

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 8, 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.lapueente.org.

A Special 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, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Martha Torres, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators:
Property: 200 N. 1st Street
City Negotiators: Bob Lindsey, City Manager and John Di Mario, Director of Development Services
Negotiating Party: La Puente Valley Woman's Club
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (City of La Puente v. Dank City, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00417)

3. 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 7:13 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session and stated that pursuant to closed session Item No. 1 and closed session Item No. 2, the City Council was briefed on the status of the matter and further direction was provided. With respect to closed session Item No. 3, the City of La Puente has approved and retained the law firm of Bracy Hawkins Law, P.C. to represent City Manager Lindsey in the matter of Lewis v. City of La Puente.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Alex Bauman, Communications/Information Technology Analyst Steve Overstreet, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Management Analyst Romo and Director of Development Services Di Mario presented Employee Service Awards to Maintenance Worker Arthur Montoya for his 10 years of service and Rehabilitation Grant Specialist Gisel Lopez-Rubio for her 10 years of service. They further

recognized part-time Maintenance Worker Albert Camargo for his 15 years of service to the City of La Puente.

Management Analyst Romo and Director of Community Services Bauman recognized part-time Community Services Specialist Juan Lira for his 10 years of service and Community Services Coordinator Irma Saucedo for her 42 years of service to the City of La Puente.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Del Valle spoke regarding National Night Out and "Ice Cream with a Deputy" event.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Socorro Ramos expressed her concern regarding crime in her neighborhood.

Rosana M. expressed her concern regarding a vehicle performing unsafe stunts on the intersection of Prichard St. and Unruh Ave.

Thelma G. Rodriguez expressed her concern regarding a code enforcement case.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JULY 25, 2023

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting July 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 12-5035, AND ADOPTING A NEW OFFICIAL CITY APPAREL POLICY FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding changes to the City Apparel Policy for the City Council and Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to adopt Resolution No. 23-5818 rescinding Resolution No. 12-5035 and adopting a new Official City Apparel Policy for members of the City Council and Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Klinakis pulled Item D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 23-5819

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 23-5819 approving Warrant Register No. 1557.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE MIDDLE RESTROOM ADDITION IMPROVEMENTS AT LA PUENTE PARK

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR COST SHARING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND MONITORING PURSUANT TO THE HARBOR TOXIC POLLUTANTS TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Agreement between the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,810 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A COST ALLOCATION PLAN AND USER FEE STUDY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the professional services agreement with Willdan Financial Services for development of a cost allocation plan and a user fee study in the amount of \$34,810; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY

This item was pulled by Mayor Klinakis for further discussion.

City Manager Lindsey and Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a staff report regarding the proposed Body Worn Camera policy and noted that the policy is pending approval from the Service Employees International Union, Local 721. City Manager Lindsey stated that if there are any changes made to the policy, the policy would be brought back to the City Council for approval.

Assistant City Attorney Altamirano noted that the policy was reviewed by the City Attorney.

Mayor Klinakis thanked all that were involved in the making of the policy.

Assistant City Attorney Altamirano recommended that a motion be amended to include that the policy is pending SEIU 721 approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 23-5820 adopting the Body Worn Camera Policy, pending SEIU 721 approval. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM, RE-EMPLOYMENT, OUTREACH SERVICES ("PROS") TEAM (MAYOR KLINAKIS/MAYOR PRO TEM MUNOZ)

City Manager Lindsey provided a staff report regarding expanding the PROS Team to include a Mental Evaluation Team ("MET") deputy and a clinician and requested that City Council authorize Staff to draft and send a letter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department MET, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the Los

Angeles County Sheriff's Department Contract Law Enforcement Services, to request the additions.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz regarding funding, City Manager Lindsey noted that there are grants available to potentially fund the two additional positions and additionally, there may be an opportunity to team up with another City to utilize the resource.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to authorize Staff to draft and send a letter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Mental Health Evaluation Team, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Contract Law Enforcement Services, to request the addition of a MET deputy and a clinician to the City of La Puente PROS Team. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING 365 ATHLETIX FITNESS PROGRAM
AT LA PUENTE PARK**

Director of Community Services Bauman provided an update and video regarding the 365 Athletix Fitness initial 8-week program at La Puente Park. Director Bauman requested that the City Council consider continuing the program for another 8-week session for \$8,400 or for two consecutive 8-week sessions, a total of 16 weeks, for \$16,800, and adding additional classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, due to the success of the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz expressed her support for the fitness program and recommended continuing the program for 16 weeks, adding additional classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and engaging with the senior population to attend these classes. Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Mendoza allocated \$8,400 each, for a total of \$16,800, from their ARPA discretionary funds to continue the program.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to allocate \$8,400 each from Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and Council Member Mendoza's discretionary funds to continue the 365 Athletix Fitness for two consecutive 8-week sessions, a total of 16 weeks, for \$16,800, and adding additional classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) ACTIVITIES

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee introduced Communications/Information Technology Analyst Overstreet.

Communications/Information Technology Analyst Overstreet provided an update and PowerPoint presentation on the activities and programs within the Information Technology (IT) division of the Administrative Services Department.

He recognized part-time Community Services Specialist David Piller and part-time Office Specialist Elisa Cortez for their work in creating social media content for the City.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Communications/Information Technology Analyst Overstreet for his hard work.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING USES OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided an update regarding the permitted uses of opioid settlement funds.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz's regarding the amount of funding received to date, Director Grunklee stated that the City has received three payments totaling approximately \$2,800.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz inquired if the funds would be able to be used to fund the potential new MET deputy and clinician. Director Grunklee confirmed that the funds can be used for those potential new positions.

Mayor Klinakis inquired regarding legal costs related to the settlement. Discussion ensued regarding attorney fees and the anticipated amounts of the settlement.

Mayor Klinakis requested that Staff continue monitoring the amounts of the settlement as well as attorney fees related to this matter.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to allocate all opioid settlement funds to the PROS Team. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement Committee: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance and Program Oversight Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Munoz reported that the committee met with Staff for a La Puente Park walk-through to discuss maintenance of the Park and assess the future site of the recreation building. She noted that recommendations would be brought forward to the City Council at a future meeting. Council Member Quinones thanked Staff for being proactive and for their work at the Park.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz announced that there will be a H.E.A.R.T. pet vaccination clinic at La Puente Park on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Council Member Quinones expressed his support for the PROS team and the potential addition of a MET deputy and clinician to help those that are struggling with mental health issues. He further expressed his support for the 365 Athletix Fitness program.

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding positive feedback he has received from residents regarding the La Puente Park and reported that Channel 2 was at the La Puente Park to write a story on the Guerreros Judo Club. He further reported that he attended a dinner with the Los Angeles City Mayor, Karen Bass, and other mayors of various cities. He further reported that he attended a meeting of the Los Angeles County Supervisors where discussion regarding allocated monies to cities for homeless services took place.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked those that spoke during oral communications and thanked the Sheriff's Department for their assistance.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided an update on the La Puente Community Foundation Coffee Shop and upcoming Golf Tournament.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz spoke regarding the Snack Bar and the services provided to residents.

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a PowerPoint presentation on the maintenance performed and the equipment used at the La Puente Park.

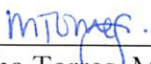
Mayor Pro Tem Munoz spoke regarding the cleanliness of the La Puente Park and thanked Staff for their hard work.

Director of Community Services Bauman provided an update on Concerts in the Park and the Special Olympics bowling team.

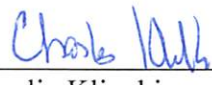
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of August 2023.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair