

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

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, Principal Accountant Candice Yu, Management Analyst Natalie Romo, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided a certificate of recognition to Scardino's Pizza for their contribution to the La Puente Community since 1963. James Rangel from Scardino's Pizza thanked the Mayor and City Council for the certificate of recognition.

La Puente High School Band Director Robert Marshall thanked the City Council for their support and monetary donation they received in 2024 and provided the City Council with a framed photo of the La Puente High School Band. Two students from La Puente High School Band thanked the City Council for their support of the school's various performing arts programs. Council Member Mendoza stated her appreciation for the band program and congratulated the students. Band Director Marshall announced that the La Puente High School band will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser on March 29, 2025.

Mayor Munoz presented a proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month. Chris Sanchez, American Red Cross Ambassador, provided a statement of the importance of the services provided by the American Red Cross. Christopher Luna of the American Red Cross Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley-Pomona Chapter spoke about his experience on the board and how the American Red Cross fully activated during the Palisades and Eaton Canyon-Altadena Fires. Brenda Ellis, American Red Cross volunteer, stated she was affected by the Eaton Canyon-Altadena fire and spoke regarding her experience with the American Red Cross aiding her and her family, influencing her to volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Management Analyst Romo and Director of Development Services Di Mario presented awards to Senior Planner Abraham Tellez and Associate Planner Juan Galvan for their 5 years of service at the City of La Puente.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Martha Rodriguez thanked the City Council for having morning meetings and announced the following for the La Puente Valley Woman's Club: a gala event taking place March 29, 2025, Bridgetown Women Quarterly Newsletter, and honor member Grace Castro.

Representative Karla Caceres from Senator Bob Archuleta's office introduced herself as the new district representative for the City of La Puente.

Jeanette Freels spoke regarding the La Puente Library hosting Library Fest on April 5, 2025.

Maura O'Neill, Policy Analyst and Advocate for Better Neighbors LA, submitted a written comment regarding Item No. E-3, in support of the City Council adopting the Interim Urgency Ordinance.

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 MEETINGS OF MARCH 11, 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meetings of March 11, 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 through D-5. 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. 25-5925

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5925 approving Warrant Register No. 1589.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2025 INVESTMENT REPORTS

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCUBATOR PROGRAM TO ADDRESS PROGRAM 3 OF THE LA PUENTE HOUSING ELEMENT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Letter Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Letter Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CONCRETE SLABS AND FOUNDATIONS AT VALLEY BOULEVARD AND OLD 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.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF FEBRUARY 2025 BUDGET REPORT

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked staff for the report.

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AND SUPPORT LETTER SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 259 (RUBIO) RELATED TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

Mayor Munoz provided a report of a support letter supporting Assembly Bill 259 relating to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 25-5915 and AB 259 Letter of Support. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING A CITYWIDE 45-DAY MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE ADVERTISING AND OPERATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS WITHIN THE CITY

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to introduce, waive the reading of, and adopt Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 25-988 approving a citywide 45-day moratorium prohibiting the advertising and operation of short-term rentals within the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
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: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

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

Senior Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

Mayor Munoz established the Business Outreach Support ad hoc committee and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis and Council Member Quinones would serve on the committee.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Argudo reported that he had the opportunity to interact in binational dialogue with elected and business officials in Mexico at the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Mexico City Delegation. He reported that discussion regarding the effects of tariffs at the local level, workforce productivity, and the fentanyl crisis in the U.S. took place. He thanked the Chief of Staff of President Claudia Sheinbaum and other officials for their attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis spoke regarding morning City Council meetings and approval from local business owners.

Council Member Argudo stated that he recognizes the benefits and participation of the morning City Council meetings.

Mayor Munoz thanked the City Council and the City Staff for being proactive and working to be inclusive.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

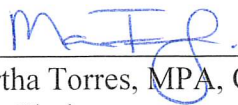
Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman announced that the Senior Center will be hosting a Day at the Park on March 28, 2025. Mayor Munoz announced the idea for the Senior Center's Day at the Park came from a suggestion from a senior resident at a previous morning City Council meeting.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee introduced Principal Accountant Candice Yu to the City Council.

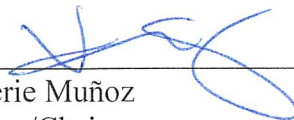
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Approved this 8th day of April, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair