Assistant City Attorney Altamirano informed the City Council that the letter notes potential flaws in the website's contents and requests clarification on terminology and statistics.

The City Council reached a consensus and provided direction to Staff granting approval to proceed with sending the letter.

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-8. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Assistant City Attorney Altamirano noted for the record, a date correction within the staff report for Agenda Item D-5 and noted the correct date should read August 23, 2022.

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 23-5791

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5791 and approved Warrant Register No. 1550.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2023 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and (2) directed Staff to submit the report to HCD and OPR.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR WEST RESTROOM RENOVATION AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the renovation of the west restroom at La Puente Park and; (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SEMPER ANTICUS FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF AN OPEN-AIR MARKET

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services and License Agreement with Semper Anticus; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 2.03 (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) OF THE CIVIC-RECREATIONAL-INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CIVIC-RECREATIONAL-INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDUSTRY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5792 amending Section 2.03 (Board of Directors) of the Civic-Recreational-Industrial Authority's Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and (2) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Civic-Recreational-Industrial Authority's Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the City of Industry and authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL MOWING AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AT LA PUENTE PARK IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,613.48

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a 48-month FMV lease contract with Huntington National Bank for two mowers; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2023 BUDGET REPORT

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

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's inquiry regarding the report's availability to the public, Finance Manager Merkel Medina confirmed that it is available to the public.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Master Plan and Youth Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that there would be an upcoming committee meeting to discuss programs in the park.

Comprehensive Fee Schedule: Nothing to report.

Park Ordinance Oversight: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones reported that Nelson Elementary and Del Valle Elementary will participate in a mock City Council meeting, and reported that he will meet with La Puente High School regarding the mural.

Community Safety and Welfare: Nothing to report.

Homeless Oversight: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated that a preliminary meeting with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District was held to discuss joint use agreements and the utilization of certain open spaces within the school district. She also reported that meetings would be held with the Bassett Unified School District and the LA County Board Supervisor regarding joint use agreements and the utilization of open spaces for parks and programming.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding Skate Nights at the park, citations that are issued to residents and the Beautification Program.

Council Member Quinones stated that the second annual Brunch by the Bridge event will take place in June for Pride Month and noted that the City of La Puente would partner with the City of Industry for the event. He also thanked Staff for their assistance with Project LEAD.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff heighten public safety measures at La Puente Park.

Council Member Argudo reported that Maintenance Staff and workers from the Youth Workforce Grant programs assisted veteran and elderly residents with yard maintenance. He also noted that Little League scheduling concerns would be addressed soon.

Mayor Klinakis inquired about the City's sports programs and Coffee Shop. Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman responded that the programs would begin in June. City Manager Lindsey stated that the Coffee Shop's container would be received within the next two weeks.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

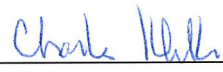
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in honor and memory of Mary Tostado at 8:56 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of May, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair