

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING OF
JUNE 24, 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.lapuate.org.

A Special 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 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 A.M. SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

SM-1 PRESENTATION AND DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE BY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Administrative Services Department updates.

Mayor Munoz thanked Staff for the update and stated that the periodic department updates are essential to maintain transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

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

SM-1 PRESENTATION AND DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE BY CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

City Clerk Torres and Office Specialist Rivas Bustillos provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding City Clerk Department updates.

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

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the special meeting at 9:22 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, 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 Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Rowland Unified School District Superintendent Alejandro Flores and Board President Agnes Gonzalez provided the City Council with certificates of appreciation for their support and inclusion.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Martha Rodriguez, along with another representative from the La Puente Valley Woman's Club, addressed concerns regarding homeless activity occurring outside their property.

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 JUNE 10, 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 meeting June 10, 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

B-1 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ANNUAL SEWER LEVY REPORTS FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CAPITAL CHARGES AND SEWER MAINTENANCE CHARGES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONFIRMING SEWER CHARGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the annual sewer levy for collection of sewer capital charges and proposed sewer maintenance charges for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Mayor Munoz opened the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Munoz closed the public hearing at 9:41 a.m.

Council Member Argudo requested more information on how the discount is determined for seniors.

Discussion ensued between Director of Administrative Services Grunklee, City Attorney Altamirano, and Council Member Argudo regarding the determination of senior discounts.

City Attorney Altamirano informed the City Council that they may approve the item subject to findings that seniors may be allocated additional discounts or gallons of usage if the City Council so wishes to approve.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to (1) adopt Resolution No. 25-5942 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 sewer capital charge, subject to findings that seniors may be allocated additional discounts or gallons of usage; and (2) adopt Resolution No. 25-5943 confirming the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 sewer maintenance charge. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled Item D-5 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-4. 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. 25-5944

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5944 approving Warrant Register No. 1595.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2025-2026

Action Taken: The City Council approved the award of ten (10) scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year in the amount of \$1,000 each.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-5939, AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING A 2.5 PERCENT BASE SALARY INCREASE AND MONTHLY SALARY RANGES FOR FULL-TIME NON-REPRESENTED, EXEMPT, AND EXEMPT AT-WILL CITY EMPLOYEES

This item was pulled by Council Member Argudo for further discussion.

Council Member Argudo requested an update on the status of negotiations with the Union.

Director Administrative Services Grunklee responded that negotiations are moving forward.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to: (1) approved the 2.5% base salary increase and monthly salary ranges; and (2) approved Resolution No. 25-5945 rescinding Resolution No. 25-5939 and amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing a 2.5 percent base salary increase and monthly salary ranges for full-time non-represented, exempt, and exempt at-will City employees. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF MAY 2025 BUDGET REPORT

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

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

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.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS

Council Member Mendoza reported she completed AB 1234 training.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported Mayor Munoz and himself hosted a prayer breakfast with local congregations and state and federal officials to share resources and information for the Community. Mayor Munoz stated information and resources are provided on the City's website.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported his attendance at the 23rd Annual Award ceremony for the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Director of Public Safety Buckwell recognized Sergeant Bryan Moreno and the Special Assignment Officer team from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for their hard work.

Mayor Munoz thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for their food distribution for families that are fearful during this time and thanked the Boys & Girls Club who have also been assisting families during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Approved this 8th day of July 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair