

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION OF
MAY 27, 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.lapuente.org.

A Regular Meeting and Special Closed Session 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 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

9:30 A.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 9:34 a.m.), Mendoza.

Members absent: Quinones.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, 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 Jefferey Buckwell, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided a certificate of recognition to Merritt's Hardware for their contribution to the La Puente Community. Rhonda Rodriguez from Merritt's Hardware thanked the Mayor and City Council for the certificate of recognition.

Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis provided a certificate of recognition to J & A Formal Wear for their contribution to the La Puente Community. Jose from J & A Formal Wear thanked the Mayor and City Council for the certificate of recognition.

The City Council presented John Di Mario with a retirement plaque and commendation for 11 years of service as Director of Development Services for the City of La Puente. City Manager Bob Lindsey thanked Director Di Mario for his dedicated time and service toward the City. Director Di Mario thanked the City Council, Staff, and the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS OF MAY 13, 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 meetings of May 13, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B-1 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES VACANT POSITIONS

Mayor Munoz opened the public hearing at 9:56 a.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Munoz closed the public hearing at 9:57 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to receive and file this report. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 Mayor Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-6. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 25-5934

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5934 approving Warrant Register No. 1593.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WESTBERG + WHITE, INC FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN ACTIVITY CENTER BUILDING AT LA PUENTE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Westberg + White, Inc. for Architectural Design Services in the amount of \$40,000.00 and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FUNDED BY SB1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5935 adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2025--2026 funded by SB1: the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

D-6 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26, FISCAL YEAR 2026-27, AND FISCAL YEAR 2027-28 IN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the specifications for sanitary sewer maintenance services in the City of La Puente; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit bids.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2025 BUDGET REPORT

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Staff for the report.

E-2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET INCLUDING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487,300 TO COVER THE DEFICIT BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS NO. 25-5922 AND 24-5883 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME POSITIONS AND RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE SENIOR MAINTENANCE WORKER, PUBLIC SAFETY SENIOR SUPERVISOR, PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR, AND PARKING CONTROL SPECIALIST

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and the unappropriated general fund reserves. Director Grunklee thanked the Staff for working on the City's annual budget.

Mayor Munoz thanked Staff for working on the annual budget.

Council Member Argudo provided clarification regarding the appropriation from the unappropriated general fund reserves and thanked Staff for their work on the annual budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to: (1) approve the FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget effective July 1, 2025, including an appropriation from the unappropriated General Fund reserves in the amount of \$487,300 to cover the deficit between revenues and expenditures; (2) direct the City Manager to make any necessary changes to the recommended budget for incorporation into the final budget; (3) adopt Resolution No. 25-5936 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 annual budget; (4) adopt Resolution No. 25-5937 adopting the City's Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2025-2026 and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds; (5) adopt Resolutions No. 25-5938 and No. 25-5939 rescinding resolutions No. 25-5922 and No. 24-5883 amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing authorized part-time and full-time positions and rates for City employees; and (6) approve the job descriptions for the Senior Maintenance Worker, Public Safety Senior Supervisor, Public Safety Supervisor, and Parking Control Specialist positions. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

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.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Nothing to report.

La Puente Activity Center Design Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Captain Glenn Emery from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity within the City and reported that crime rates were down. In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the Flock System, Captain Emery reported the Flock System had helped solve a case. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis suggested that drone technology be embraced to prevent and solve crimes. Discussion ensued between Captain Emery, Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, Council Member Argudo, and City Manager Lindsey regarding the potential use of drones in the future.

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 10:26 a.m. to discuss the items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS —Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representative: Acting City Manager Alexander Bauman
Employee organization: Service Employees International Union Local 721 ("SEIU 721")
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54569(e)(1): One Matter

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 11:31 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano reported out of closed session. In regard to Item No. 1 and No. 2, a report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action at this time.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported that he attended the 66th Annual Municipal Seminar for the California Contract Cities Association and reported carrying the City flag during the ceremonial flag procession.

Council Member Argudo reported that he attended the 66th Annual Municipal Seminar for the California Contract Cities Association and reported speaking to several vendors and attended workshops.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Munoz directed Staff to bring an item at a future City Council meeting to move discretionary funds to grant program.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis requested feedback on the Senior Advisory Committee applications. Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman reported that Staff has received multiple responses and applications.

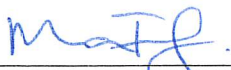
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked Staff regarding their work on the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Approved this 10th day of June, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair