

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 12, 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 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, December 12, 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, Munoz, Argudo (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

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

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 item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: City Manager pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 subdivision (b)(1).
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Title: City Attorney pursuant to Government Codes Section 54957.6.
Agency designated representatives: Bob Lindsey, City Manager
Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:06 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session. In respect to Item 1, feedback was provided and no action was taken. In respect to Item 2, feedback was provided and no action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, 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 Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis announced that the presentation of certificates of recognition to La Puente High School Football Varsity Athletes would be rescheduled to a future City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Zabala spoke regarding the Jr. All American Football Team.

Frank Sanchez spoke regarding the La Puente Community Foundation's New Year's fundraiser.

Art Silva spoke regarding his late granddaughter and thanked the City for their services.

Jonathan Hawes submitted a written comment.

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 NOVEMBER 14, 2023, AND NOVEMBER 30, 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 November 14 and November 30, 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 – 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-4 with amendment to Item D-4. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CITYWIDE CONCRETE REPAIRS FY 2022-23 PROJECT

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

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE LA PUENTE PARK WEST RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM (OEP)

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 23-5840 approving the application for grant funds.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC. AND THE CITY FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY FOR THE CITY'S FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 23-5841, with amendment of Section 2.20.090(f), adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process; (2) approved the Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000; (3) 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 CONSIDERATION OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT C. LINDSEY FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES

City Attorney Altamirano provided a report on the item.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve the third amendment to the employment agreement with Robert C. Lindsey for City Manager services. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Outgoing remarks by Mayor Klinakis

Mayor Klinakis spoke regarding his time as Mayor and commented on the successful collaboration between Council Members and Staff.

2. Presentation of Dignitaries and Special Guests

On behalf of Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, City Manager Lindsey presented Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz with certificates of recognition honoring their accomplishments and public service to the La Puente Community.

On behalf of Senator Bob Archuleta, City Manager Lindsey presented Mayor Klinakis a certificate for his contributions and steadfast dedication to the La Puente Community.

Superintendent Dr. Jimenez from Hacienda La Puente School District presented Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz with certificates acknowledging their loyal and invaluable service to the La Puente Community.

Board Member Chen and Superintendent Mitchell from the Rowland Unified School District thanked the City Council and presented certificates of recognition to Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for their hard work and support.

City Manager Lindsey, on behalf of all City Staff, thanked the City Council and presented Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz with gifts in appreciation of their leadership.

Council Members Argudo, Quinones, and Mendoza thanked the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for their leadership.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked Mayor Klinakis for his mentorship and thanked City Staff for all their efforts and services to the City.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for her hard work.

3. Selection of Mayor

Mayor Klinakis relinquished the gavel to City Clerk Torres.

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Klinakis made a motion to nominate Council Member Quinones for Mayor, that was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

City Clerk Torres introduced Mayor Quinones, the City's newly selected Mayor.

4. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Munoz made a motion to nominate Council Member Klinakis for Mayor Pro Tem, that was seconded by Council Member Mendoza. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

City Clerk Torres introduced Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, the City's newly selected Mayor Pro Tem.

5. Incoming Mayor Remarks

Mayor Quinones thanked his family, partner, friends, and supporters. Mayor Quinones spoke regarding the beautification of the City and the continuation of projects and programs to continue to move the City forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding his new role and congratulated Mayor Quinones.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Members Argudo, Munoz, and Mendoza congratulated Mayor Quinones.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding the La Puente High School recognition he and Mayor Quinones had received in support of high school athletics.

Mayor Quinones thanked the School Districts in attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey congratulated the newly appointed Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

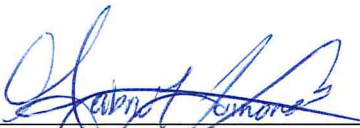
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of January, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quinones
Mayor/Chair