

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 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, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Acting City Manager/Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, City Engineer Rey Alfonso, Associate Planner Juan Galvan, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Quinones presented a ceremonial check to La Puente High School LP Runs LA Program in the amount of \$10,000.

La Puente High School teachers Wesley Perez and Ana Benitez spoke regarding the LP Runs LA program and thanked the City for their support.

Mayor Quinones recessed the meeting at 7:16 p.m. to allow the City Council to take photos with the La Puente High School LP Runs LA program coaches and participants.

Mayor Quinones reconvened to open session at 7:21 p.m.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity within the City.

Mayor Quinones announced that members of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District were in attendance to present the City Council with the Golden Bell Award.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jimenez introduced La Puente High School Project LEAD students Joseph Alarcon and Serenity Olvera. Joseph and Serenity introduced Board President Christine Salazar. Superintendent Dr. Jimenez recognized Vice President Nancy Loera, Board Member Jeffrey De La Torre, Board Clerk Gino Kwok, Sierra Vista High School Principal Dr. Samuel Yi, and Sunset Elementary Principal Rosette Holmes and presented the City Council with a miniature Golden Bell Award.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

May spoke regarding the upcoming Rum Wong Dance on September 29, 2024.

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

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments September 19, 2024, meeting, and discussed Measure H and Measure A funding.

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 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 meetings of September 10, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 24-5897

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5897 approving Warrant Register No. 1579.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JULY AND AUGUST 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JULY AND AUGUST 2024 INVESTMENT REPORTS

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-5898 amending the adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Capital Improvement Program.

D-5 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CITYWIDE SLURRY SEAL FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the Construction of the Citywide Slurry Seal Fiscal Year 2024-25 Project; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-6 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 83479 AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 15732 CADWELL STREET

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) found that Final Parcel Map No. 83479 complies with all of the Conditions of Approval set forth within Tentative Parcel Map No. 83479; (2) approved the attached Subdivision Improvement Agreement and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) approved the Final Map and authorized the City Clerk to endorse the cover sheet of the Final Map, the certificate which embodies the approval of said Map for recordation with the County of Los Angeles.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINDINGS AND DISPENSING WITH THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVAL OF A

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AMERINATIONAL
COMMUNITY SERVICES, LLC, FOR LOAN SERVICING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$40,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted Resolution 24-5899 making findings and dispensing with the competitive bidding process, and (2) approved the Agreement with AmeriNational Community Services, LLC for loan servicing and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2024 BUDGET REPORT

Finance Manager Merkel Medina provided a staff report on the August 2024 budget.

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 is working to establish another art mural with Bassett High School students and stated that Hurley Elementary would be joining Project LEAD. Mayor Quinones also stated that Project LEAD would be conducting a mock City Council meeting and City Hall tour on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that the City Manager is arranging a meeting with the Bassett and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts to discuss entering a joint use agreement.

Council Member Munoz reported that the ad hoc committee is working with the Bassett Unified School District to arrange a joint meeting with the school board and the City Council to discuss proposed projects at the school facilities in the City.

Grant Writing Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis reported that the City Selection Committee meeting scheduled for September 25, 2025, was cancelled.

Mayor Quinones stated that the City would be collaborating with Feathered Serpent Brewery to host an Oktoberfest event on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of October, 2024.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quiñones
Mayor/Chair