

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
APRIL 23, 2024

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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, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Finance Manager Merkel Medina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (one matter)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:10 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session and stated that with regard to Item No. 1, report was given, feedback was provided, and no reportable action was taken at this time.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director/Chief of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Josiah Hernandez, Project LEAD student, spoke regarding recent and upcoming events and activities at La Puente High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis presented a check in the amount of \$6,200 to the La Puente High School Football Team. Principal Dr. Lopez of La Puente High School and student athlete Vincente Rivera spoke about the La Puente High School Football Team and thanked the City Council for their support.

Management Analyst Romo and Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell presented an Employee Service Award to Parking Control Specialist John Madrid for his 5 years of service at the City of La Puente.

The City Council thanked Parking Control Specialist Madrid for his hard work and dedication to the City.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity in the City, shared comparative crime statistics for the City, and introduced new SAO Deputy Amanda Rivas.

Discussion ensued regarding recent activity around the City and the possibility of increasing patrols and other preventative measures.

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 stated that four individuals had recently been assisted into transitional housing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Manual Maldonado spoke regarding the La Puente Park marquee, safety concerns in the City, and street parking restrictions.

Ricardo Rodarte spoke regarding a petition to start a community garden.

Adrian Gonzalez spoke regarding the dissemination of information for homeless individuals in the City. Council Member Argudo referred Mr. Gonzalez's concerns to the PROS Team Staff in attendance.

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 APRIL 9 AND APRIL 16, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of April 9 and April 16, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Munoz
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 Council Member Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-8. 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 REGISTER NO. 1570

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5865 approving Warrant Register No. 1570.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT EIGHT CROSSWALK LOCATIONS, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5331(021)

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

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CONCRETE WORK AT LA PUENTE PARK

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON INSTALLATION ON OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD AND FIRST STREET

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION AND RECEIVE AND FILE OF THE 2023 HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) received and filed the 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report; and (2) directed Staff to submit the report to HCD and OPR.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH MARK'S WELDING SERVICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AMPHITHEATER TRUSS AND BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELD OUTFIELD NETS AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Mark's Welding Service for the construction of the amphitheater truss and baseball and softball field outfield nets at La Puente Park in the amount of \$32,000.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E-1 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2024 BUDGET REPORT

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked the Finance Department for their hard work.

- E-2 INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.32 (MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS) OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING SECTION 2.32.050 (ELECTRONIC AND PAPERLESS FILING OF FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS)

Office Specialist Cortez provided a report regarding the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to (1) waive reading of Ordinance No. 24-986 and read by title only; and (2) introduce Ordinance No. 24-986 amending Chapter 2.32 (Municipal Elections) of the La Puente Municipal Code to add Section 2.32.050 (Electronic and Paperless Filing of Fair Political Practices Commission Campaign Disclosure Statements). 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 stated that he attended the Association of California School Administrators Banquet during which the City received the Education Excellence Award and thanked everyone for their dedication.

Council Member Mendoza thanked Mayor Quinones for representing the City and for his hard work.

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 thanked La Puente Community Foundation Board Member Marty Paz for attending the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that the City marquees cannot be utilized for political purposes and suggested City Staff inform residents of these restrictions.

Council Member Mendoza thanked City Staff for their tireless efforts.

Council Member Munoz shared that positive feedback has been received regarding the safety and beautification of the City.

Mayor Quinones thanked City Staff for their dedicated services.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey spoke regarding the restriction of the use of the City marquees for political advertisements and further spoke regarding pedestrian safety in the City.

City Manager Lindsey stated that Director of Administrative Services Grunklee would be reaching out to the City Council to set up individual appointments to review the proposed budget.

Director Di Mario stated that the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program has been launched and also stated that the HAWK signal on Hacienda Boulevard and Prichard Street would be complete by August 2024.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Munoz regarding street parking and safety, Director Di Mario stated that although such areas may not be in the jurisdiction of the City, the City will coordinate with the County of Los Angeles to address safety concerns.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the Mellow Man Ace “Edu-tainment Arts” Golf Classic Tournament hosted by the La Puente Community Foundation would be taking place on April 26, 2024.

Director Bauman stated there will be an “Aging and Disability” community forum at the La Puente Community Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis commented on the success of the La Puente Carnival and Car Show and thanked City Staff for their hard work.

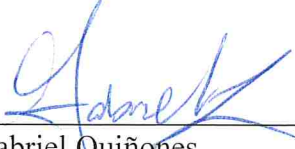
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair