

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
DECEMBER 10, 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 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, December 10, 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: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, 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, and Management Assistant Cece Dunlap.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Quinones spoke regarding the City's accomplishments in 2024.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Vozzella, Adalilian Franco, and Diana Herrera submitted written comments regarding item D-6.

Veronica Zamora expressed her concern regarding a need for a stop sign in her neighborhood.

Manuel Maldonado expressed his concern regarding item D-6, political signage, and the 2024 election.

Bryant Bouchot spoke regarding street closures during City events.

Yan Wang spoke regarding item D-6.

Sam spoke regarding item D-6.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

- A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS – 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

Mayor Quinones pulled item D-6 for further discussion.

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 REGISTER NO. 1583

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5910 approving Warrant Register No. 1583.

- D-2 CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF BONDS FOR PARCEL MAP NO. 82347 LOCATED AT 658 DEL VALLE AVENUE – VW3 LLC

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the public improvements completed for Parcel Map No. 82347; (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute a Notice of Completion; and (3) authorized staff to refund the cash deposit to the developer.

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN FOR THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT AT LA PUENTE CITY HALL

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the conceptual site plan for the Veteran Memorial Park Project; and (2) directed staff to file a notice of exemption regarding the same.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC. AND THE CITY FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY FOR THE CITY'S FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 24-5911 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process; (2) approved the Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR YOUTH WRAP AROUND SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Goodwill Southern California; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

This item was pulled by Mayor Quinones for further discussion.

Mayor Quinones spoke regarding his support of the proposed meeting time change for the first Tuesday of every month.

Council Member Munoz spoke regarding her support of the proposed meeting time change.

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding his opposition to the proposed meeting time change.

Council Member Mendoza spoke regarding her support of the proposed meeting time change.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding his support of the proposed meeting time change.

Staff requested clarification regarding the meeting time change.

Council Member Argudo requested that the resolution be amended to reflect a 9:30 a.m. start time.

Mayor Quinones clarified that the resolution be amended to reflect a 9:30 a.m. start time for regular City Council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

A motion was made by Mayor Quinones, seconded by Council Member Munoz, to adopt Resolution No. 24-5912 rescinding Resolution No. 22-5700 and establishing the date and time for regular City Council meetings, with the following amendments: regular City

Council meetings on the second Tuesday of every month to be held at 7 p.m. and meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month will be held at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL – 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: Mayor Quinones reported that Hurley, Nelson, and Workman elementary Project LEAD students participated in a Mock City Council Meeting and City Hall tour on November 19, 2024.

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.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Outgoing Remarks by Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members

Mayor Quinones thanked Staff individually for their hard work and support during his time as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Mayor Quinones and Staff for their hard work.

Council Member Munoz thanked Staff for their work and thanked Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis for their leadership as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Argudo thanked Mayor Quinones for his engagement, representation, and work for the Community.

Council Member Mendoza thanked Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis for their collaboration.

2. Presentations by Dignitaries and Special Guests

Andrea Moreno, on behalf of Supervisor Hilda Solis, presented Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their partnership and collaboration.

Rowland Unified District Superintendent Alejandro Flores presented Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their dedication, support, and contributions to the students.

On behalf of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, City Clerk Torres presented Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their contributions and commitment to the students.

On behalf of Assemblymember Lisa Calderon, City Clerk Torres presented Mayor Quinones with a certificate of recognition for his service as Mayor.

On behalf of Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, City Clerk Torres presented Mayor Quinones and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their accomplishments. A video by Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano was played.

City Manager Lindsey, on behalf of all City Staff, presented Mayor Quinones with a gift in appreciation of his leadership as Mayor.

3. Installation of Officers and Oaths of Office

Mayor Quinones relinquished the gavel to City Clerk Torres.

City Clerk Torres administered the oath of office to incoming Council Member David E. Argudo and Council Member Nadia Mendoza.

Tammy Ortuno administered the oath of office to incoming Council Member Gabriel Quinones.

4. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Argudo nominated Council Member Mendoza.

Council Member Quinones nominated Council Member Munoz.

With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a first-round ballot vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Council Member Argudo voted for Council Member Mendoza
Council Member Klinakis voted for Council Member Munoz
Council Member Mendoza voted for Council Member Munoz
Council Member Munoz voted for Council Member Munoz
Council Member Quinones voted for Council Member Munoz

Council Member Munoz was presented as the new Mayor.

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Mendoza nominated Council Member Klinakis. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Council Member Klinakis was presented as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

5. Incoming remarks by Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members

Mayor Munoz thanked her colleagues for the opportunity to serve as Mayor and stated that she is looking forward to continuing to move the City forward. She also thanked her husband for his support and recognized Planning Commissioner Marty Paz for attending the meeting. She further recognized West Covina Council Member Brian Gutierrez for being in attendance.

West Covina Council Member Brian Gutierrez presented Council Member Argudo, Council Member Mendoza, and Council Member Quinones with certificates of recognition congratulating them on their re-election and their dedication to the Community.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis congratulated Mayor Munoz and stated he is looking forward to continuing to move the City forward.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Quinones and Council Member Mendoza congratulated Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis.

Council Member Argudo congratulated Mayor Munoz and congratulated Council Member Quinones and Council Member Mendoza for their re-election.

Mayor Klinakis noted that Staff would be handing out holiday tins filled with goodies that he donated.

Council Member Mendoza thanked her family and friends for attending the meeting in support of her re-election.

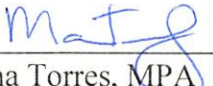
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Services Bauman spoke regarding upcoming holiday events including Dinner with Santa on December 11, Annual Holiday Dance at the Senior Center on December 12, Holiday Movie in the Park and Caroling night on December 13, Merry and Bright craft boutique hosted by the Kiwanis Club on December 14, and the Annual Posada Event in partnership with St. Louis of France on December 18.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of January, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair