

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAY 28, 2024

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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, May 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo (present from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.),  
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 6:07 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 7:09 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.

## 7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:09 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.

### PRESENTATIONS

Omar Hernandez from Global Urban Strategies, Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding updates on social media outreach and grants for the City, and introduced Cinthia Iniguez, Program Manager, managing the CalHome program.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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 MEETING OF MAY 14, 2024

Office Specialist Cortez noted for the record that the minutes were revised under Oral Communications and a copy of the revised minutes was provided to the City Council.

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 May 14, 2024, with the revisions under Oral Communications. 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 – None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Community Services Bauman read edits to Item D-4 into the record.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis pulled Item D-6 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Mayor Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-5 and D-7. 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. 24-5869

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5869 approving Warrant Register No. 1572.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL URBAN STRATEGIES, INC. FOR PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc. for program implementation for the digital empowerment project funded by the California Advanced Services Fund, with the following revisions to

the agreement: the effective date shall be changed from May 14, 2024, to May 28, 2024, and Section 2 (c) shall read “ Consultant shall perform all Services in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the City and in a first-class manner in conformance with the standards of quality normally observed by an entity providing a program for the digital empowerment project funded by the California Advanced Services Fund, serving a municipal agency”; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR STREET TREE TRIMMING AND URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council approve Amendment No. 5 to the Professional Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. to extend the term to June 30, 2026.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTITIES PERMITTED TO SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IN THE CITY FOR 2024

This item was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis for further discussion.

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding the entities that applied to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City for 2024, Director of Development Services recited the entities.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5870 designating the entities permitted to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Action Taken: The City Council reappointed Marty Paz and Sergio Hernandez to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.

Council Member Munoz recognized and congratulated Marty Paz and Sergio Hernandez for their reappointment to the Planning Commission.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Quinones reopened oral communications.

Ramiro Fuentes spoke regarding the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1944 and its permit to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2024 BUDGET REPORT

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

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-5836 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR PART-TIME POSITIONS, AND APPROVAL OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE PART-TIME COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPECIALIST POSITION

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report on the part-time community resource specialist position and stated that the position was created for the CaliforniansForAll Youth Workforce grant that the City received.

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining partnerships with outside organizations to fill positions.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to approve Resolution No. 24-5871 rescinding resolution No. 23-5836 amending the comprehensive personnel system and approving the job description for the part-time Community Resources Specialist position. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 DISCUSSION REGARDING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS (MAYOR PRO TEM KLINAKIS/COUNCIL MEMBER MUNOZ)

Council Member Munoz requested that the City Council consider the moratorium of the use of current and potential future discretionary funds during election seasons.

Mayor Klinakis further spoke regarding the recommendation to place a hold on discretionary funds during election season, which begins on July 15, 2024.

Council Member Mendoza spoke regarding her support on the item and spoke regarding the possibility of assisting a cause or organization that may be in dire need of funds during the election period.

Council Member Quinones recommended that if an organization is in need of funding during the election period, the consideration may be placed as an agenda item.

Direction was provided to Staff to bring back at the next City Council meeting a resolution regarding discretionary fund usage as discussed.

#### 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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference and thanked Director of Development Services Di Mario for attending.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that Council Member Argudo was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to an accident involving an individual from the La Puente Valley County Water District, and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis wished the individual and his family well.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Services Bauman spoke regarding upcoming Community Services programs and events.

City Manager Lindsey and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding the installation of a new water fountain at City Hall.

City Manager Lindsey noted that Staff is working on the animal kennel and dog park project on Old Valley.

Director of Development Services Di Mario reported that the billboard on Valley Blvd. and Old Valley Blvd. would be installed on June 24, 2024.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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Martha Torres, MPA  
City Clerk

  
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Gabriel Quiñones  
Mayor/Chair