

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 10, 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, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

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, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss the items as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54569(e)(1): One Matter
2. 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")

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

City Attorney Altamirano stated that with regard to Item No. 2, the item would be continued after regular session.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

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, Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Principal Accountant Candice Yu, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Munoz provided a statement regarding current immigration enforcement activity occurring in Los Angeles County and stated that the City of La Puente does not participate in civil immigration enforcement and does not coordinate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for operations. She further stated that information and resources are provided on the City's website.

Sergeant Bryan Moreno from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding current immigration enforcement activity in Los Angeles County and stated that the Sheriff's Department does not participate in civil immigration enforcement and does not coordinate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for operations.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

La Puente Library Manager Jeanette Freels spoke regarding summer events and programs at the La Puente Library, including free tutoring, free lunches, and state park passes.

Manuel Maldonado expressed concern regarding illegal fireworks, increased City Staff salaries, morning time City Council meetings, and current immigration-related issues.

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 MAY 27, 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 May 27, 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. 25-5940

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5940 approving Warrant Register No. 1594.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-5941 approving the City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Director of Development Services Tellez provided an update and report on the terms of the Planning Commissioners.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to reappoint Gary Dudley, Allen Maes, and Tollie Penson to the Planning Commission for a two-year term. 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: Council Member Quinones and Council Member Mendoza thanked Staff for the successful Brunch by the Bridge event and expressed positivity surrounding the workshop events.

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.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis thanked Staff for the successful first Movies in the Park event of the year.

Council Member Argudo reported that he and City Staff along with Sheriff's Department Staff participated in a bowling tournament with other cities and placed 3rd.

Mayor Munoz thanked City Council and Staff for working quickly on providing immigration resources for the community. Mayor Munoz also stated the Brunch by the Bridge event was a successful event for the LGBTQ+ community.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked the City Council for their time, effort, coordination, and leadership.

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to continue discussion on Closed Session Item No. 2 as posted on the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

2. 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")

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 8:40 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano stated that with regard to Item No. 2, a report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of June, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair