

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 13, 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 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, May 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Mendoza.

Members absent: Argudo, Quinones.

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, Outgoing Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Incoming Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Maintenance Supervisor Saul Sanchez, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

SM-1 PRESENTATION AND DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE BY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell provided a video presentation regarding Public Safety Department updates.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the presentation.

SM-2 PRESENTATION AND DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE BY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Outgoing Director of Development Services Di Mario, Incoming Director of Development Services Tellez, and Maintenance Supervisor Sanchez provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Development Services Department updates.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the special meeting at 7:08 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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Members absent: Argudo, Quinones.

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, Outgoing Director of Development Services John Di Mario, Incoming Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Services Coordinator Angel Morales, on behalf of City Council, presented certificates of recognition to Teen V.O.I.C.E. Graduating Senior Brianna Valladares, and current Teen V.O.I.C.E. participants Natalie Vasquez, Samantha Sanchez, Yamilet Cuadra, and Johanna Garcia.

Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell introduced the Local Heroes from El Sushi Loco Restaurant. A video by Senator Bob Archuleta was presented to recognize the recipients. Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided Certificates of Commendation to Local Heroes Oyuki Ramires, Jose Quezada, Julio Hernandez, Luis Olivos, and owner Frank Mendoza from El

Sushi Loco Restaurant for their heroism displayed during an attempted robbery in the City. Senator Bob Archuleta District Representative Karla Caceres presented Certificates of Commendation for the recipients' heroism. El Sushi Loco Owner Frank Mendoza thanked the City Council, Senator Archuleta, and the City for their endless support.

Mayor Munoz presented a Proclamation declaring the month of May as Fibromyalgia Awareness Month and Lupus Awareness Month. President & CEO of Looms4Lupus Estela Mata-Carcamo spoke regarding the organization's participation in raising support and awareness for Lupus and Fibromyalgia.

Sergeant Bryan Moreno from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department introduced himself as the new lead for the City's Special Assignment Officer team.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2025

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting April 22, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Munoz, Klinakis, Mendoza

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Argudo, Quinones

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 25-5931

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5931 approving Warrant Register No. 1592.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLS CONSULTING ENGINEERS, CHTD TO UPDATE THE CITY'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,980

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Agreement with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD to update the City's Pavement Management Program in the amount of \$24,980; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDL COREN & CONE FOR PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with HdL, Coren and Cone; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTITIES PERMITTED TO SELL SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS IN THE CITY FOR 2025

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5932 designating the entities permitted to sell safe and sane fireworks in the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CITYWIDE SLURRY SEAL FY 2024-25

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

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR THE OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,200.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) authorized the City Manager to execute a contract change order with Excel Paving Company in the amount of \$90,200; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 25-5933 amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RELEASE OF COVENANT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 136, 138, 140, AND 142 GLENDORA AVENUE, LA PUENTE

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Release of Covenant for property located at 136, 138, 140, 142 Glendora Avenue, La Puente.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DRAKE TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES INC. FOR SPECIAL EVENT TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Drake Traffic Control Services Inc. for Special Event Traffic Control Services in the amount of \$140,000; 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 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND STREET SWEEPING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY VISTA SERVICES TO UPDATE THE DISCOUNT PERCENTAGES FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND LOW-INCOME RATES

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding Valley Vista Services request to increase the discount percentages for senior citizen and low-income rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Staff for working with Valley Vista on the rates.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to: (1) approve Amendment No. 2 to the Solid Waste Collection and Street Sweeping Services with Valley Vista Services increase the percentages on the senior citizen and low-income discounts; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E-2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE FINAL FLOOR PLAN OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY CENTER BUILDING AT LA PUENTE PARK

Director of Development Services Di Mario and Westberg White Architect Frisco White presented the conceptual site plan for the proposed Activity Center building at the La Puente Park.

Discussion ensued regarding the building layout, building amenities, and additions to the floor plan and funding for the building.

Mayor Munoz established the La Puente Activity Center Design Oversight Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis and Council Member Mendoza would serve on the committee.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided an update on the joint use agreement with Bassett Unified School District for the Aquatic Center.

Senior Advisory Committee: Mayor Munoz reported that the Senior Advisory Committee application is now available and spoke regarding the application process and requirements.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Maintenance Staff for chalking the baseball fields. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the Community Foundation's Mother's Day Paint and Sip event and thanked Staff for the successful event. He further reported he attended an event with Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and received great feedback regarding the La Puente Park.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman announced that the T-ball League closing ceremony will take place on Saturday May 23, 2025, and Summer Movies in the Park will begin June 9, 2025.

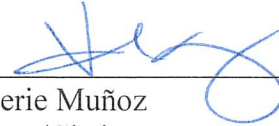
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of May 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair