

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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 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, February 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alex Bauman, 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, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director of Development Services Di Mario led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(2) – (one case)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:12 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session. In regard to Item No. 1, a report was given, feedback was provided, and there is no reportable action at this time.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alex Bauman, 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, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Project LEAD students Yareli Lopez and Ariel Albavera provided an update regarding recent and upcoming events and activities at Workman Elementary School.

Project LEAD students Quetzatli Maldonado and Dalila Manjarrez provided an update regarding recent and upcoming events and activities at Nelson Elementary School.

General Manager, Roy Frausto, from La Puente Valley County Water District provided an update on the Puente Valley Operable Unit Project.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee and Maintenance Supervisor Saul Sanchez presented an Employee Service Award to Park Maintenance Worker James Richard for his 5 years of service at the City of La Puente.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Betty Moore spoke regarding a seminar on end-of-life planning the La Puente Church of Christ would be hosting on March 1, 2025.

A representative from the La Puente Valley Woman's Club thanked the City Council for their support, requested new cameras and handicap curbside painting, and spoke regarding the Sheriff's Department's response time.

Manuel Maldonado expressed concerns over the new City Council meeting time and thanked the Sheriff's Department and City Staff for the safety of High School Students peacefully protesting.

La Puente Library Manager Jeanette Freels spoke regarding chrome book and hot spot rentals at the La Puente Library.

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 COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of January 28, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
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 Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 25-5919

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 24-5919 approving Warrant Register No. 1586.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING A FEE WAIVER FOR LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THEIR ANNUAL LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY PARADE

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5920 approving a request for a fee waiver for the La Puente National Little League Opening Day Parade.

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: Council Member Quinones spoke regarding the Annual LEADership Conference that took place on February 4, 2025, and thanked the La Puente Community Foundation for providing food. Council Member Mendoza thanked City Staff for the workshops provided to the students and thanked the remaining Council Members for attending the LEADership Conference.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Nothing to report.

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Mayor Munoz reported that the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee met with Acting City Manager Bauman and City Staff to discuss the application process of the committee.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Staff for the Lunar New Year event success and thanked St. Joseph Catholic School for their invitation to various events, including their 75th Anniversary celebration. He also reported that training for hazmat cleanup due to the recent fires was held at Casa de Sanchez.

Mayor Munoz thanked Fire Chief Robertson for being in attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman provided updates on the City's t-ball league, and spoke regarding upcoming events including the Senior Center's Valentine Dance on February 13, 2025, Mock City Council Meeting and Government Day for Project LEAD La Puente High School and Bassett High School students on March 4, 2025, and the Community Foundation's Annual Valentine's Day Paint and Sip on February 14, 2025.

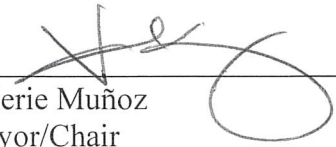
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of February 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair

