

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 22, 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 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, October 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Quinones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Mendoza, Munoz (arrived at 6:03 p.m.).

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, 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 6:02 p.m. to discuss the item as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54957.6
City Representative: Susie Altamirano, City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: Bob Lindsey, City Manager

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54957.6
City Representative: Bob Lindsey, City Manager
Employees and Employee Bargaining Units: Service Employees International Union Local 721 (“SEIU 721”)
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (One case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session. In regards to Item 1, report was provided and feedback was given. In regards to Item 2, a report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action. In regards to Item 3, report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

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: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Chief/Director of Public Safety JD Buckwell, Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Associate Planner Juan Galvan, Finance Manager Alexander Merkel Medina, and Office Specialist Jackie Cortez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Sergeant Barajas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department provided a briefing regarding recent activity within the City.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Jorge Solis of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team provided a briefing regarding recent activity in the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bryant Bouchot spoke regarding the intersection of Temple Avenue and Glendora Avenue.

Denise Bouchot spoke regarding recent events and pet waste stations along Temple Avenue.

Diana Herrera submitted a written comment regarding the parking of commercial trucks in residential areas.

Mario Campos submitted a written comment regarding lane closures due to road construction.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Quinones reported that he attended the JPIA Conference at the Hyatt Indian Wells.

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 24, 2024

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of September 24, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Quinones, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Munoz
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
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-5. 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 NOS. 24-5900 AND 24-5901

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution Nos. 24-5900 and 24-5901 approving Warrant Register Nos. 1580 and 1581.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ASPHALT REPAIRS ON VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the Project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH STOTZ EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW JLG T350 TOW-PRO BOOM LIFT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a purchase order contract in the amount of \$37,433.55 with Stotz Equipment for the purchase of one new JLG T350 TOW-PRO Boom Lift; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER 2024 BUDGET REPORT

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

E-2 PRESENTATION OF NEW RECREATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Director of Community Services Bauman provided a report regarding the new recreation management software.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Munoz regarding in-person assistance at the La Puente Community Center, Director of Community Services Bauman confirmed that in-person registration would still be available.

E-3 UPDATE AND PRESENTATION OF THE CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Associate Planner Juan Galvan provided a report regarding the concept plan for the Veteran's Memorial Park.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding possibly incorporating personalized bricks, Associate Planner Juan Galvan stated that this initial concept may be further developed and include future elements.

Discussion ensued regarding the concept plan for the Veteran's Memorial Park.

E-4 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FLOOR PLAN OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY CENTER BUILDING AT LA PUENTE PARK

Director of Development Services Di Mario provided a report regarding the floor plan of the proposed activity center building at La Puente Park.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Munoz regarding the layout, Director of Development Services Di Mario stated that there would be two proposed options.

Discussion ensued regarding the two floor plan options, and the City Council provided direction to Staff to move forward with Option No. 2, bring back pricing for external greenery and aesthetics, and proceed with up to 50% architectural drawings to help assist in the pricing of the project.

E-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 05-4464 AND ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES AND A COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR AT-WILL EMPLOYEES

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the comprehensive personnel policy for both regular and at-will employees and stated that prior to the meeting, Staff received an email from the SEIU "Union" with proposed changes to Section 10.9 and Section 8.3, and that Staff would like to review the two sections and bring them back at a future City Council meeting. Director of Administrative Services Grunklee further noted that 25 administrative policies were incorporated into the proposed personnel policy with one additional administrative policy (Criminal Background Check Policy) to be included in the list, rescinding a total of 26 administrative policies.

In response to an inquiry from Council Member Argudo regarding the term date, Director of Administrative Services Grunklee confirmed the MOU term would expire on June 30, 2025.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 24-5902 rescinding Resolution No. 05-4464 and approving a Comprehensive Personnel Policy for Regular Employees and a Comprehensive Personnel Policy for At-Will Employees for the City of La Puente; (2) rescind the administrative policies included in the staff report, with the addition of rescinding the Criminal Background Check Policy; and (3) bring back Section 10.9 and Section 8.3 at a future City Council meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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: Council Member Mendoza reported that a mock City Council meeting was held with Project LEAD students, and thanked Staff for an amazing event.

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 Quinones stated that Students Run LA had hosted the Run LP event. Council Member Mendoza, Council Member Argudo, and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis commented on the event and thanked City Staff for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bobbie Seal of Delhaven Community Center.

Council Member Argudo commented on the security at La Puente Park.

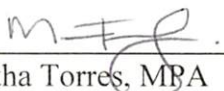
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Community Engagement Program Coordinator Solis for filling in for Brian Torres. City Manager Lindsey also stated that Office Specialist Cortez would be leaving the City of La Puente. Office Specialist Cortez thanked City Manager Lindsey and the City Council for their support.

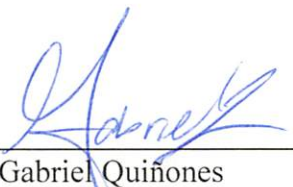
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Quinones adjourned the meeting in memory of Bobbie Seal at 8:32 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of November, 2024.



Martha Torres, MBA
City Clerk



Gabriel Quinones
Mayor/Chair