

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF  
JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, 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 6:03 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(4) (one potential case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:01 p.m.

## REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

## 7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, Planning Manager Abraham Tellez, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

### PRESENTATIONS

Information Technology/Communications Analyst Steve Overstreet provided an update on the City's information technology (IT) activities over the past 5 years.

Management Analyst Romo presented Employee Service Awards to Information Technology/Communications Analyst Steve Overstreet and Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina for their 5-year milestone with the City.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department introduced Deputies Ryan Perez, Brian Melendez, and Bianca Alvarez as new members of the S.A.O team.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team recognized S.A.O. Sheriff Deputy Keith Gonzales and thanked him for his hard work and dedicated efforts to the City.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding the La Puente Brunch by the Bridge event, advertisement of City event and programs, and bus schedules on the City website.

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 28, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of May 28, 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 – None.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR ANY DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND SUSPENDING THE CITY MANAGER’S AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, CONSIDER OR APPROVE INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTS FOR THE DISBURSMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS OF \$4,000 OR LESS DURING A CAMPAIGN PERIOD

City Attorney Altamirano provided an update regarding Resolution No. 24-5872, which would require City Council approval for any disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for Community needs during a campaign period and suspend the City Manager’s authority to accept, consider, or approve individual Council Members requests for the disbursement of funds allocated to the City Council for Community needs of \$4,000 or less during a campaign period.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5872. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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-8. 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. 24-5873

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5873 approving Warrant Register No. 1573.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLOBAL URBAN STRATEGIES, INC. AND THE CITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc.; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5874 approving the City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-5875 calling for the holding of a general municipal election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; (2) adopted Resolution No. 24-5876 requesting that the County of Los Angeles consolidate the general municipal election with the Statewide general election; (3) adopted Resolution No. 24-5877 adopting regulations relating to candidate statements; and (4) adopted Resolution No. 24-5878 providing for a Special Runoff Election in the event of a tie vote.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2022-23

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 A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY WORKS DESIGN GROUP FOR A DOG PARK AND NATURE TRAILS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,730 TO BE REIMBURSED FROM THE MEASURE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Community Works Design Group in the amount of \$129,730; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A LIABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMELESSNESS, DRUG ADDICTION, AND THEFT REDUCTION ACT

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5879 in support of the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE NEW DOG PARK AND NATURE TRAILS

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell introduced Scott Rice, President of Community Works Design Group. President Rice presented a conceptual plan design of the Dog Park and Natural Trails project located on Valley and Old Valley Boulevard.

Discussion ensued regarding park hours, safety precautions around the park, the main sewer line on Old Valley, and the potential multi-purpose uses of the park.

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: Mayor Quinones spoke regarding the Brunch by the Bridge event, which took place on June 9, 2024, and thanked all the organizations, service providers, and Senator Bob Archuleta for participating in and attending the event.

Council Member Mendoza thanked Staff, the Sheriff's Department, the participating organizations, the high schools, and residents for their time and professionalism.

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 congratulated everyone on the success of the Brunch by the Bridge Event, and thanked the Sheriff's Department for keeping the La Puente Park safe.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis recognized the passing of community member Lois Maben.

Mayor Quinones recognized the "Moms of LP" walking group that gathered to walk and utilize the nature trails at La Puente Park.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

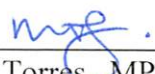
Director of Community Services Bauman provided an outline of upcoming events, including Movies in the Park which start on Monday, June 17, 2024, Concerts in the Park which would start on June 26, 2024, and an Anniversary Dance at the Senior Center on June 20, 2024.

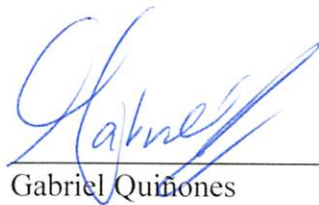
Director of Administrative Services requested to the City Council to adjourn the meeting in honor of his mother, Barbara Grunklee.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting in memory of Barbara Grunklee at 7:59 p.m.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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Martha Torres, MPA  
City Clerk

  
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Gabriel Quinones  
Mayor/Chair