

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 2013

Mayor Hwangbo called the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Council Member Charoen being absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Conduct interviews for the Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB), Development Committee, and Traffic Safety Committee

The City Council interviewed the following applicant for the Development Committee:

Ismile Noorbaksh

Due to break in the interview schedule, Mayor Hwangbo moved Agenda Item 3 up for discussion.

3. Council Member Request: Discuss Council Policy 10 Relating to City Council Appointed Committees

Mayor Hwangbo gave a brief report.

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment process

Mayor Hwangbo made a motion to direct Staff to modify Council Policy 10 to provide for a policy wherein each Council Member makes an appointment to the committee for a two year term. Current appointments would be made so that the policy would go into effect at the end of current terms and to coincide with the election cycle.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim.

Council Member Goedhart commented his opposition to the proposal and that he believed the process was fine as it currently is.

The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Hwangbo, Council Member Kim,  
and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan

NOES: Council Member Goedhart

ABSENT: Council Member Charoen

1. Conduct interviews for the Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB), Development Committee, and Traffic Safety Committee

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Traffic Safety Committee:

John Alvis and Richard Lutz

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Community Activities and Beautification Committee:

Sally Alvis, Nitesh Patel, and William Stecher

Council Member Charoen joined the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The City Council interviewed the following applicant for the Community Activities and Beautification Committee:

Patricia Craig

Mayor Hwangbo called for a short recess at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Hwangbo reconvened the meeting at 8:38 p.m. with all members present.

The City Council interviewed the following applicant for the Traffic Safety Committee:

Rodi Almendralo

The City Council interviewed the following applicant for the Development Committee:

Sue Chang

Mayor Hwangbo called for a short recess at 9:04 p.m.

Mayor Hwangbo reconvened the meeting at 9:06 p.m. with all members present.

2. Discuss appointments to the Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB), Development Committee, and Traffic Safety Committee

The City Council discussed whom to appoint to the CAB, Development Committee, and Traffic Safety Committee and directed staff to bring the item forward at the March 5, 2013, Regular Meeting of the City Council with the following appointments:

- Sally Alvis, Patricia Craig, Nitesh Patel, and William Stecher to the Community Activities and Beautification Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2016
- John Alvis, Rodi Almendralo, and Richard Lutz to the Traffic Safety Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2016

Because at the January 3, 2013, deadline, there were not enough applicants to fill the current vacancies on the Development Committee; the City Council directed staff to postpone appointments to the Development Committee until after the second filing deadline of February 28. Should there be no further applicants, by majority consensus the City Council directed staff to bring the item forward at the March 19, 2013, Regular Meeting of the City Council with the following appointments:

- Sue Chang, Y. Henry Huang, and Ismile Noorbaksh to the Development Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan made a motion to reconsider Agenda Item 3 regarding Council Policy 10 Relating to City Council Appointed Committees

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Charoen, Council Member Goedhart, Mayor Hwangbo, Council Member Kim, and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan

NOES: None

3. Council Member Request: Discuss Council Policy 10 Relating to City Council Appointed Committees

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment process

Mayor Hwangbo made a motion to direct Staff to modify Council Policy 10 to revert the appointment process to provide for a Council Sub-Committee to interview proposed candidates.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Charoen, , Mayor Hwangbo, Council Member Kim, and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan

NOES: Council Member Goedhart

4. Council Member Request: Discuss Scheduling of Special Meetings and Closed Sessions

Mayor Hwangbo gave a brief report.

Discussion ensued regarding each Council Members' preference for the scheduling of Special Meetings and Closed Sessions.

By consensus, the City Council directed Staff to make every effort to accommodate the schedules of every Council Member unless a specific Council Member indicates that it is alright if the remainder of the City Council meets without them.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hwangbo adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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Steve Hwangbo  
Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, CMC  
City Clerk