

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 13, 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 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, August 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz.

Members absent: Klinakis.

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 J.D. Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Argudo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding the City's usage of social media for advertising.

Jeanette Freels spoke regarding ongoing services and programs offered at the La Puente Library.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of July 23, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 24-01 TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR TWO PARCELS OF VACANT LAND AT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 8247-032-900 AND 8247-032-024 FROM BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT TO OPEN SPACE-PUBLIC AND INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 24-01 TO CHANGE THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION FOR TWO PARCELS OF VACANT LAND AT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 8247-032-900 AND 8247-032-024 FROM COMMERCIAL-MANUFACTURING TO OPEN SPACE

Director DiMario provided a report and PowerPoint presentation on the vacant lot on Valley and Old Valley Boulevard.

Mayor Quinones opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Bryan spoke regarding the parking spaces and crosswalk safety.

Mayor Quinones confirmed there would be limited parking available on-site.

There being no further members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Quinones closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Quinones, to (1) adopt Resolution No. 24-5890 adopting the Planning Commission's recommendation, setting forth findings and approving General Plan Amendment No. 24-01 to change the land use designation for two parcels of vacant land at Valley Boulevard and Old Valley Boulevard identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 8247-032-900 and 8247-032-024 from Business Employment to Open Space-Public and adopting a Notice of Exemption regarding same; (2) waive reading of Ordinance No. 24-987 and read by title only; (3) introduce Ordinance No. 24-987, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, approving Municipal Code Amendment No. 24-01 to change the zone classification for

two parcels of vacant land at Valley Boulevard and Old Valley Boulevard identified as Accessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 8247-032-900 and 8247-032-024 from Commercial-Manufacturing (CM) to Open Space (OS) and adopting a Notice of Exemption Regarding same; and (4) find that approval of General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 24-01 and Municipal Code Amendment (MCA) No. 24-01 are exempt from environmental review and direct Staff to file a Notice of Exemption, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15061(b)(3). The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 24-5891

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5891 approving Warrant Register No. 1577.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO TOWO ENTERPRISE INC. FOR CONCRETE SLABS AND FOUNDATIONS AT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Towo Enterprise Inc. in the amount of \$125,000.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (LACFCD) TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM (MEASURE W)

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Transfer Agreement for the Safe, Clean Water Program – Municipal Program; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY TWO VEHICLES IN THE CITY'S FLEET, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES BY ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-5892 declaring as surplus property, two vehicles in the City's fleet, authorizing the sale of the surplus vehicles at auction; 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 CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO

City Clerk Torres provided a report regarding the designation of a voting delegate for the annual business meeting at the League of California Cities 2024 Annual Conference and Expo.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to designate Council Member Argudo as the voting delegate and Council Member Mendoza as the alternate for the Cal Cities 2024 Annual Conference and Expo. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING DECEMBER 2, 2024, AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY (COUNCIL MEMBER MUNOZ/MAYOR PRO TEM KLINAKIS)

Council Member Munoz stated that the Employee Appreciation Day, in consultation with the City Manager, is desired to show support and appreciation on behalf of the City Council to City Staff for their hard work and dedication to the City.

Director Grunklee stated that essential services would be available and holiday pay would be available to those who worked on the day in addition to their regular pay.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the meet and confer process with the Union for the Employee Appreciation Day, City Manager Lindsey noted that employees have the option to opt out of taking the day off.

A motion was made by Council Member Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt and approve a resolution declaring December 2, 2024, as Employee Appreciation Day. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CERTIFICATION THAT THERE ARE NOT MORE CANDIDATES THAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

City Clerk Torres provided a report regarding a certificate to the City Council informing them that there are not more candidates than offices to be elected for the City's General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024, and noted that a Special City Council meeting will be held on August 19, 2024, for the City Council to consider either appointing to the offices the persons who have been nominated, or hold the election.

Council Member Munoz congratulated the candidates.

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: Mayor Quinones stated that the ad hoc committee and the Director of Community Services Bauman met with the principals of the Hacienda La Puente School District and discussed the calendar of events, and noted that although they were unavailable, Bassett Unified School District had also been invited.

Council Member Mendoza noted that the partnership and collaboration with the school districts is to teach students regarding democracy and the importance of civic engagement.

Council Member Argudo requested that the ad hoc committee consider including Rowland Unified School District as part of Project LEAD.

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 Mendoza stated that she completed her AB 1234 training.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo thanked City Staff and the Community Foundation for their hard work on the second annual Golf Tournament event and thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies for their support.

Mayor Quinones stated that the turnout for National Night Out was great. He thanked City Staff for putting the event together and thanked the deputies for engaging with the community.

Council Member Mendoza thanked City Staff for their work on National Night Out.

In response to the comment stated during the public hearing by Brian on the Valley/Old Valley Blvd. project, Council Member Argudo acknowledged that there are no sidewalks on the south side of Valley Blvd. and will need to be addressed.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that Rowland Unified School District administration is often present at the City events and thanked them for their participation.

City Manager Lindsey spoke regarding public access to the dog park from Valley Boulevard and noted that the City of Industry is developing a pedestrian pathway which would be behind the dog park and would have several access points for pedestrian crossing.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department introduced two new deputies, Deputy Manuel Hernandez and Deputy Fabio Escobar.

City Manager Lindsey stated that La Puente Community Foundation hosted its first official bingo night on August 13, 2024, at the La Puente Community Center.

Director of Community Services Bauman stated that the T-ball League had a couple weeks left of their season and noted that the youth soccer league is open for registration. Director Bauman spoke regarding the following upcoming events: Luau Dance at the Senior Center, Concerts in the Park, American Red Cross blood drive at the La Puente Community Center, T-ball league closing ceremony, La Puente Girls Softball fall league opening ceremony, and Junior All-American Football and Cheer homecoming.

In response to a concern from Council Member Argudo regarding sprinklers at La Puente Park, City Manager Lindsey stated that the sprinklers are on timers, and that Maintenance Staff would ensure appropriate timing and watering for the sprinklers.

City Manager Lindsey provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Golf Tournament event, Movies in the Park, National Night Out, and the new City billboard on Valley/Old Valley Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of September, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair