MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

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 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, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Mendoza, Munoz.
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 Community Services Alexander Bauman, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss items 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)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(2) and (e)(3)(one potential matter)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:22 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session and stated with regards to Closed Session Items No. 1 and 2, report was given, feedback was provided, and no reportable action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:	Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz.
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 Office Specialist Jackie Cortez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Hugo Barajas from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity within the City.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team provided an information briefing on recent activity in the City and introduced team members Jesus Aguirre and Diego Ruiz.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District meeting, where discussion regarding a 4/10 work schedule for district administration took place.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of January 23, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE REGTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON INSTALLATION ON OLD VALLEY BOULEBARD AND FIRST STREET

Director DiMario provided a staff report on the item.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Mendoza regarding the anticipated costs, Director Di Mario confirmed the cost would be about $33,000.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding the safety of the intersection, Director Di Mario stated City Staff could research further precautions.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding the power source of the sign, Director Di Mario confirmed the signs would be solar powered and would always be flashing.

A motion was made by Mayor Quinones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to approve the two change orders presented in the staff report and provided direction to staff. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Munoz pulled Item D-4 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3, and D-5 through D-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 24-5848

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5848 approving Warrant Register No. 1565.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH TOWO ENTERPRISE INC. FOR CONCRETE WORK AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $53,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Towo Enterprise Inc. in the amount of $53,000.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-5777 AND APPROVING RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-5849 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE 2022 CALHOME HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5849 rescinding Resolution No. 23-577 and authorizing the submittal of an application for the 2022 CalHome Homeownership Grant Program.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-5834 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO ADD THREE (3) FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKERS

This item was pulled by Council Member Munoz for further discussion.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Munoz regarding part-time and full-time positions, Director Grunklee stated that the part-time resolution states an unspecified number of positions, while Resolution No. 23-5834 increases the number of full-time maintenance worker positions to six.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding the number of hours that would be worked by the maintenance worker positions, Director Grunklee confirmed there would be an increase in hours worked with coverage on the weekends.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Quinones, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5850 rescinding resolution No. 23-5834 amending the comprehensive personnel system. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SEMPER ANTICUS FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF AN OPEN-AIR MARKET AND SWAP MEET

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 2 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-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY ONE VEHICLE IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLE BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-5851 and declare as surplus property, one vehicle in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicle at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL – None

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement and Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance and Program Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD Committee: Council Member Mendoza thanked the City Manager, Director of Community Services, and Staff for hosting the LEADership conference.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Nothing to report.

Grant Writing Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that he attended the Hsi Lai Temple Chinese Lunar New Year event and noted that the La Puente High School Basketball team was playing tonight.

Mayor Quinones thanked Director of Community Services Bauman for providing a weekly schedule of upcoming events.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Communications/Information Technology Analyst Overstreet for his hard work and dedication.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director Di Mario provided an update to the Veteran's Plaza Park for which Urban Global Strategies had applied for a grant and stated that the City had passed the first stage of consideration.

Director Bauman provided updates on the weekly park schedule and noted that the Community Center would be serving as an LA County Voting Center from February 24, 2024, to March 5, 2024.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided updates on upcoming events for the La Puente Community Foundation including the Valentine's Day Paint and Sip on February 14, 2024, and the beer garden event on March 16, 2024. She also stated that the Foundation would be collaborating with several other organizations to sponsor the Every 15 Minutes event for Bassett High School on March 19, 2024.

Council Member Mendoza and Mayor Quinones thanked Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona for her hard work during the LEADership conference.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the Park Ad Hoc Committee and Strategic Planning meetings would be taking place in the near future.

Communications/Information Technology Analyst Overstreet provided a briefing on the City website and the chatbot feature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of February, 2024.

Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk

Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair