

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lapueente.org).

A 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, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:           Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones (arrived at 7:11 p.m.).

Members absent:           Munoz.

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, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Senior Planner Juan Galvan, and Management Analyst Natalie Romo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

La Puente High School Principal Dr. Lisa Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Project LEAD student Jaime Solis provided an update regarding recent and upcoming events and activities at Bassett High School.

Project LEAD students Serenity Olvera and Diego Novello provided an update regarding recent and upcoming events and activities at La Puente High School.

The Mayor and City Council Members each expressed their appreciation to the Project LEAD students for their participation and engagement.

The City Council presented certificates of recognition to the La Puente High School Football Team, Coaches, and Team Moms for their participation in the CIF playoffs. Senator Bob Archuleta's Office provided certificates of recognition for the team's participation and

representation of La Puente. On behalf of the City Council, Council Member Argudo presented a check to the La Puente High School Football team.

Sergeant Brian Moreno from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spoke regarding recent activity within the City and spoke regarding Flock Safety.

Community Outreach Program Supervisor Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team provided an information briefing on recent activity within the City.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Rosario R. expressed concerns regarding code enforcement matters within the City.

Lisa Cruz expressed concerns regarding certain locations within the City.

Cassandra Garcia, founder of Tiny Paws Safe Haven, submitted a written comment regarding her Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) services within the La Puente and El Monte area.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

#### A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

##### A-1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2026

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 of January 27, 2026. 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

##### B-1 (1) CONSIDERATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 26-993, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36937, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS

ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXISTING BUILDING CODE; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

Senior Planner Galvan provided a report regarding the updated statewide building code law mandates.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to (1) waive reading of Urgency Ordinance No. 26-993 and read by title only; and (2) adopt Ordinance No. 26-993 - An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California, adopting by reference, pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.2, Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Building Code, incorporating by reference the California Building Code 2025 Edition; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Plumbing Code incorporating by reference the California Plumbing Code 2025 Edition; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Electrical Code, incorporating by reference the California Electrical Code 2025 Edition; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Mechanical Code, incorporating by reference the California Mechanical Code 2025 Edition; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Residential Code, incorporating by reference the California Residential Code 2025 Edition; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code, incorporating by reference the California Green Building Code 2025 Edition; Title 33 of the Los Angeles County Existing Building Code; incorporating by reference the California Existing Building Code; and adopting local amendments thereto, and making findings for same, and declaring the urgency thereof. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

(2) INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-994, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 50022.2, TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA

GREEN BUILDING CODE 2025 EDITION; TITLE 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXISTING BUILDING CODE; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; AND ADOPTING LOCAL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND MAKING FINDINGS FOR SAME

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to (1) waive the reading of Ordinance No. 26-994 and read by title only; (2) introduce Ordinance No. 26-994 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California, adopting by reference, pursuant to Government Code Section 50022.2, Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Building Code, incorporating by reference the California Building Code 2025 Edition; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Plumbing Code incorporating by reference the California Plumbing Code 2025 Edition; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Electrical Code, incorporating by reference the California Electrical Code 2025 Edition; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Mechanical Code, incorporating by reference the California Mechanical Code 2025 Edition; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Residential Code, incorporating by reference the California Residential Code 2025 Edition; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Green Building Standards Code, incorporating by reference the California Green Building Code 2025 Edition; Title 33 of the Los Angeles County Existing Building Code; incorporating by reference the California Existing Building Code; and adopting local amendments thereto, and making findings for same; and (3) setting the public hearing on Ordinance No. 26-994 for February 24, 2026, in accordance with Government Code Section 50022.3. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B-2    SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 10.10.080 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) OF CHAPTER 10.10 (RESIDENTIAL ZONES), ARTICLE 2 (ZONES, ALLOWABLE USES, AND DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN STANDARDS), TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE, IN ITS ENTIRELY, AND ADOPTING A REVISED SECTION 10.10.080 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS) TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW

Senior Planner Galvan provided a report regarding the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) standards and amending the City municipal code with updates to the City’s zoning provisions to conform with California State code.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, the City Council: (1) adopt Ordinance No. 26-992, entitled, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Puente, California, amending Title 10 (Zoning) of the La Puente

Municipal Code (“LPMC”) Chapter 10.10 to amend Accessory Dwelling Unit (“ADU”) Provisions to comply with State Law; and (2) approve and adopt the Notice of Exemption. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Quinones pulled Item D-2 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve Consent Calendar Items D-1 and D-3-D-5. 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. 26-5972

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 26-5972 approving Warrant Register No. 1608.

D-2 CONSIDERATION OF A STREET USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE AND LA PUENTE NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE FOR AN OPENING DAY PARADE

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

Council Member Quinones inquired if there was a fee requirement for the La Puente National Little League for the Opening Day Parade.

Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman clarified that at the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5970 approving a fee waiver for La Puente National Little League for their Annual La Puente National Little League Opening Day Parade.

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to (1) approve the Street Use Agreement between the City of La Puente and La Puente

National Little League; and (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- D-3 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-5697 AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR FULL-TIME POSITIONS TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5973, rescinding Resolution No. 26-5697 and approving authorized full-time positions and salary ranges.

- D-4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 CITY OF LA PUENTE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) adopted Resolution No. 26-5974 adopting the 2026 City of La Puente Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and (2) authorized City staff to forward the Resolution of adoption to FEMA for issuance of a Letter of Approval.

- D-5 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LA PUENTE PARK ACTIVITY CENTER BUILDING AT 501 GLENDORA AVENUE

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

- 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: Council Member Mendoza thanked all City Staff for hosting the LEADership Conference. Council Member Quinones spoke regarding the success of the LEADership Conference and Project LEAD expansion to 3 different school districts.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee attended the Rowland Unified School District meeting

and presented a check to the cheer program. He further reported discussions with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District superintendent for the joint use of the La Puente High School tennis courts.

Senior Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Mayor Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee is working with Staff regarding local City business spotlights on social media.

La Puente Activity Center Design Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Council Member Argudo inquired with City Attorney Altamirano regarding further discussion of the oral comment. City Attorney Altamirano recommended that staff compile the relevant factual information to support continued discussion and determine appropriate next steps.

Mayor Klinakis reported his attendance at the LEADership Conference and commended Staff for the event's success. He further reported Delhaven Community Center visited City Hall for a tour and thanked Staff for being gracious to the visitors.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF


City Manager Lindsey thanked Los Angeles County Sheriff Sergeant Moreno and Community Outreach Program Supervisor Torres for their work assisting residents in the City.


Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell commended P.R.O.S., public safety, school police, and the Sheriff's Department for working together to ensure the safety of students' protests.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. in memory of Dan Ayala.

Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Martha Torres, MPA, CMC  
City Clerk

  
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Charlie Klinakis  
Mayor/Chair