

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL, REGULAR, AND SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS OF
JULY 22, 2025

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9:00 A.M. SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: Munoz.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, City Attorney Richard Padilla, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Martha Rodriguez from the La Puente Valley Woman's Club thanked La Puente Public Safety, Maintenance Supervisor Ricardo Carillo, and the City Council for their quick response regarding homeless activity outside their property.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

City Attorney Padilla informed the City Council that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(b)(2), there was an agenda walk-on item for City Council's consideration under New Business, Item E-2, titled Joint Powers Agreement between the City of La Puente and Hacienda La Puente Unified School District. He further stated the grounds for approval is based on the fact that the item did not come to the City's attention until after the agenda was posted and there was a need for immediate action in the form of direction from the City Council due to the deadline for submission. In order to add this item to the agenda, the government code required two-thirds approval vote of the City Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo to add Item E-2 to the agenda per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2) to consider: A Resolution entering a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District to form the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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 JULY 8, 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 July 8, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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-7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 25-5947

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5947 approving Warrant Register No. 1597.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2024-25 PROJECT

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the construction of the Street Improvements on Various City Streets FY 2024-25 project; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD SEWER EXTENSION

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 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TUNNELWORKS SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,209 FOR SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE CITY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Tunnelworks Services, Inc. in the amount of \$421,209; and (2) authorized the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING AS SURPLUS PROPERTY A CHRISTIE D13HD-HS LASER PROJECTOR, A 26-FOOT RETRACTABLE MOVIE SCREEN, AND SIXTEEN SOUND TOWN PA SPEAKERS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 25-5948 declaring as surplus property the Christie D13HD-HS laser projector, the 26-foot retractable movie screen, and sixteen Sound Town PA speakers, authorizing the sale of these items utilizing the negotiation process; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreements on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF JUNE 2025 BUDGET REPORT

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ENTERING A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FORM THE LA PUENTE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

City Attorney Padilla provided a report on the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (HLPUSD).

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding the development, purpose, and role of the JPA with HLPUSD, the lacking green space in the City, and the closures of Del Valle and Sunset Elementary locations. Council Member Argudo noted that the creation of the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority is time-sensitive because the grant application for funding for the two spaces by the Land and Water Conservation Fund is due on August 5, 2025. He further spoke regarding the grant opportunity presented and urged the City Council to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Quinones recognized HLPUSD Board President Stephanie Serrano and expressed that he is looking forward to the partnership and thanked the HLPUSD Board for collaborating with the City.

Council Member Argudo amended the motion to appoint himself and Mayor Munoz to the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority Board.

Council Member Mendoza stated that she is excited for the collaboration.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated that the collaboration will be great for the community and thanked the HLPUSD Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo to: (1) approve Resolution No. 25-5949 Entering a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District to Form the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority and (2) appoint Mayor Munoz and Council Member Argudo to the La Puente Open Space and Conservation Authority Board. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated the green spaces will be great for the community's mental health.

Council Member Argudo invited HLPUSD Board President Stephanie Serrano to speak on the Item. President Serrano thanked the City Council and expressed excitement for the recreational outlets for the community.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis reported his attendance at the first Senior Advisory Committee meeting on July 21, 2025.

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 spoke regarding the new movie screen for Movies in the Park and expressed his condolences to the three Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies, Joshua Kelley-Eklund, Victor Lemus, and William Osborn, who lost their lives in an explosion. Mayor

Pro Tem Klinakis stated he attended a dedication ceremony honoring Deputy Michael Arruda who died in the line of duty in 2004.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Bob Lindsey thanked the City Council for passing Item E-2.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis adjourned the regular meeting at 10:21 a.m.

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 10:28 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”)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 11:38 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Padilla reported out of closed session and stated all City Council Members were in attendance, with Mayor Munoz attending at 10:31 a.m. via audio-visual due to "just cause" pursuant to Government Code Section 54953. He stated that with regard to Item No. 1, a report was provided, feedback was given, and no reportable action at this time.

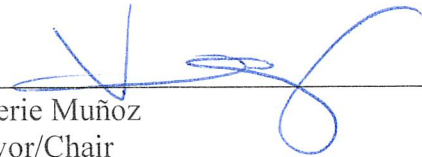
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis adjourned the Special Closed Session meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Approved this 12th day of August 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair