

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 27, 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.lapueente.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, February 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Mendoza, Munoz.

Members absent: Argudo.

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, including various programs and presentations that were held regarding safety. Sergeant Barajas also thanked Deputies Adamo and Jordan for their hard work and stated that Deputy Rivera would be transferring to a different station in mid-April.

Project LEAD student Gerardo Gastelum Rosillo presented regarding recent and upcoming activities and events at Del Valle Elementary School.

Project LEAD student Karen Ramirez Fuentes presented regarding recent and upcoming activities and events at Sunset Elementary School.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Alyssa Jurkevics shared her support for Item E-2 and stated her concerns regarding equitability and outreach regarding Item E-2.

May Ruangutri spoke regarding the Pride of Thailand organization and its upcoming event on May 4, 2024.

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of February 13, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 24-984 ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 32 FIRE CODE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE 2022 EDITION, AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

Associate Planner Juan Galvan provided a report regarding the proposed fire code.

Mayor Quinones opened the public hearing at 7:34 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Quinones closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Ordinance No. 24-984, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente Adopting By Reference, Pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.2, Title 32 – Fire Code of the Los Angeles County Code, Incorporating by Reference the California Fire Code 2022 Edition and Adopting Local Amendments Thereto, and Making Findings For Same; and approved and adopt the Notice of Exemption. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 24-5852

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5852 approving Warrant Register No. 1566.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE'S MEASURE A ALLOCATION THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5853 approving the filing of an application for its Measure A allocation through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5854 amending the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR AN OPENING DAY PARADE

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and La Puente National Little League; 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 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2024 BUDGET REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Finance Manager Merkel Medina provided a report regarding the January 2024 budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Quinones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to (1) receive and file the budget report; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 24-5855 amending the adopted operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2023/2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UTILIZING PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION FUNDS

In response to the public comment received regarding equitability and outreach for Item E-2, Director Di Mario stated there is a non-discrimination clause in the program guidelines and clarified that there are no restrictions to submit an application, as long as the property is located within the City of La Puente.

Director Di Mario provided a report regarding the City's First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding renting, Director Di Mario stated that as a stipulation of the program, renting would not be allowed, and the property would need to be owner-occupied.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding refinancing, Director Di Mario stated that should the applicant choose to refinance and cash out, they would need to pay back the City. However, if the applicant chooses to refinance without cashing out, they would not need to pay the City.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding redevelopment agency funding, Director Di Mario noted there is still funding from the redevelopment agency available. Director Grunklee confirmed that a percentage of redevelopment funds are set aside in a low and moderate housing set-aside fund. Director Di Mario suggested that once the program is up and running, additional funding may be considered to augment and assist in funding the program.

Council Member Munoz suggested that the City consider a policy regarding Airbnb in the City.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5856 approving the City's First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program utilizing PLHA funds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE FOR NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESSES IN THE CITY

City Attorney Altamirano stated that a report would be provided at a future Council Meeting to bring forward an ordinance to address non-compliant businesses and address cost recovery for the City.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding Airbnb in the City, City Attorney Altamirano stated there is no current municipal code regarding this matter. The City Council reached a consensus and provided direction to Staff to bring back a discussion item regarding Airbnb rentals.

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: Nothing to report.

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

Council Member Munoz stated that the City Council would be receiving a letter which they may sign in support of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to secure funding from the federal government.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked Director Bauman and the Community Services Department for their work on the upcoming Egg Hunt.

Mayor Quinones thanked City Staff for their hard work and dedication.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona provided updates on the enhancement of the La Puente Community Foundation activities.

Director Bauman provided updates on the Local Aging and Disability Plan and Digital Literacy Program.

Office Specialist Arellano provided an update regarding the Wi-Fi and camera expansion in and around City facilities.

Director Di Mario provided an update on the City's parkway tree project and the Los Angeles County Amar Road project.

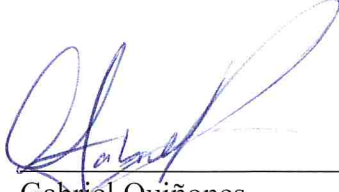
ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved this 26th day of March, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quinones
Mayor/Chair