

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 9, 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, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Mendoza, Munoz (arrived at 6:15 p.m.).

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference With Labor Negotiators - Title: City Attorney pursuant to Government Codes Section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: City Attorney Unrepresented Employee: Bob Lindsey, City Manager
2. Public Employment, City Manager (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

3. 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 7:06 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 provided, feedback given, and no reportable action was taken. City Attorney Altamirano stated that with regard to Item No. 2, report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action was taken. In regard to Item No. 3, report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action was taken.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Mendoza, Munoz.

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a brief presentation regarding recent department highlights. Community Services Specialist Cindy Saucedo presented a proclamation declaring July as “Parks Make Life Better” Month.

The City Council thanked City Staff for their hard work and dedication to the success of the La Puente Park and the many community events, programs, and services.

City Manager Lindsey stated that Staff was working on appreciation events for employees and volunteers, as well as the creation of a new volunteer program dedicated to maintaining the La Puente Park clean and safe.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity in the City of La Puente and recognized Deputy Zuniga for his hard work during the 3rd of July Event.

City Manager Lindsey recognized Deputy Perez for his patience and dedicated efforts.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joe Bautista submitted a written comment regarding the City's budget increase for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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 JUNE 14, 2024, AND JUNE 25, 2024

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 meetings of June 14, 2024, and June 25, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORTS FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CAPITAL CHARGES AND SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING SEWER CHARGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Finance Manager Merkel Medina provided a report regarding sewer maintenance charges and the proposed sewer charge rates for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Mayor Quinones opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Quinones closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 24-5886 confirming the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 sewer capital charge; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 24-5887 confirming the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 sewer maintenance charge. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

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 Item D-1. 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. 24-5888

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5888 approving Warrant Register No. 1575.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING BUILDING LEASE OPTIONS FOR THE LA PUENTE P.R.O.S. TEAM, LA PUENTE IT DEPARTMENT, AND GUERREROS JUDO CLUB

City Manager Lindsey provided a report regarding building lease options for the La Puente P.R.O.S. Team, La Puente IT Department, and Guerreros Judo Club.

City Manager Lindsey noted that the building is directly across from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station in the City of Industry. City Manager Lindsey noted that although the La Puente P.R.O.S. Team and IT Departments will continue to have a presence at City Hall, the departments need additional room for growth and storage. City Manager Lindsey also noted that this opportunity could also potentially benefit the La Puente Community Foundation and the Guerreros Judo Club.

City Manager Lindsey noted that the City could possibly lease a portion of the building for \$4,000 a month, and hopefully reduce that cost to \$3,500 by leasing out the additional, unused portion of the building.

Eric Sanchez from the Guerreros Judo Club spoke regarding the advantages of the prospective building lease.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis regarding the proposed lease size, City Manager Lindsey stated that the City would have temporary use of the entire building if the City chose not to rent out the additional space. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that it may be beneficial to consider leasing the entire building, instead of just a portion.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis noted the limited parking that was available at the property. City Manager Lindsey stated that parking would need to be discussed.

Council Member Munoz noted that there may be temporary programming which would allow the City to take advantage of the full rental space.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Mayor Quinones, to authorize the City Manager to enter negotiations for building lease options, for use of the full rental space, for the La Puente P.R.O.S. Team, La Puente IT Department, and Guerreros Judo Club. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked City Staff for their work on the 3rd of July Event as well as their continuous work on the Movies in the Park and summer events.

Council Member Mendoza noted that should funding be necessary for volunteer appreciation activities, she may allocate funds from her Council allocated funds. Council Member Mendoza also noted that the football team may be a source of volunteers for the La Puente Park maintenance efforts.

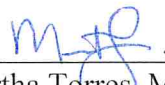
Mayor Quinones recognized Planning Commissioner Marty Paz and thanked him for attending the City Council Meeting.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting in memory of John Madrid at 8:02 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of July, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair