

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 19, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hwangbo called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan

INVOCATION: Council Member Charoen

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council Members present: Council/Commission Member Charoen, Council/Commission Member Goedhart, Mayor/Chairperson Hwangbo, Council/Commission Member Kim, and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Shanahan

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager/Executive Director  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director  
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director  
Don Pruyn, Interim Finance Director  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk  
James Engen, Police Captain

PRESENTATIONS

None Scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:02 P.M.

Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk Murray stated, "The City Council will now recess and convene as the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission of the City La Palma, and then recess and convene as the Planning Commission. Members of the La Palma City Council receive no compensation or stipend as a result of convening or participating in either the Successor Agency or Planning Commission meetings, or otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency or Planning Commission."

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the November 5, 2013, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

B. Successor Agency 1st Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2013-14, as of September 30, 2013

Receive and file the report.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Charoen 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:03 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the November 5, 2013, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

Vice Chairperson Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

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

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Goedhart, Chairperson Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, and Vice Chairperson Shanahan

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY  
COUNCIL AT 7:04 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances

Waive the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Minutes of the November 5, 2013, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2013-50 approving the Register of Demands for November 19, 2013.

4. City of La Palma 1st Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2013-14, as of September 30, 2013

Receive and file the report.

Council Member Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar 1 through 4.

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

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma Repealing Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Article 1 of Chapter 7, of the La Palma City Code, and Adding Thereto New Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Chapter 7, Adopting By Reference the 2013 Editions of the California Administrative, Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Residential, Energy, Green Building Standards, Referenced Standards Codes, and the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code With Certain Amendments, Additions, Deletions, and Exceptions Thereto

a) Mayor Hwangbo opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report

c) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

d) Mayor Hwangbo closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

e) Council Comments and Questions

None.

- f) Adopt Ordinance No. 2013-04 of the City Council of the City of La Palma Repealing Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Article 1 of Chapter 7, of the La Palma City Code, and Adding Thereto New Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Chapter 7, Adopting By Reference the 2013 Editions of the California Administrative, Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Residential, Energy, Green Building Standards, Referenced Standards Codes, and the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code With Certain Amendments, Additions, Deletions, and Exceptions Thereto.

Council Member Charoen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-04 of the City Council of the City of La Palma Repealing Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Article 1 of Chapter 7, of the La Palma City Code, and Adding Thereto New Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Chapter 7, Adopting By Reference the 2013 Editions of the California Administrative, Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Residential, Energy, Green Building Standards, Referenced Standards Codes, and the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code With Certain Amendments, Additions, Deletions, and Exceptions Thereto.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan 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

6. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma Repealing Article 1 of Chapter 9 of the La Palma City Code, and Adding Thereto a New Article 1 of Chapter 9 Adopting by Reference the 2013 Edition of the California Fire Code with Appendices and Amendments Thereto

- a) Mayor Hwangbo opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- d) Mayor Hwangbo closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
- e) Council Comments and Questions  
  
None.
- f) Adopt Ordinance No. 2013-05 of the City Council of the City of La Palma repealing Article 1 of Chapter 9 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto a new Article 1 of Chapter 9 adopting by reference the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto.

Mayor Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-05 of the City Council of the City of La Palma repealing Article 1 of Chapter 9 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto a new Article 1 of Chapter 9 adopting by reference the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto.

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

## REGULAR ITEMS

- 7. Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma Amending and Recodifying, and Adopting by Reference, the La Palma City Code (2013 Edition) as the Code of Ordinances for the City of La Palma

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

- a) Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma amending and recodifying, and adopting by reference, the La Palma City Code (2013 Edition) as the Code of Ordinances for the City of La Palma; and
- b) Set a Public Hearing on the matter for December 3, 2013.

Council Member Kim made a motion to introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma amending and recodifying, and adopting by reference, the La Palma City Code (2013 Edition) as the Code of

Ordinances for the City of La Palma; and to set a Public Hearing on the matter for December 3, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan 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

8. Mid-Year Goal Review Follow Up - Schools

City Manager Volmert gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the need for data regarding the students affected within the City; the affect of school districts on property values north of Houston Avenue; and the necessity of La Palma students being able to attend La Palma schools.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to receive and file the report.

9. Mid-Year Goal Review Follow Up - Police Operations Study

City Manager Volmert gave the Staff report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding details of the Scope of Work; that the Request for Proposal (RFP) would include scenarios both with current tax assumptions for revenue and with alternative assumptions such as the loss of a major taxpayer; that City Management consistently evaluates efficiencies City-Wide; whether the Police Chief is able to conduct the Police Department Operations Study; the significant amount of work entailed in the study; that Council Member Goedhart is opposed to the item as it was not budgeted and that the City has Police Department Staff that could conduct their own review; and the importance of having an unbiased, experienced agency from outside of La Palma to conduct the study.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan made a motion to authorize Staff to proceed with a request for proposal for a Police Department operations Study. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible opposition to conduct the study after the RFP is completed; having the outside consultants present the importance of conducting an operational study; the amount of Staff time involved in the RFP process; the timeline for completion; and opposition to using an outside consultant to conduct the operational review. Council Member Goedhart restated his opposition to the study.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: Council Member Goedhart

COUNCILMEMBER AB1234 REPORTS, REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED  
COMMITTEES, AND COUNCIL REMARKS

**Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan** attended the Americana Awards kick-off event and announced the upcoming Americana Awards event on February 22, 2014, with Ralph and Diana Rodriguez being the City's honorees. He closed by asking when the City Council would approve the Americana Awards Table Sponsorship.

Administrative Services Manager Murray responded that the Americana Awards participation is scheduled to be on the upcoming December 17, 2013, City Council agenda.

**Council Member Kim** attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) special meeting; the La Palma Days parade; the OCSD Administrative Committee meeting; the Seal Beach State of the City Address; and the Association of California Cities - Orange County (ACC-OC) business meeting.

**Council Member Goedhart** requested a brief overview of the upcoming General Plan scoping meeting.

Community Development Director Dumhart gave a report of the upcoming General Plan scoping meeting.

Council Member Goedhart noted his opposition to the start time of the General Plan scoping meeting and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

**Council Member Charoen** had nothing to report.

**Mayor Hwangbo** attended the La Palma Days parade; the concert at John F. Kennedy High School Performing Arts Center; the Americana Awards kick-off event; the Seal



Beach State of the City Address; Fay Sakai's 100th birthday celebration; the La Palma Dialysis Training Institute graduation event; and wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. He closed by stating that he would be placing an item on the next Agenda seeking support from the City Council to send letters to state legislators to encourage adding the defined contribution option to the CalPERS program.

#### CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Volmert** announced that the 2014 City Council Goal Setting Session is tentatively planned for January 7, 2014, in place of a regularly scheduled City Council meeting due to a light agenda and that she had attended the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) meeting regarding district alternatives.

#### CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** reported on Senate Bill 751 requiring that all votes for agenda items be publicly recorded, effective January 1, 2014.

#### CLOSED SESSION

##### CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957

Position Title: City Manager

Mayor Hwangbo recessed to Closed Session at 8:14 p.m.

#### OPEN SESSION

Mayor Hwangbo reconvened in Open Session at 8:30 p.m. and announced that there were no reportable actions from the Closed Session.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hwangbo adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:31 p.m.

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Steve Hwangbo  
Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, CMC  
City Clerk