

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
MAY 26, 2026

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.lapuente.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, May 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (departed at 10:14 a.m.), Mendoza, Quinones (arrived at 9:38 a.m.).

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Senior Planner Juan Galvan, Management Assistant Cece Dunlap, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Klinakis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Martha thanked the City's Animal Control department for their support with cats.

Charlie Chavez submitted a written comment regarding a concern involving dry brush in the City. He also expressed his gratitude for the City's youth soccer program and recommended implementing online registration and providing incentives for volunteer coaches to enhance participation.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

City Attorney Altamirano informed the City Council that pursuant to Government Code 54954.2(b)(2), there were two agenda walk-on items for City Council's consideration to be added under New Business as Agenda Items E.3 and E.4. Agenda Item E.3 is titled as follows: Consideration of a Change Order with FEC Electric, Inc, for Additional Required Wire Installation at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard in the Amount of \$26,822. Agenda Item E.4 is titled as follows: Consideration of a Change Order with Towo Enterprise, Inc. for Additional Required Grading, Drain, and Flatwork at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard in the Amount of \$48,718. The City Council was also asked to consider hearing these items prior to Agenda Items E.1 and E.2.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Mendoza, to: (1) add Agenda Items E.3 and E.4 to the agenda per Government Code section 54954.2(b)(2), titled respectively, "Consideration of a Change Order with FEC Electric, Inc, for Additional Required Wire Installation at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard in the Amount of \$26,822" and "Consideration of a Change Order with Towo Enterprise, Inc. for Additional Required Grading, Drain, and Flatwork at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard in the Amount of \$48,718"; and (2) hear Agenda Items E.3 and E.4 prior to items E.1 and E.2. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A.1 READ AND APPROVE THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2026

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the revised Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of April 28, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A.2 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND BASSETT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2026, AND CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF MAY 12, 2026

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the La Puente City Council and Bassett

Unified School District Joint Special Meeting of April 14, 2026, and City Council and Successor Agency meeting of May 12, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B.1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 26-01 TO AMEND THE LAND USE AND HOUSING ELEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS 3A, 3B, AND 3C AND INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 26-01 TO TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE AND UPDATING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Senior Planner Galvan introduced the public hearing item and the consultant to further speak on the item.

Harris & Associates Director of Community Development and Housing, Dima Galkin, provided a presentation regarding the housing element general plan and zoning amendments

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 9:49 a.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

Mayor Klinakis inquired if the City Clerk's office received any written communication regarding the matter. Office Specialist Bustillos stated the office did not receive any written communication regarding the matter.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirements for increasing the affordable housing threshold component, the deadline of approval for the public hearing item, and funding for the plan.

City Attorney Altamirano recommended keeping the public hearing open and continuing the hearing to the next City Council meeting.

The City Council reached a consensus to continue the public hearing at the next City Council Meeting on June 9, 2026.

B.2 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 2561 LOCAL EMPLOYEES VACANT POSITIONS

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee presented a report on the item.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 10:04 a.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 10:04 a.m.

The City Council received and filed this report.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Argudo pulled item D.6 for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D.1 through D.5 and D.7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

D.1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 26-5989

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 26-5989 approving Warrant Register No. 1615.

D.2 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2026 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D.3 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2026 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D.4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5990 approving the City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

D.5 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO SELL "SAFE AND SANE" FIREWORKS IN THE CITY FOR 2026

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5991 designating the eligible entities authorized to sell "safe and sane" fireworks within the City.

D.6 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH PONCE STEEL FABRICATORS FOR ADDITIONAL FENCING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,930.00.

Council Member Argudo pulled this item for further discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding fencing additional areas, repairs resulting from an incident at the La Puente Dog Park, and related insurance matters.

The City Council reached a consensus to bring the item back for consideration at the next City Council meeting.

D.7 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS STREETS FY 2024-25

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the Project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion.

E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

At the request of Mayor Klinakis, Item E.2 was moved and heard before Items E.3, E.4, and E.1.

E.2 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO RESCIND RESOLUTIONS NO. 25-5938 AND 26-5983 AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME POSITIONS AND RATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, AND APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

Council Member Argudo commended the Director of Administrative Services Grunklee and City Manager Lindsey for their work on the budget.

Mayor Klinakis thanked City Council and Staff for working on the annual budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) approve the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget effective July 1, 2026; (2) direct the

City Manager to make any necessary changes to the recommended budget for incorporation into the final budget; (3) adopt Resolution No. 26-5992 adopting the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 annual budget; (4) adopt Resolution No. 26-5993 adopting the City's Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2026-2027 and establishing controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds; (5) adopt Resolutions No. 26-5994 and No. 26-5995 rescinding resolutions No. 25-5938 and No. 26-5983 amending the comprehensive personnel system and establishing authorized part-time and full-time positions and rates for City employees; and (6) approve the job description for the Community Outreach Program Supervisor. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E.3 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH FEC ELECTRIC, INC, FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIRED WIRE INSTALLATION AT LA PUENTE DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,822

City Attorney Altamirano introduced the change order with FEC Electric, Inc, for additional required wire installation at La Puente Dog Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz stated the change order would be funded through the grant that California Senator Bob Archuleta secured for the La Puente Dog Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) approve the change order with FEC Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$24,383 for stated improvements with an additional 10% (\$2,439) contingency totaling \$26,822 to be used at the City Manager's discretion at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E.4 CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE ORDER WITH TOWO ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIRED GRADING, DRAIN, AND FLATWORK AT LA PUENTE DOG PARK AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,718

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, seconded by Council Member Argudo, that the City Council: (1) approve the change order with TOWO Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$48,718 for the improvements, which includes an additional 10% (\$4,428.88) contingency to be used at the City Manager's discretion at La Puente Dog Park at 16550 Old Valley Boulevard. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

E.1 PRESENTATION OF APRIL 2026 BUDGET REPORT

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the April 2026 budget.

Mayor Klinakis thanked Staff for the report and restated building fees were down 40%.

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 Klinakis reported that the ad hoc committee met with approximately 40–50 senior residents from the City. He thanked the attendees for their participation and engagement during the meeting.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Nothing to report.

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

AB 1234 REPORTS

Mayor Klinakis reported his attendance at the California Contract Cities Association 2026 conference and thanked Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman and Director of Development Services Tellez for their attendance.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis thanked everyone for their attendance at the City Council meeting.

Council Member Quinones congratulated all graduates from local schools and noted that the City recognized Dr. Harrison, a local veteran, during the graduation ceremony at La Puente High School.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey thanked City Council for their work.

Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Alexander Bauman announced events taking place in the City, including: Brunch by the Bridge Pride Resource Fair on June 7, 2026; Special Olympic Athletes competing at the Summer games; Movies in the Park beginning June 8, 2026, Concerts in the Park beginning June 10, 2026; the 3rd of July event; and National Night Out.

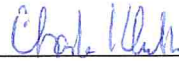
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting in memory of Hilda Holloway at 10:23 a.m.

Approved this 9th day of June, 2026.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair