

MINUTES  
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
APRIL 28, 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.lapuate.org](http://www.lapuate.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, April 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present:           Klinakis, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent:           Munoz.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

La Puente Valley County Water District General Manager Roy Frausto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by La Puente Valley County Water District

La Puente Valley County Water District General Manager Roy Frausto provided a presentation update regarding local groundwater supply, the golden mussel, status on the Main Basin, and on AB 1572 Non-Functional Turf compliance.

2. Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Management Analyst Natalie Romo presented an Employee Service Award to Community Outreach Service Coordinator Brian Torres of the La Puente Programs, Re-Employment, and Outreach Services (P.R.O.S.) Team for his five years of service with the City of La Puente. Karla S. Caceres, on behalf of Senator Bob Archuleta, also provided a certificate

of recognition to Community Outreach Service Coordinator Torres. Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell recognized the valuable contributions and dedicated service of Community Outreach Service Coordinator Torres over the past five years. The City Council also expressed its appreciation to Mr. Torres for his continued hard work and commitment to serving the City and its residents.

Management Analyst Natalie Romo presented an Employee Service Award to Senior Maintenance Worker Pascual Beltran for his five years of service with the City of La Puente. Karla S. Caceres, on behalf of Senator Bob Archuleta, also provided certificate of recognition to Senior Maintenance Worker Beltran. Maintenance Superintendent Ricardo Carrillo and Director of Administrative Services Grunklee acknowledged Mr. Beltran's contributions to the City, and the City Council thanked him for his dedicated service.

3. Presentation of Commendation to Deputy Steven Aleman

Community Outreach Service Coordinator Brian Torres presented a certificate of recognition to Deputy Steven Aleman for his professionalism, sound judgment, and assistance in a collaborative de-escalation effort with the P.R.O.S. Team. Karla S. Caceres, on behalf of Senator Bob Archuleta, also provided a certificate of recognition for Deputy Aleman's continued service to the City. Deputy Aleman thanked Sergeant Moreno, the P.R.O.S. Team, and the City for the recognition. Mayor Klinakis thanked Deputy Aleman for his dedicated service.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Maricela Valles submitted a written comment expressing concerns regarding a code enforcement matter within the City.

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 MARCH 24, 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 March 24, 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 – 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-7. 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. 26-5984

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 26-5984 approving Warrant Register No. 1613.

D.2 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2026 INVESTMENT REPORT

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

D.3 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2026 REQUISITION SUMMARY REPORT

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

D.4 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A UNIFORM POLICY

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5985 adopting the Uniform Policy.

D.5 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDL COREN & CONE FOR PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the second amendment to the professional services agreement with HdL, Coren & Cone; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

D.6 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE LARGE SPECIES AND MATURE MAJESTIC ASH TREES FOR THE LA PUENTE DOG PARK

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved a purchase order contract in the amount of \$38,037.50 with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for the purchase of five (5) mature Majestic

Ash trees; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City, all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

D.7 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

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

E.1 PRESENTATION OF MARCH 2026 BUDGET REPORT

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

Mayor Klinakis thanked Director Grunklee for the monthly budget updates.

E.2 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING EXTENSION OF FUNDS USAGE FOR THE DENTAL/OPTICAL (DOC) PLAN

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee provided a report regarding the extension of funds usage for the Dental/Optical (DOC) Plan.

Mayor Klinakis inquired whether the funds had been budgeted for.

Director of Administrative Services Grunklee stated the funds were budgeted as part of the MOU approval process.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Council Member Quinones, to approve the six-month extension for the additional \$500 of funds usage for the Dental/Optical (DOC) Plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Council Member Argudo spoke regarding a house fire incident that happened within the City and recognized the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and City Staff for their quick and swift response. He further thanked local restaurants, organizations, and P.R.O.S. team for their contributions to the incident.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief William Gamble provided an update regarding a victim of the fire, commended the City for their aid, and stated 25 local high school students recently graduated from the Public Safety Pathway program.

Mayor Klinakis recognized members from the La Puente Woman's Club and Planning Commissioner Marty Paz for their attendance at the meeting and stated he previously spoke with the Fire Department in regard to the new rezoning area of high fire hazard within the City. He thanked all participants who aided in the house fire incident.

#### ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF


Chief/Director of Public Safety Buckwell thanked the City Council for their assistance and support regarding the house fire incident.


Acting City Manager/Director of Community Services Bauman provided an update of events happening in the City: Summer Movies in the Park will begin June 8, 2026; Concerts in the Park will begin June 10, 2026; Cinco de Mayo Fiesta would take place on May 2, 2026, at La Puente Park; T-ball League began; soccer registration would take place next month; and girls flag football would be starting soon.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Martha Torres, MPA, CMC  
City Clerk

  
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Charlie Klinakis  
Mayor/Chair