

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 11, 2013

Mayor Hwangbo called the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2013, in the Council Chambers, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hwangbo

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager
Michael Belknap, Recreation and Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director
Eric Nunez, Police Chief
Michael Solorza, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council to congratulate Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan on the birth of his daughter.

REGULAR ITEM

1. FY 2013-14 Budget Study Session and Presentation of Staff Plan for a Balanced Budget

- a) Receive the Staff presentation on a two year budget plan (FY 2013-14 preliminary General Fund budget and estimated FY 2014-15 General Fund budget)

City Manager Volmert gave a brief introduction of the item and the meeting format and Finance Director Solorza gave a brief report.

- b) Provide direction on the Staff plan prior to the development of a draft FY 2013-14 budget to be presented to the City Council on May 7, 2013.

In general, the City Council supported Staff's recommended citywide reductions, with the exception of employee furloughs; supported Staff's recommended reductions to the Administration, Community Development, Finance, Police, and Public Works Departments.

The Mayor called for a short recess at 8:46 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m. with all members present.

In general, the City Council supported Staff's recommended reductions to the Recreation Department, with the exception of the elimination of the Fit N Fun program.

The City Council provided further direction as to Staff's proposals for the one-time use of reserves approving the following concepts: a transfer to the Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) fund in 2014-15; investigating energy savings projects; funding the 800MHz communications system over 2013-14 and 2014-15; and conducting a citizen survey.

Public Comment:

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council in support of reassessing the organization from top to bottom; to voice concerns about using sales tax monies from Tesoro; in favor of the parking enforcement pilot; against any reduction in Public Works employees; against eliminating Fit N Fun, the Fitness Run for Fun, or La Palma Days; in favor of going out to bid for City Attorney services; and to state that employees are the City's most important asset and they should be treated appropriately.

The City Council provided further direction that the City Council would support a one-time use of reserves to close the gap created by the

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elimination of certain items in the Staff proposal—specifically Fit N Fun at \$53,000 and furloughs at \$184,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hwangbo adjourned the Special Meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Steve Hwangbo
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk