

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF
AUGUST 26, 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 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, August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 A.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 9:09 a.m.), 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, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Norma Ramirez addressed the City Council regarding labor negotiations.

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 9:04 a.m. to discuss the item 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 9:37 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Munoz adjourned the Closed Session meeting at 9:38 a.m.

9:30 A.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.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, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PRESENTATIONS

Luis Campillo, Los Angeles Regional Director from AARP, thanked the City Council for creating an inclusive community for all ages and presented an Age-Friendly Certificate to the City of La Puente.

Mayor Munoz stated that the Certificate of Recognition to La Poblana would be moved to a future meeting date.

Ed Reece, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Board President and Claremont City Council Member, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding SGVCOG updates.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Daniel Dominguez expressed his longtime love for the City of La Puente and inquired about a previous recognition at the La Puente Park commemorating the 1964 La Puente Little League World Series. Mayor Munoz thanked Mr. Dominguez for attending the meeting and stated that Staff would look into the recognition. Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis added that he has been working with residents to highlight and preserve La Puente's history.

Daniel Meza spoke regarding a handout provided by the fire department regarding an action plan against wildfires to keep homes and the community safe.

Gabriela Chavarria, member of the Senior Advisory Ad Hoc Committee, thanked the City Council for creating the committee for the rising population of seniors and for providing resources for the aging community.

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 MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 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 August 12, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis 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. 25-5952

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5952 approving Warrant Register No. 1599.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF JULY 2025 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND A5 EVENTS/STUDENTS RUN LA FOR A 5K/10K STRENGTH TRAINING RUN

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and A5 Events/Students Run LA for a 5K/10K Strength Training Run; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR BLOCK WORK CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK

This item was pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis expressed concern regarding the structure of the perimeter block wall from the La Puente Dog Park conceptual plans and suggested bond beams and bollards.

In response to an inquiry by Council Member Argudo regarding the height and length of the wall, Director of Development Services Tellez provided the sizing of the wall.

City Manager Lindsey stated the plans indicated the project will be concrete-filled and appreciates the input.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to: (1) approve the plans and specifications for Block Work Construction for the La Puente Dog Park; and (2) authorize Staff to solicit for bids. 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 JULY 2025 BUDGET REPORT

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

E-2 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GRANT PROGRAM POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LA PUENTE

City Attorney Altamirano provided a report on the item on behalf of Mayor Munoz's request.

Mayor Munoz thanked City Attorney Altamirano and stated this policy would provide eligibility criteria for organizations to apply to the grant program. She requested that the City Council discuss this item and establish a grant review panel.

Council Member Argudo inquired about the timeline of the grant implementation and allocating funds for the program.

City Manager Lindsey stated that there are currently grants that are provided on an annual basis, but the grants from the Grant Program Policy would be allocated from a different funding source.

City Attorney Altamirano affirmed Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis' statement that the purpose of this Grant Program Policy is to have a policy in place if in the future there is funding for grant opportunities for organizations to apply.

Council Member Mendoza stated the Grant Program Policy would benefit organizations for smaller projects.

Mayor Munoz stated this policy would provide a fair and transparent opportunity for awarding grants to organizations.

City Manager Lindsey stated all previous grants were funded in the original budget and this policy would apply to any future grants.

Mayor Munoz recommended that the City Manager designate staff members to the grant review panel, and the panel bring forth recommendations for City Council approval. She further recommended that grant limit discussion be held at a future date once funding is determined.

A motion was made by Mayor Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to adopt Resolution No. 25-5953 approving a Grant Program Policy (Administrative Policy #69) for providing funding to community-based organizations, with the committee being created by the City Manager overseeing the evaluation process and reporting the recommendations to City Council. 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: Council Member Quinones reported his attendance at the first Project LEAD meeting of the school year with seven total schools.

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 second Senior Advisory Committee meeting. Mayor Munoz reported her attendance at the meeting and expressed excitement for the committee.

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 Munoz recognized Los Angeles County Fire Department Acting Assistant Fire Chief William Gamble who was in attendance for the meeting.

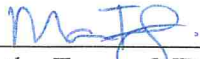
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Bob Lindsey thanked Staff for their progress on the Dog Kennel project; in particular, he thanked Communications/Information Technology Analyst Steve Overstreet and Director of Development Services Tellez.

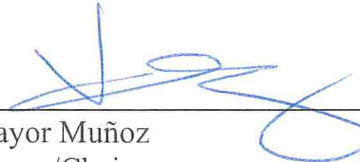
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the meeting in memory of former City Maintenance Worker Oscar Jimenez at 10:33 a.m.

Approved this 9th day of September 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Mayor Muñoz
Mayor/Chair