

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 25, 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 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 25, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo, Quinones.

Members absent: Mendoza.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Management Analyst Romo and Acting City Manager/ Director of Community Services Bauman presented an award to La Puente Community Foundation Engagement Supervisor Kimberly Cardona for her 5 years of service at the City of La Puente.

Management Analyst Romo presented an award to Maintenance Worker Jose Ramirez for his 15 years of service at the City of La Puente.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided a certificate of recognition to U.S. Donuts for their contribution to the La Puente Community.

Sergeant Hugo Barajas from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity within the City and provided an update on the graffiti enforcement operation.

Community Outreach Program Coordinator Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team provided an information briefing on recent activity in the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

La Puente Children and Teens Services Librarian Angela Concepcion provided an update on upcoming events including baby and toddler story times taking place Thursday mornings, a Native American story time and arts & crafts event on Tuesday March 11, 2025, and a college aid workshop on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District meeting where discussion and voting took place regarding waiving the property tax fee of those impacted by the recent fires.

City Attorney Altamirano informed the City Council that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(b)(2), there is an agenda walk-on item for City Council's consideration under New Business, Item E-2, titled Approval of the La Puente Local Aging and Disability Action Plan and Request Letter of Support presented by Global Urban Strategies. She further stated the grounds for approval is based on the fact that the item did not come to the City's attention until after the agenda was posted and there is a need for immediate action in the form of direction from the City Council due to the deadline for submission. In order to add this item to the agenda, the government code requires two-thirds approval vote of the City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo to add Item E-2 to the agenda per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2) to consider: (1) approval of the La Puente Local Aging and Disability Action Plan; and (2) approval of a Letter of Support. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 FEBRUARY 11, 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 February 11, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 through D-5. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 25-5921

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5921 approving Warrant Register No. 1587.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JANUARY 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-5882 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR PART-TIME POSITIONS TO AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR A PART-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER TURF SPECIALIST

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5922 rescinding Resolution No. 24-5882 and approving authorized part-time positions and salary ranges.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR AN OPENING DAY PARADE

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and La Puente National Little League; and (2) 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 JANUARY 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the January 2025 budget.

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

E-2 APPROVAL OF THE LA PUENTE LOCAL AGING AND DISABILITY ACTION PLAN AND REQUEST LETTER OF SUPPORT PRESENTED BY GLOBAL URBAN STRATEGIES

Omar Hernandez and Domonique Dunnick of Global Urban Strategies presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the La Puente Local Aging and Disability Action Plan.

Mayor Munoz thanked Global Urban for the presentation and spoke regarding the importance of integrating the senior population and the importance of grant funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve: (1) the La Puente Local Aging and Disability Action Plan; and (2) a Letter of Support. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo, Quinones.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mendoza

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: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

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

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis congratulated the La Puente High School basketball team for making it to the third round of playoffs and reported that he attended La Puente High School's recent soccer games.

Council Member Quinones announced that a Mock City Council meeting and City Hall tour for La Puente High School and Bassett High School Project LEAD students will be held on March 4, 2025.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell reported that the animal kennels arrived, and final installation and walkthrough would be taking place soon. He also thanked Blackwater Security and the Sheriff's Department for protecting the property.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee announced Candice Yu as the new Principal Accountant for the City of La Puente.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Approved this 11th day of March, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair

