

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 23, 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.lapuate.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, July 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 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Argudo.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, 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 6:34 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) – Kroger Multistate Settlement, *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, MDL No. 2804

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 6:58 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session and stated that in 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, 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, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Quinones presented Certificates of Recognition to the La Puente National Little League "Mighty Mets" team for becoming the California Minor League Baseball District 19 T.O.C. champions, and to the La Puente National Little League "6-7-8 Select" team for becoming the California 6-7-8 Select District 19 Champions.

Director of Community Services Bauman and Community Services Specialist Angel Morales presented Certificates of Recognition to City of La Puente Student Scholarship Recipients.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres of the P.R.O.S. team presented a Certificate of Commendation to Community Outreach Program Coordinator Jesus Aguirre for his contribution to the safe rescue of a person involved in a fiery vehicular collision on June 24, 2024.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Frank Sanchez thanked the City Council for the installation of the rapid flashing beacon installation on Old Valley Boulevard and First Street, spoke regarding the success of the events and programs at the La Puente Park, and spoke regarding the upcoming City election.

Mayor Quinones recognized Chief Robertson from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Sergeant Barajas from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Assignment Officers of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Planning Commissioner/La Puente Community Foundation Director Marty Paz, and La Puente Community Foundation Director Frank Sanchez for attending tonight's City Council meeting.

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 COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JULY 9, 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 July 9, 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 – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through 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. 24-5889

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5889 approving Warrant Register No. 1576.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KSK FACILITIES SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, THE SENIOR CENTER AND COMMUNITY CENTER/YOUTH LEARNING ACTIVITY CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$269,820.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Maintenance Services Agreement with KSK Facilities Services for janitorial services in an amount not to exceed \$269,820.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH ONYX PAVING COMPANY FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,065.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Onyx Paving Company in the amount of \$52,065.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Purchase Order.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 137 N. HUDSON AVENUE, UNIT B, CITY OF INDUSTRY

Action Taken: The City Council (1) approved a Commercial Lease Agreement for 137 N. Hudson Ave., Unit B, City of Industry; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLOBAL URBAN STRATEGIES, INC. AND THE CITY FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE CAL HOME HOUSING REHAB LOANS AND FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER HOME LOANS GRANT PROGRAM AND CAL HOME REUSE FUNDS

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc. and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2024 BUDGET REPORT

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

E-2 DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO THE LA PUENTE VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB AND LA PUENTE HIGH SCHOOL RUNS LA PROGRAM (MAYOR QUINONES/MAYOR PRO TEM KLINAKIS)

Mayor Quinones requested that the City Council consider donating to the La Puente High School Runs LA program, which would help students prepare for the Los Angeles Marathon.

Council Member Munoz inquired if the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District was inclined to help their students with their own funding. Mayor Quinones stated that he would reach out to the school district.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that he would allocate \$5,000 of his allocated funds to the program.

Mayor Quinones stated that he would allocate \$2,500 of his allocated funds to the program.

Council Member Mendoza stated that she would allocate \$2,500 of her allocated funds and stated that HLPUSD should also donate to the program.

Council Member Munoz noted that she does not have remaining allocated funds due to her donations to the La Puente H.E.A.R.T. Clinics and athletic programs and suggested that the City Council consider asking the school district prior to allocating City funds.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the allocated money should be designated specially to the La Puente High School Runs LA program.

A motion was made by Mayor Quinones, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to allocate \$2,500 from Mayor Quinones' allocated funds, \$5,000 from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis' allocated funds, and \$2,500 from Council Member Mendoza's allocated funds to the La Puente High School Runs LA Program. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that the La Puente Valley Woman's Club is in need of a new floor and paint for the exterior of the building and stated that he would allocate \$2,500 of his allocated funds to the Woman's Club.

Mayor Quinones and Council Member Mendoza stated that they would each allocate \$2,500 of their allocated funds to the Woman's Club.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to allocate \$2,500 from Mayor Quinones' allocated funds, \$2,500 from Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis' allocated funds, and \$2,500 from Council Member Mendoza's allocated funds to the La Puente Valley Woman's Club. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that he would like to allocate \$3,000 to the Industry Sheriff's Youth Activity League. City Attorney Altamirano stated that the item was not agendaized and could be placed on the agenda for the next City Council Meeting.

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: Council Member Munoz reported that the ad hoc committee met with Bassett Unified School District Board Chair Dena Florez, where they discussed the pocket park project and potential future aquatic events and activities once the Bassett High School pool construction is complete. She further noted that a meeting with the Bassett Unified School District was scheduled for Monday, July 29, 2024, to discuss future projects.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Mendoza regarding Bassett Unified School District sports teams, Council Member Munoz stated that the school district is eager to collaborate with the City and the ad hoc committee would continue to encourage open communication with the school district. Council Member Mendoza thanked Council Member Munoz for the update and stated that she is in support of their athletes and sports teams.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis noted that he is excited about meeting and collaborating with Bassett Unified School District to utilize their facilities and open spaces.

Grant Writing Committee: Nothing to report.

City Attorney Altamirano stated that an item regarding the status of current ad hoc committees would be brought at a future City Council meeting.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that prior to the City Council meeting, he visited the Special Olympics Bowling Team, and the athletes were wearing the jackets that were purchased through his allocated funds. He further reported that he visited the Junior All American League and t-ball and noted that it would be nice to provide the coaches with t-shirts if there is available funding.

Mayor Quinones thanked the Community Services Department for their hard work in putting together the concerts and movies in the park.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that there is a possibility that partnering with Bassett Unified School District would allow the opportunity to open AYSO soccer programs.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the La Puente Community Foundation and the City are working on the first annual “Johnny Madrid Carnival” in honor of the City’s late parking control specialist, John Madrid.

City Manager Lindsey reported that there was a stolen vehicle from the La Puente High School maintenance yard and hopes that the City cameras would help find the suspects.

City Manager Lindsey noted that at the request of Council Member Munoz from a previous City Council meeting, he is working on thanking City Staff for their hard work by providing them with an additional day off. He also provided updates on the following: coaches dinner, Veterans’ Memorial grant, and dog park funding. He reported that Feather Serpent Brewery is hosting their grand opening on July 27, 2024, and noted that the City will be working with a local business owner to put together an auto shop class for local residents.

Community Engagement Supervisor Cardona spoke regarding upcoming La Puente Community Foundation events including Youth Golf Literacy Clinic in partnership with Latina Golfers on July 27, 2024, and thanked Council Member Argudo for allocating funds for the program. She spoke regarding the Splish Splash water event on July 30, 2024, the Annual Golf Tournament on August 9, 2024, and Comedy Night at the La Puente Park on August 17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of August, 2024.

MTR.

Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk

G. Quiñones

Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair