

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 26, 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.lapueante.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, March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Chief/Director of Public Safety JD Buckwell, 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

Mayor Quinones recognized Animal Control Officer Angie Castaneda for receiving a Certificate of Recognition as a 2024 California Woman Making History recipient from the Office of State Senator Bob Archuleta. Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell congratulated her and spoke regarding her work in the City.

Project LEAD Student Isabel Kernan presented regarding recent and upcoming activities and events at Sierra Vista Middle School.

Project LEAD Student Mikaela Perez presented regarding recent and upcoming activities and events at Sparks Middle School.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Kozlo, Lenora Jackson Therman, and Loydi Najera spoke regarding their support of the 365 Athletix Fitness program.

The following individuals spoke regarding a ceasefire resolution: Cecilia Lopez, Christian Sanchez, Phillip Gomez, James Gutierrez, and Yasmin Cardona.

Council Member Argudo stated that he would be asking for support from Mayor Quinones to bring the resolution for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Hugo Barajas from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding community engagement events, including their participation in the Every 15 Minutes program at Bassett High School. Sergeant Barajas introduced Sheriff Deputy John Tran as the new member of the SAO team.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona for sponsoring the Every 15 Minutes program through the La Puente Community Foundation and thanked the Sheriff's Department for their contribution.

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 22, FEBRUARY 27, AND MARCH 12, 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 meetings of February 22, February 27, and March 12, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee presented a report regarding the proposed schedule of fees and charges for various municipal activities and services.

Mayor Quinones opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Quinones closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding cost recovery, Director Grunklee stated that each department conducted a study involving full cost fees for partial cost recovery and further stated that a nuisance abatement fee would be charged in full for actual cost recovery.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5860. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Munoz and Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-4 for discussion.

Assistant City Attorney De Leon stated that supplemental documents had been received for Item D-5 and the materials are in the City Clerk's possession. The additional submissions include: (1) an email confirmation that the base pricing for the shelter was the same for both Augusta, GA and La Puente; (2) copy of the purchase order (PO) from Augusta, GA; (3) Horizon Structures' shelter invoice for Augusta, GA; (4) Augusta, GA's commission meeting bid award documents; and (5) Horizon Structures' business license.

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. 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. 24-5861

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5861 approving Warrant Register No. 1568.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR LA PUENTE AFFORDABLE PET CARE CLINICS

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

Council Member Munoz spoke regarding the H.E.A.R.T. Clinic and its impact on the La Puente Community.

Council Member Argudo stated his support for the program.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to allocate \$4,500 from Mayor Quinones, \$15,000 from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, \$10,000 from Council Member Mendoza, and \$20,000 from Council Member Munoz's discretionary ARPA funds to continue La Puente affordable pet care clinics for the remainder of the calendar year. 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 AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH HORIZON STRUCTURES, LLC FOR PREFAB MODULAR COMMERCIAL DOG KENNEL STRUCTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,219.24 AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2023/2024 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Construction Services with Horizon Structures, LLC for prefab modular commercial dog kennel structures in the amount of \$389,219.24, subject to contract approval by the City Attorney, and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 24-5862 amending the FY 2023/2024 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2024 BUDGET REPORT

Finance Manager Merkle Medina provided a report regarding the February 2024 budget.

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

Community Services Director Bauman provided an update on the 365 Athletix Fitness Program.

Council Member Munoz spoke regarding the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding the program and requested to allocate a portion of his American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") discretionary funds to the 365 Athletix Fitness Program through the month of June 2024.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the program and requested to allocate a portion of his ARPA discretionary funds to the 365 Athletix Fitness Program for the months of July and August 2024.

Council Member Mendoza requested to allocate a portion of her ARPA discretionary funds to the 365 Athletix Fitness Program from September to December 2024.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to approve allocating the requested funds for the 365 Athletix Fitness Program. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.28 (BINGO) OF TITLE 3 (PUBLIC SAFETY AND MORALS) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE

Director Di Mario provided a report regarding amending Chapter 3.28 (Bingo) of Title 3 of the La Puente Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Quinones, to (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 24- 985 and read by title only; and (2) introduce Ordinance No. 24-985, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California amending Chapter 3.28 (Bingo) of Title 3 (Public Safety and Morals) of the La Puente Municipal Code. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: 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: Mayor Quinones spoke regarding the school districts and school closures.

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 allocated \$4,000 of his ARPA discretionary funds to the La Puente High School basketball team for a new basketball shooting machine and \$4,000 of his ARPA discretionary funds to the La Puente High School football team.

Council Member Mendoza allocated \$2,000 of her ARPA discretionary funds to the La Puente High School basketball team for a new basketball shooting machine.

Council Member Argudo expressed his condolences to the family of the individual that passed away at the Industry Sheriff's station.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director Di Mario stated that the Northgate Market would be undergoing a remodel, which has a tentative timeline beginning in May 2024 and finishing in October 2024.

Director Di Mario stated that the property at 651 Glendora Avenue had been sold and the City was reimbursed their legal and enforcement fees.

Director Bauman stated that the Spring Egg Hunt would be held regardless of the weather, with plans to move indoors if it rains.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona stated that the La Puente Park Snack Bar received a Grade A from the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona spoke regarding the collaboration with Victory Outreach to host the upcoming Sunday Service on March 31, 2024, at the La Puente Park Amphitheater.

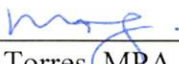
In response to an inquiry from Council Member Munoz regarding the Breakfast with the Bunny event, Director of Community Services Bauman confirmed that tickets were still available for purchase.

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell stated that the Code Enforcement Department would have a booth at the Breakfast with the Bunny event with a questionnaire for residents regarding the dog park, along with other handouts and information for the Community.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quinones
Mayor/Chair