

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 9, 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.lapiente.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, May 9, 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, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Senior Planner Abraham Tellez, Senior Code Enforcement Supervisor Jeffrey Buckwell, Community Engagement Supervisor Kimberly Cardona, Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez, and Office Specialist Destiny Rivera.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Planner Tellez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz presented proclamations on behalf of Looms4Lupus in support of May as Fibromyalgia Awareness Month.

Council Member Mendoza presented a proclamation on behalf of Looms4Lupus in support of May as Lupus Awareness Month.

Resident and Looms4Lupus representative, Juana Mata, spoke regarding the organization's participation in raising support and awareness for Lupus, Fibromyalgia, and mental health.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Olivia Flamenco submitted written comments regarding the Amar project and expressed health concerns regarding food vendors on Sunset Avenue and Amar Road.

Ricardo Martinez submitted a written comment regarding the City's 23-24 fiscal year budget and wages within the Bassett Unified School District.

Kyle Miller, a representative of Senator Bob Archuleta, provided an update on Senator Archuleta's current projects and constituent services, and provided his contact information.

In response to the written comments, City Manager Lindsey stated that funds are still being allocated for the Amar project, and he stated he would forward the food vendor concerns to the food vendor team.

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 25, 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 April 25, 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

B-1 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.40 OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING PERMITS

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing.

Senior Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell provided a video presentation.

Ben Phaychanpheng voiced support of this ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Staff and stated her support for the ordinance to enhance the quality of life for residents and beautify the City. She inquired regarding the application and verification process for issuing RV parking permits. Senior Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell confirmed there will be a verification process.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the 72-hour short-term parking permits fees and requested that the ordinance be amended to exclude a need for a permit for short-term instances that involve residents loading and unloading their RV while parked on the street. He further inquired regarding how a no-noise policy may affect visitors during the cold season that require the use of a generator or those with health conditions that may require similar equipment to use their required medical devices. Council Member Argudo also requested that the ordinance be amended to include converted U-Hauls, trailers, and buses.

Council Member Mendoza thanked all involved for bringing forward the ordinance and discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz asked about the legality of persons inhabiting an RV on private property for an extended period of time. Senior Planner Tellez stated that Chapter 10.10.040 of the City's Municipal Code currently prohibits residential or habitual use of RVs.

Council Member Mendoza inquired if there is a plan to uphold the code that prohibits residential or habitual use of RVs, to which Senior Planner Tellez stated that the Code Enforcement department is responsible for investigations.

City Manager Lindsey responded to Council Member Argudo's concerns regarding the no-noise policy and the 72-hour short-term parking limit.

Council Member Argudo inquired whether the ordinance can be amended to allow for loading/unloading needs without the use of a permit not to exceed five hours.

City Attorney Jauregui stated that the entire discussion, including the report, be incorporated into the public hearing for the record.

City Attorney Jauregui further advised that subsection H be added to Section 6.40.360 stating, "Nothing herein shall prevent the temporary use of the residential street corresponding to the residence for the cleaning, loading, or other short-term needs which process does not exceed 5 hours."

Council Member Argudo further requested that the ordinance be amended to include that the operation of medical devices can be used under known special circumstances.

City Attorney Jauregui advised that subsection I be added to Section 6.40.360 stating "The temporary use of power to allow for the operation of medical devices or other extenuating

circumstances can be considered at the discretion of the City Manager, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.”

Council Member Argudo further inquired regarding the converted U-Hauls, trailers, and buses, to which Senior Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell responded that they are included in the ordinance.

Mayor Klinakis inquired about the definition of RV. Senior Code Enforcement Supervisor Buckwell defined recreational vehicle. City Attorney Jauregui stated that the ordinance also included the specific definition of recreational vehicles.

Mayor Klinakis inquired regarding RV parking during street sweeping days and discussed parking in general within the City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 23-982 and read by title only; (2) introduce Ordinance No. 23-982 amending Chapter 6.40 of the La Puente Municipal Code regarding parking, stopping and standing of recreational vehicles; establishment of city recreational vehicle parking permits, with an amendment to add subsection H to Section 6.40.360 stating, “Nothing herein shall prevent the temporary use of the residential street corresponding to the residence for the cleaning, loading, or other short-term needs which process does not exceed 5 hours,” and an amendment to add subsection I to Section 6.40.360 stating “The temporary use of power to allow for the operation of medical devices or other extenuating circumstances can be considered at the discretion of the City Manager, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.” The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: 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-5. 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. 23-5793

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5793 and approved Warrant Register No. 1551.

- D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO FS CONTRACTORS INC. FOR THE CITYWIDE CONCRETE REPAIRS FY 2022-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,409.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to FS Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$195,409; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 23-5794 authorizing an additional allocation of \$70,000 in TDA Article 3 funds and \$19,500 in Measure M funds to cover the total project cost.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE CITY OF LA PUENTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL VMT ANALYSIS MODEL

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 2 to Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT FOR THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AT THE 2023 BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY ON JUNE 8, 2023

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-5795 approving a permit for the public display of fireworks for Bassett High School's 2023 Graduation Ceremony on June 8, 2023, pursuant to all applicable code requirements.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A CAPITAL RESERVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF PROPOSITION C LOCAL RETURN FUNDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMAR ROAD COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Capital Reserve Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY OF LA PUENTE BEAUTIFICATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SKATEBOARD CLINIC EVENT

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Member Mendoza spoke about the feedback received from the participants of the Skateboard Clinic Event.

Mayor Klinakis spoke about the event, the La Puente Park Snack Bar, and thanked Staff for their involvement in the La Puente Park.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance, and Program Oversight: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported the ad hoc committee met last week with City Manager Lindsey and Director of Community Services Bauman and discussed current park construction, current park programs, consideration of new programs, funding opportunities, potential opportunity to provide a women's flag football program, and participation in current programs. Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for being available, and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Director of Community Services Bauman for his work.

Project LEAD: Council Member Quinones provided an update on the mural project, and Council Member Mendoza spoke regarding the final Mock City Council Meeting for the school year that occurred on May 1, 2023.

LPQT Action Committee: Council Member Quinones provided an update regarding the second annual Brunch by the Bridge event.

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 commented on the progress of the mural project and thanked Director of Community Services Bauman for his work.

Council Member Quinones thanked Director of Community Services Bauman and Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona for their work and spoke about the coffee shop.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz inquired about additional events and transportation services for senior citizens. Director of Community Services Bauman reported there are ongoing plans to expand popular senior services. City Manager Lindsey stated Staff are currently working on implementing a shuttle service for seniors.

Mayor Klinakis spoke about the 100th Anniversary Dinner at the La Puente Valley Woman's Club and suggested acquiring a float for the holiday parade to celebrate the Woman's Club. He also spoke regarding code enforcement and public safety.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the Sheriff's Department, and I.T. assistant Angel Arellano. He invited the City Council to a lighting demonstration at the Community Center courtyard, and provided an update on the coffee shop, amphitheater, picnic area, and the Grace Napolitano Nature Center.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided an update on the Mother's Day Fiesta Picnic event being held on May 13, 2023, and the Dodgers Camp on June 26 and 27, 2023.

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Special Olympics and provided an update on the Summer Games.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in memory of Wendy Thomas at 8:49 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of May, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair