

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 25, 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 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, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza.

Members absent: Munoz.

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, 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 6:37 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(1) (Ao Bai and Lin Bai v. City of La Puente, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCP01229)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano stated that in regard to Closed Session Item No. 1, a report was provided, feedback was given, and no further 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.

Members absent: Munoz.

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, Chief/Director of Public Safety J.D. Buckwell, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Community Services Bauman introduced Head Coach Cindy Saucedo.

Head Coach Saucedo spoke regarding the City's Special Olympics program which is in its second year and has grown from five athletes and four coaches to eighteen athletes and five coaches. Head Coach Saucedo stated that for the Bocchi Ball season, the City's team attended the State Special Olympics and placed third. The Special Olympics team also participated in the Sheriff's Torch Run Relay. Head Coach Saucedo presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Special Olympics program and announced the team athletes attending: Julia, Katelyn, Juan, Pablo, Leilene, Sebastian and Coaches Bella, Nicole, and Nathan.

Sergeant Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activities in the City, and the participation of the Sheriff's Department in the Torch Run Relay.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Sergeant Barajas and all the team members that are dedicated to keeping the City safe and Mayor Quinones thanked them for their hard work.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team spoke regarding recent activity in the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Frank Mendoza spoke regarding parking control within the City.

Jeanette Freels spoke regarding summer events and programs at the La Puente Library, including free tutoring, free lunches, and state park passes.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding the upcoming 3rd of July event.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District meeting and indicated that the District would be expecting an increase of mosquitos this year.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting June 11, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Mendoza, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 24-5884

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5884 approving Warrant Register No. 1574.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and St. Joseph School; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A FIVE-YEAR MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the 5-year Agreement with County of Los Angeles for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029, and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5885 adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 funded by SB1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2024 BUDGET REPORT

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2024-2025

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a report regarding the City's education scholarships for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Quinones regarding the number of applicants, Director of Community Services Bauman confirmed that the City has received the most applications in recent years, with 30 eligible applicants.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Quinones regarding the usual scholarship amount, City Manager Lindsey stated that previously there was an average of seven applicants, which allowed the City to raise the scholarship amount.

Mayor Quinones inquired whether it would be possible to increase the scholarship amount to \$750 for each eligible applicant.

Council Member Mendoza stated that she would like to allocate the remaining amount necessary to award each scholarship recipient \$750 from her ARPA discretionary funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to authorize Council Member Mendoza to allocate the remaining amount necessary for the scholarships from her American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discretionary funds. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to 1) award thirty (30) scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year in the amount of \$750 each; and 2) direct the City Manager to make an expenditure appropriations transfer in the amount of \$6,000 within the General Fund FY24/25 Budget. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding the number of applicants that live in the City, Director of Community Services Bauman indicated he did not have that information at hand and that he would provide the numbers to the City Council at a later time.

E-3 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LA PUENTE/H.E.AR.T. AFFORDABLE PET CARE CLINICS

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell provided a video on the La Puente/H.E.AR.T Affordable Pet Care Clinics.

The City Council expressed their appreciation for the clinics.

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

Council Member Argudo reported he attended the NALEO Conference.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked City Staff for hosting the cooling stations.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Services Bauman spoke about the cooling centers, including the Senior Center, open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Community Center, open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona for the skate park event.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona thanked everyone for their support for the skate park event. Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis and

the La Puente Community Foundation Chair Dr. Barry, as well as Vice Chair Sanchez, and Board Member Paz for connecting the Community Foundation with the Moms of La Puente group.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona stated that the annual Golf Tournament would be held on August 9, 2024.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the Concerts in the Park would be starting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, and thanked Director of Community Services Bauman and City Staff for their hard work.

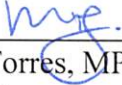
Director of Community Services Bauman noted that the Movies in the Park and Concerts in the Park implemented a sponsorship program and had raised \$15,000 for Concerts in the Park. Director of Community Services Bauman also noted that the July 3rd event begins at 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona noted that the Community Foundation would be kicking off the first bingo game at the July 3rd event, located at the Community Center from 3p.m. to 5 p.m., with a separate game available for children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:07p.m.

Approved this 9th day of July 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair