

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING AND SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION OF
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 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, September 23, 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 9:32 a.m.), Mendoza, Quinones (arrived at 9:44 a.m.).

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, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee presented an Employee Service Award to Code Enforcement Officer Jack Zhao for his 5 years of service at the City of La Puente.

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell presented an Employee Recognition Award to Parking Control Specialist Patrick McCarthy for his hard work and dedication.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kimberly spoke regarding ideas of a clothing swap event at the Park and free little libraries around the City. Mayor Munoz directed Kimberly to Staff for further discussion regarding her ideas.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

City Attorney Altamirano stated that Staff requested pulling Item D-4 from the agenda and the City Attorney's Office requested pulling Item E-3 from the agenda.

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of September 9, 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 – 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 Mayor Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-3 and D-5 through D-8. 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. 25-5955

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5955 approving Warrant Register No. 1601.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2025 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D-3 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2025 INVESTMENT REPORTS

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

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO S&H CIVILWORKS FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,000

At the request of City Staff, this item was pulled from the agenda.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO HARDY & HARPER, INC. FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS FY 2024-25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,723,350

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$1,723,350; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

- D-6 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH BIZON GROUP, INC. DBA CONEXWEST FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) EIGHT (8) FOOT BY TWENTY (20) FOOT CONTAINER OFFICE AND ONE (1) EIGHT (8) FOOT BY FORTY (40) FOOT CONTAINER OFFICE FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a purchase order contract in the amount of \$42,273.26 with Bizon Group, LLC dba Conexwest Shipping Containers for the purchase of one (1) eight (8) foot by twenty (20) foot container office and one (1) eight (8) foot by forty (40) foot container office; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

- D-7 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR STEEL WORK INCLUDING FENCING WITH ACCESS GATES, AND THE TRASH ENCLOSURE ROOF AND DOORS FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for the construction of the steel work including fencing with access gates, and the trash enclosure roof and doors for the La Puente Dog Park; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

- D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF STORMWATER SYSTEM FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the plans and specifications for Sewer and Stormwater Work for the La Puente Dog Park; and (2) authorized Staff to solicit for bids.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

E-1 PRESENTATION OF AUGUST 2025 BUDGET REPORT

Director of Administration Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the August 2025 budget.

E-2 UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICES SENIOR PROGRAMMING

Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman provided an update regarding programs for seniors added by the Senior Advisory ad hoc committee, including a walking club and classes in collaboration with Mt. San Antonio College.

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis recognized members of the Senior Advisory ad hoc committee in attendance and reported the Committee held its third meeting.

Mayor Munoz recognized the hard work of the Senior Advisory ad hoc committee and City Staff and stated her excitement of the addition of new classes.

E-3 CONSIDERATION OF FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT C. LINDSEY FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES

At the request of the City Attorney's Office, this item was pulled from the agenda.

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.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Mendoza thanked Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman and the Senior Advisory ad hoc committee for their progress in Senior programming.

Council Member Argudo recognized the La Puente Community Foundation Annual Golf Tournament, thanked the Sheriff's Department for their participation, and thanked Staff for the successful event.

Mayor Munoz recognized Planning Commissioner Marty Paz who was in attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the Regular meeting at 9:50 a.m.

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 9:50 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, 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 9:52 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
City Representative: City Attorney Susie Altamirano
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager Bob Lindsey
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 10:59 a.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Altamirano stated that with regard to Item No. 1 and 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 Closed Session meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Approved this 14th day of October, 2025.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk


Valerie Muñoz
Mayor/Chair