

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF
DECEMBER 9, 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 and Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente were held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 P.M.SPECIAL SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Munoz, Klinakis, Argudo (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, 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 Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 6:02 p.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 6:51 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney De Leon stated with regard to Item No. 1, a report was provided, direction was given, and no reportable action at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

Parking Control Specialist Patrick McCarthy introduced Rize Credit Union Community Developer Emmanuel Lopez. Community Developer Lopez stated he was honored to be in attendance for the meeting and presented a check to the City of La Puente for the La Puente Dog Park.

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 NOVEMBER 12, 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 November 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

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 through D-12. 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. 25-5960

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 25-5960 approving Warrant Register No. 1605.

D-2 PRESENTATION OF OCTOBER 2025 INVESTMENT REPORTS

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

D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHAMBERS GROUP, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE LA PUENTE ACTIVITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,550

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the Professional Services Agreement with Chambers Group, Inc. in the amount of \$125,550; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-4 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO FEC ELECTRIC INC. FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACT WORK FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87,330.58.

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$87,330.58; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO JM UTILITY SERVICES FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF THE STORMWATER SYSTEM FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,548.43

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) awarded the contract to JM Utility Services in the amount of \$192,548.43; and (2) authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

D-6 CONSIDERATION OF REJECTION OF A BID RECEIVED FOR THE PUBLIC RESTROOM (BID NO. 25-589) FOR THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Action Taken: The City Council rejected the sole bid received for Bid No. 25-589.

D-7 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC RESTROOM COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A RESTROOM AT THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DOG PARK/KENNEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,227

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the purchase order contract with Public Restroom Company for a park restroom and its delivery and installation at the La Puente Community Dog Park; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

D-8 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TANKO LIGHTING, INC. FOR STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 5 to the Maintenance Services Agreement with Tanko Lighting, Inc.; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City.

D-9 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE LA PUENTE ANIMAL SHELTER AND K9 TRAINING CENTER

Action Taken: The City Council approved Resolution No. 25-5961 approving the application for Grant Funds with the California Natural Resources Agency for the La Puente Animal Shelter and K9 Training Center.

D-10 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS NO. 24-5881 AND 25-5937, AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024/2025 AND 2025/2026

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 25-5962 rescinding Resolution No. 24-5881 and adopting the City's Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2024-2025 and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds; and (2) adopted Resolution No. 25-5963 rescinding Resolution No. 25-5937 and adopting the City's Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2025-2026 and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds;

D-11 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC. AND THE CITY FOR A PYROTECHNIC DISPLAY FOR THE CITY'S FORTUNATO JIMENEZ INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,890

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 25-5964 adopting findings to dispense with the competitive bidding process; (2) approved the Agreement with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$38,890; and (3) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D-12 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOODWILL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR YOUTH WRAP AROUND SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the first amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Goodwill Southern California; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL – 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: 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 – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Munoz adjourned the special meeting at 6:57 p.m.

7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Munoz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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, Assistant City Attorney Adrian De Leon, 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 Munoz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Veronica Zamora spoke regarding a request to place a stop sign between Wickford Avenue and Inyo Street. She further asked City Council to consider an exit for residents when City events block streets. Mayor Munoz referred the matter to Staff.

Council Member Argudo stated a stop sign should also be considered for Ferrero Lane and Inyo Street.

Manuel Maldonado stated a tree was removed from his property and the previous Director of Development Services indicated a new tree would be placed five years ago. He further stated his praise to the City for the Annual Holiday Parade, new animal shelter, and commended code enforcement for their great job of directing traffic.

CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

1. Outgoing Remarks by Mayor Munoz

Mayor Munoz thanked Staff and City Council for their hard work and support during her time as Mayor.

2. Presentations by Dignitaries and Special Guests

Stephanie Hernandez, on behalf of Congressman Gilbert R. Cisneros, presented Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their contributions and commitment.

Karla S. Caceres, on behalf of Senator Bob Archuleta, presented certificates of recognition to Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis for their commitment and contributions.

Rowland Unified School District Board President Agnes Gonzalez and Superintendent Alejandro Flores presented Mayor Munoz and Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis with certificates of recognition for their support and commitment to the students.

Acting City Manager Alex Bauman, on behalf of all City Staff, presented Mayor Munoz with a gift in appreciation for her leadership as Mayor.

3. Installation of Officers and Oaths of Office

Mayor Munoz relinquished the gavel to City Clerk Torres.

4. Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Mendoza nominated Council Member Klinakis. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Council Member Klinakis was presented as the New Mayor.

City Clerk Torres opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Klinakis nominated Council Member Munoz. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

City Council Member Munoz was presented as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

5. Incoming remarks by Mayor Klinakis

Mayor Pro Tem Klinakis stated he was proud to see many families during the City Holiday Parade, stated he will support residents in better quality of life in the City, and looks forward to another great year for the City.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo congratulated Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and stated he looks forward to more projects in the future and more green space in the City.

Council Member Quinones stated he looks forward to supporting future projects and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Munoz for her work as Mayor.

Council Member Mendoza congratulated Mayor Klinakis and Mayor Pro Tem Munoz on their new positions and expressed appreciation for all their support.

Mayor Klinakis stated that a local Veteran expressed his gratitude for the Veterans Day ceremony. He further wished Happy Holidays to all.

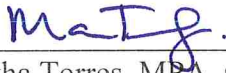
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell extended gratitude to Mayor Pro Tem Munoz and stated he looks forward to working with Mayor Klinakis.

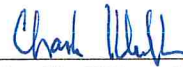
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of January 2026.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair