

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 12, 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 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, March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:08 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, 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 6:08 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 7:04 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session and stated that a report was provided, feedback was given by Council, and no reportable action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Senior Planner Abraham Tellez, Associate Planner Juan Galvan, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Estrella Koutsky spoke regarding National Nutrition Month.

The following individuals expressed their concerns regarding field usage at La Puente Park: Lorenzo Dominguez, Monique Dominguez, Nicole Banks, Susana Fajardo-Rovira, and Virginia Moreno.

Manuel Maldonado spoke regarding the La Puente Park marquee, the advertisement of City news, and translation services.

City Attorney Altamirano recommended the La Puente Park field usage item be agenzized for a future City Council Meeting.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding street work, bike lanes, speed signs, translation services, volunteer opportunities, murals, and tree planting.

Javier Urrea submitted a written comment expressing his concern regarding the Embracing Identities program.

Solidarity SF submitted a written comment regarding field usage at the La Puente Park.

Council Member Munoz recommended that Item E-1 be moved up for discussion.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 AS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to proclaim March 2024 as National Nutrition Month. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Torres presented the March 2024 National Nutrition Month proclamation to Estrella Koutsky.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS – None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL – None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLAR SPEED FEEDBACK SIGNS BY NEXTECH SYSTEMS, INC.

Aaron Edwards from Nextech Systems provided a presentation on the solar speed feedback signs.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to approve the installation of two (2) white 12” solar speed feedback signs at the La Puente Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres provided a report of the recent activity within the City by the P.R.O.S. Team. He further reported that he was selected to speak at the 2024

Homelessness Symposium hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Coalition of Governments, the City of Arcadia, and District Supervisor Kathryn Barger on February 29, 2024.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Altamirano read the following corrections into the record with regard to Item D-3: Exhibit B of the Professional Services Agreement, Agency shall be replaced with City.

Director of Community Services Bauman read the following corrections into the record with regard to Item D-4: Section 2C of the Professional Services Agreement, architectural services shall be replaced with special event audio services, and Exhibit C, Agency shall be replaced with City.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4 with corrections recommended by staff. 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. 24-5857

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5857 approving Warrant Register No. 1567.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY THREE VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-5858 and declare as surplus property, three vehicles in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY WORKS DESIGN GROUP FOR A DOG PARK AND NATURE TRAILS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,472.50 TO BE REIMBURSED FROM THE MEASURE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2023/2024 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Community Works Design Group in the amount of \$27,472.50 with the following corrections to Exhibit B, Agency shall be replaced with City; (2) authorized the City

Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 24-5859 amending the FY 2023/2024 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EVENT SOUND PROFESSIONALS (ESP) TO PROVIDE AUDIO SERVICES FOR CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement for audio services provided by Event Sound Professionals with the following corrections to Section 2C, architectural services shall be replaced with special event audio services, and Exhibit C, Agency shall be replaced with City; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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: Council Member Mendoza stated that the LPQT Action Committee had met to discuss the upcoming Brunch by the Bridge event.

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 the United Methodist Church had 26,000 vehicles through their food bank last year and thanked those who participated. He also thanked the Code Enforcement department, Building department, and City Staff for their hard work. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis further reported that City Staff along with Los Angeles County Staff were ensuring that street food vendors in the City were in compliance with licensing and health department regulations.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding food vendors, Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell confirmed that 3,200 pounds of tainted food were picked up and disposed of.

Mayor Quinones thanked City Staff for their continuous support and hard work in working with different organizations.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked all the oral commentators for speaking at the meeting tonight and apologized to Nicole Banks for not having space for her organization at the La Puente Park.

City Manager Lindsey provided a presentation of maps that represent the areas of Little League participants and how it relates to La Puente Park usage.

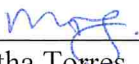
Director of Community Services Bauman stated that the Youth Soccer League registration ends this week and reported that Breakfast with the Bunny and the Egg Hunt would take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding written comments, City Clerk Torres stated that written comments that were e-mailed at least two hours prior to the start time of the Council Meeting had been provided to the City Council prior to the meeting.

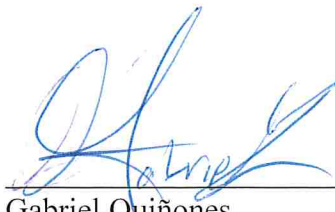
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of March, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quinones
Mayor/Chair