

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 27, 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 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, June 27, 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, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Jesse Jauregui, City Clerk Martha Torres, and Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez.

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 6:04 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 6:46 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jauergui reported out of closed session and stated that pursuant to closed session Item No. 1, the City Attorney was provided with specific further direction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, and Office Specialist Adriana Jaimez.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Community Services Bauman and Special Olympics Head Coach Cindy Saucedo presented Certificates of Recognition to Special Olympics athletes.

Mayor Klinakis thanked the parents and coaches for their hard work and effort on the Special Olympics.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Klinakis regarding illegal firework seizures in the City, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Del Valle stated that the Special Assignment Officer (SAO) Team conducted two operations related to illegal fireworks in the City.

Sergeant Del Valle provided a report on crime statistics and crime rates in the City of La Puente. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Acting Captain Lieutenant Gary introduced Sheriff's Deputy Sanchez and Deputy Benavidez to the City Council. Mayor Klinakis thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for their hard work and effort.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Torres read a written comment submitted by Joe B. for the June 13, 2023, City Council meeting, regarding a conflict of interest and the City's advertisement of local firework stands. Due to a technical error, Joe's comment was not read into the record at the time of the June 13, 2023, City Council meeting.

John Solis spoke regarding the Firecracker Solis 16U softball team. He also thanked the City of La Puente for their hard work at La Puente Park.

Monique Dominguez spoke regarding the City's advertisement of local fireworks stand. Discussion ensued regarding the La Puente Community Foundation.

Frank Sanchez spoke regarding the Guerreros Judo Club and the La Puente Community Foundation.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding Concerts in the Park, new businesses in Old Town La Puente, and the 2023-2024 City Budget.

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 JUNE 13, 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 June 13, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORTS FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CAPITAL CHARGES AND SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING SEWER CHARGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Finance Manager Merkel Medina provided a report regarding the proposed annual sewer levy reports for collection of sewer capital charges and sewer maintenance charges.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to (1) adopt Resolution No. 23- 5807 confirming the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 sewer capital charge; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 23-5808 confirming the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 sewer maintenance charge. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-4 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3 and D-5 to D-9. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 23-5809

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5809 approving Warrant Register No. 1554.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2023 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO ONYX PAVING COMPANY FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2022-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,936,000

Mayor Klinakis pulled item D-4 for further discussion.

In response to Mayor Klinakis' inquiries regarding the scale and process of the street paving project, Director of Development Services Di Mario responded that the proposed project is the City's largest street rehabilitation and improvement project covering thirty-eight streets consisting of 5.8 miles throughout the City, including concrete repair of aprons, sidewalks, and curbs. Director Di Mario further stated that Staff utilizes a pavement management rating system that rates streets throughout the City to determine the streets that need to be repaired.

In response to Council Member Argudo's inquiry regarding the number of zones in the City, Director Di Mario responded that there are five zones throughout the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to (1) award the contract to Onyx Paving Company. in the amount of \$5,936,000; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 3% of the original bid amount; and (3) adopt Resolution No. 23-5810 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and Capital Improvement Program. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-5811 adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 funded by SB1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO CORRAL CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR THE LA PUENTE PARK WEST RESTROOM RENOVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,199.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Corral Construction & Development, Inc. in the amount of \$190,199.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-7 AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-25, 2025-26 AND 2026-27

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 23-5812 and authorized the City Manager to execute the Cooperation Agreement with the Los Angeles County Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-5805 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO RENAME THE COMMUNITY SERVICES TECHNICIAN POSITION TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND ADD TWO (2) ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITIONS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5813 rescinding resolution No. 23-5805 amending the comprehensive personnel system; (2) approved the revised job description for the full-time Community Outreach Program Coordinator position; and (3) provided any necessary direction to Staff.

- D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH FLOCK GROUP INC. (FLOCK SAFETY) FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,236,050

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a five-year agreement and purchase order contract with Flock Group Inc. (Flock Safety) for the purchase and installation of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras to be installed throughout the City in the amount of \$1,236,050; 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 MAY 2023 BUDGET REPORT

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

Mayor Klinakis thanked Director of Administrative Services Grunklee and Staff for their hard work and effort.

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

- E-2 CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2023-2024

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a staff report on the education scholarships for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

In response to Council Member Argudo's inquiry regarding a disqualification that was made, Director of Community Services Bauman stated that the applicant is not a resident of La Puente and did not attend a school within the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to approve the \$500 increase in funding and award nine (9) scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year in the amount of \$1,000 each. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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: 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 welcomed the acting Assistant Chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Dustin Robertson. Assistant Chief Robertson introduced himself to the City Council.

Mayor Klinakis stated that the Hacienda Christian Fellowship Church would distribute food every Monday between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He also noted that the Firework Show would be held on July 3, 2023, at La Puente Park. Mayor Klinakis thanked City Manager Lindsey and Staff for their hard work and for preparing La Puente Park for the July 3rd Fortunato Jimenez Independence Day celebration.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the Maintenance Staff and grant workers for their hard work at La Puente Park. He also stated that the Grace Napolitano Nature Educational Center would be having their grand opening on July 8, 2023. City Manager Lindsey further provided updates on the La

Puente Park construction. He thanked the City Council, City Staff, Assistant Chief Robertson, Battalion Chief Munoz, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Maintenance Staff, and Code Enforcement Staff for their hard work.

In response to Mayor Klinakis' inquiry regarding the 3rd of July Beer Garden, City Manager Lindsey stated that the Snack Bar would cater the Beer Garden.

Director Di Mario noted that there is a concrete repair project and crosswalk enhancement project that is taking place throughout the City.

City Manager Lindsey asked residents to let the City know if there are any streets that need to be repaved or that are in bad condition.

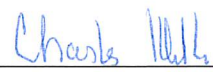
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of July, 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair