

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2015

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart

INVOCATION: Dr. Paul Kim, United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council/Commission Members absent: Council/Commission Member Hwangbo

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
James Tsumura, Water Supervisor
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Kim announced that due to a scheduling conflict, the presentation has been tabled to an upcoming City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Stacy Leach, a La Palma Buena Park resident, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to the proposed elimination of the Fit 'N' Fun program; support for the healthy impacts of the program and the healthy impact of the program; that the City Council look at all financial options before eliminating Fit 'N' Fun; support for paying a fee for the program; and that many parents would willingly donate money to keep the program in place.

Mayor Kim responded that Centralia School District Superintendent Scheerhorn previously discussed cost sharing options to keep the program and asked Staff for an update.

City Manager Volmert reported that Staff has not yet met with the school districts; however, a private party has come forward to discuss sponsorship. She closed by noting that Staff is reviewing options.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his concern for a drone that was flying in his neighborhood; his safety and privacy concerns; whether the City has received complaints about drones; and how the City plans to address drone issues.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that there is not much a resident can do except to file civil action if there is any property damage caused by the drone; that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controls the regulations for drones; that the City cannot place or add to the FAA regulations; that the City cannot prevent drones from flying in the City; and that FAA regulations may change in the future as the use of drones evolves.

Chief Nunez responded that the City has not received any complaints regarding the use of drones; that there have been similar concerns with the use of remote control model airplanes; that there is State legislation being reviewed right now pertaining to law enforcement agency use of drones; that real estate agencies already use drones; and that he would report back to the City Council after investigating the matter further.

Council Member Shanahan inquired about the expectation of privacy with the use of drones.

City Attorney Kuperberg noted that there is an expectation of privacy that is not well defined; that there are limitations to how drones can be used; that law enforcement can act if there are any direct public safety concerns; and that general photographs taken from the air are allowed, but that there is no right to invade personal space. He closed by commenting that without conducting detailed research, he would not be able to respond further to the questions of privacy in relation to drones.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:17 P.M.

Administrative Services Director/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

Council Member Shanahan stated that he would be abstaining from the vote for all sets of meeting minutes due to his absence on May 19, 2015.

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the May 19, 2015, Regular Meeting of the City of La Palma as Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo
ABSTAINED:	Council Member Shanahan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

RECESS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING
COMMISSION AT 7:18 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the May 19, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

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

AYES:	Vice Chairperson Goedhart, Chairperson Kim, and Commission Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Commission Member Hwangbo
ABSTAINED:	Commission Member Shanahan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL
AT 7:19 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.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2015-21 approving the Register of Demands for May 19, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 1 and 3.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Council Member Shanahan requested to have the Item pulled from the Consent Calendar to note that since he was not present at that meeting, he would be abstaining from the vote.

Minutes of the May 19, 2015, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 2.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo
ABSTAINED:	Council Member Shanahan

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

4. Consideration of Business Survey Questions - City Council Goal #10

Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding understanding the need for the survey with the removal of unnecessary and unclear questions - questions 12 and 13; and that question 15 should read, "Do you have any suggestions to help the City of La Palma serve your business better?"

Approve the Business Survey Questions to be distributed to all La Palma based businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve the Business Survey Questionnaire to include the removal of questions 12 and 13; and that question 15 read, "Do you have any suggestions to help the City of La Palma serve your business better?"

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

5. Create and Appropriate Funds for a Water Conservation Rebate Program and Provide Direction on Water Conservation Items

Community Services Director Belknap introduced the item and Water Supervisor Tsumura gave the Staff Report.

Public Input:

Jim Johnson, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the use of a State rebate for artificial turf installation; that the State has halted the rebate program because of the numerous applications and lack of funding; and where the funding is going to come from for the demonstration garden with the City's current financial issues.

Community Services Director Belknap concurred that State rebates were halted on April 1, but that the Metropolitan Water District (MET) has renewed their rebate program; that public agency rebates are still available; that this request is to give direction to Staff to move forward with the project and issue Request for Proposals (RFP's); that the demonstration garden would be a capital project from the Water Fund; that the pool cover rebates would come from the Operating Water Transmission Fund; and that these water conservation projects would be funded by the City's Enterprise funds not be paid from the General Fund.

John Alvis, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding inadequate pool covers from retailers for custom pools like his; that pool covers trap dirt and grow mold; unsure of residents' response to mandating pool covers; and whether there is another solution to reducing evaporation besides using pool covers.

Community Services Belknap responded that Staff is planning a water conservation fair so vendors could speak with La Palma water customers on what other solutions are available.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the difficulty of implementing the pool cover directive; that if the City doesn't meet the water reduction mandate, it is subject to paying fines; and how the City plans to address water conservation enforcement.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that enforcement begins at the department level, and then progresses on to code enforcement; that pool covers are difficult to enforce because of pool locations being in private yards; that Staff is expecting community cooperation; that Staff is working with the public, advertising water conservation in an awareness campaign; and that the new computerized water program only allows Staff to see if there is a significant increase in water consumption or a leak, but would be difficult to determine if someone was violating a pool filling mandate.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the cost for the City Hall artificial turf and demonstration garden; where the garden would be located; how much the City would save in water costs with artificial turf; questioned the installation of the demonstration garden; and requested clarification regarding the size of and purchase location of the rain barrels described in the Staff report that qualify for a \$75 rebate.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that the City Hall artificial turf project would be approximately \$50,000 and \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the demonstration garden; that the demonstration garden could be located in the area in front of the City Hall monument sign; and that he could not give a definitive dollar amount for water savings with the artificial turf, but noted a significant reduction in use.

Water Supervisor Tsumura responded that the water barrels seem to be approximately 55 gallons and can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

- a) Create and appropriate funds for a Water Conservation Rebate Program;

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the confusion with whether pool covers are mandated; that refilling for maintenance purposes is not allowed without a pool cover implied that pool covers are mandated; that research conducted for the report showed that most agencies considered 'refilling' to be connected with existing pools, and 'filling' in connection with new pools; that the Water Conservation Ordinance needs to clearly define whether pool covers are mandated; ; that a foot of water in an average pool equals 3,000 gallons of water; that the average pool is 500 square feet; that an average person uses 88 gallons of water per day; that MET research showed that residents only used their pool covers about 40% of the time; that there is a cost consideration because of the cover's replacement factor and how the City is going to address that; that most agencies that had rebates for pool covers only allowed the rebate one time or once per year; that if the City cannot meet the State mandated 20% water reduction, it will be subject to fines which will eventually be passed to the taxpayer; that there are antifungal and anti-mold pool covers available; support for a pool cover rebate because of the water savings; support to mandate pool covers; that the pool cover rebate as proposed would be fully funded by the City's water fund; that if the rebate monies are used before the rebate time frame ends, Staff would return with a request for more funds; that the City is not in a position to offer rebates under the current financial status; that new pools will still be allowed to be built, but would require a pool cover; that Stage III Water declaration would not allow filling or refilling of pools whatsoever; that there are monies in the Water Funds, but there is not adequate funding in the Water Fund; that both Water Operating and Capital Funds need to be addressed in the upcoming water rate study; that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart requested that City water reduction monitoring reports be on the agenda as a regular item; his support for optional pool covers at Stage II; that Staff continue to educate the public; his opposition to a City funded rebate at this time unless the water mandates become more stringent and then the City Council could reevaluate the rebate program; that participating in a pool cover program at any level would help reduce water usage; that true water reduction savings depends on participation levels; that approximately 15-20% of the homes in La Palma have pools; that based on a true level of participation, pool covers should not be mandated; Mayor Kim's support for a one-time pool cover rebate if it were to go into effect, but that homeowners should take responsibility for their

pools; and that 100% participation from pool owners would cause a significant reduction in water use.

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the numerous pending questions; that Staff needs to do more research and report back to the City Council;; that the City should start with education; and that the ordinance is not very clear at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to direct staff to place the monthly Water reports being transferred to the State on City Council Agendas to monitor the City's reduction; that the use of pool covers be optional and their use be encouraged while public education is conducted; and that further research be conducted and water reduction reviewed and if the results are not favorable, the City Council will then consider issuing pool cover rebates.

- b) Provide direction on pursuing design and construction of a drought tolerant demonstration garden and lawn at City Hall; and

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the \$50,000 for the demonstration garden project includes the \$16,000 rebate from MET and that it will be paid from the Water Fund; that the MET rebate was \$2 per square foot for public agencies; that the entire project is approximately \$75,000; that MET's rebates come from wholesale water sales; and whether the State would also issue rebates or provide some funding sources if it went to a Stage III Water Alert.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that the MET rebates have been funded by water revenue collected from its member agencies; and the State has allocated a certain amount of funding for rebates, but none of those monies have been filtered down to the agencies yet.

Further discussion ensued regarding opposition to not getting at least a 50% rebate against the \$75,000 cost for the demonstration garden; that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart recommended letting the grass die in front of City Hall in an effort to reduce water usage to show the public that the City is taking water reduction seriously and set an example; that previous experience with other agencies' demonstration gardens not being positive; opposition to spending \$50,000 to \$60,000 on this project; that after the grass dies, the City could research what options are available at that time; that with this project, there will not be a 'large' reduction in water usage; that the value of this project is not in the amount of water saved, but that the City is setting an example of artificial turf implementation and drought tolerant gardens, sending the water conservation education

message to the public; ; that there are operational issues involved in letting the lawn die due to planned City events; that the City is adhering to the two day a week watering schedule; and that the City would not take action after the lawn is dead except to wait for Council direction or rainfall because the grass would eventually grow back.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to direct staff to stop watering the front lawn at City Hall, let the grass die, and conduct further research to get a grant to fully fund artificial turf installation at City Hall.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding support for not watering the lawn at City Hall, but relayed concerns for how the trees get watered. He also noted that dead seasonal grass does eventually regrow after rainfall.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	Council Member Shanahan
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart noted concerns for still watering the Edison Right-of-Way; that the City needs to change its thought process on watering that area; and that he is not opposed to having dead grass in passive areas.

Mayor Kim requested to take a short recess at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Kim reconvened the City Council at 8:28 p.m. with Council Member Hwangbo being absent.

- c) Provide direction on amendment of City Ordinance Chapter 42, Article VII Conservation and Water Management.

Discussion ensued regarding Staff reviewing the Water Ordinance to ensure its clarity to the public; that Staff needs to simplify the language regarding the filling/refilling of swimming pools; ensure that enforcement can be accomplished when adopting mandates; that direction is clear to Staff to bring the matter back to City Council with the recommendations; and that the monthly Water Reports will start in July, 2015.

RECONVENE THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A JOINT MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:31 P.M.

REGULAR ITEMS

6. Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

City Manager Volmert gave an overview of the Budget process and noted changes in the Budget document, improving transparency.

Administrative Services Director Murray gave the Staff Report.

Receive the Staff presentation on the Proposed FY 2015-16 Budget and provide direction for any changes to be made for the June 16 Public Hearing.

Public Comment:

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding support for the new budget format; reported on the recent audit in Los Angeles; questioned accountability for overtime; that the Police Department has the highest overtime budgeted at over \$400,000 in the next fiscal year; that City Management needs to be more rigid and educated on how to deal with overtime to keep a minimum impact to the budget; and addressing how certain members of Police Department staff have received over 40% of their annual salary in overtime.

City Manager Volmert commented that there are provisions in each labor group's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on how overtime is approved; that distinctions in types of overtime is currently being clarified with the new financial system; details on the definition of 'hours worked' and how that affects overtime; and that upcoming labor negotiations will address some of these concerns.

Administration Services Director Murray also noted that overtime has to be preapproved and justified by department heads; that the new financial software payroll system will allow for better overtime tracking and clarification; and that the budgeting for next fiscal year will have a better reflection of overtime and better tracking system.

Police Chief Nuñez responded on the clarification of the overtime approval process in the Police Department; that there are 13 categories in which and individual can earn overtime pay; reporting on what caused the overtime; that 22% of the department's current overtime is due to open shifts and lack of staffing; and that the 13 categories and connected reporting reflect the department's accountability and detail for its overtime.

Council Comments and questions:

Discussion ensued regarding City Council's previous overtime concerns being addressed by the current measures and reforms taken by the Police Department; that the procurement of new business licensing software revealed a number of noncompliant businesses over the past couple of years; that there is a one-time business license revenue increase caused by correcting these delinquent accounts; that a current business has changed its model resulting in a decrease of business license revenue; that Staff used more conservative numbers in the business license revenue projections; that business licenses are showing a growth trend; that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart requested another review of personnel operations - to conduct an analysis of essential personnel; the need to exhaust reductions in the Operating Budget; a suggestion to have all contractors take a 5% reduction since the entire Management Staff has taken a 5% reduction; that Staff will need to review each individual contract to look for provisions that can be amended; that the City's animal care provider, SEAACA, and sales tax consultant, HdL, did not support taking a 5% cost reduction; that the City Attorney agreed to the reduction because of his and his firm's long standing relationship with the City; the possibility of shared service agreements to get lower prices; that Staff needs direction on whether the Council will allow the use of General Fund balance excess to cover the FY 2015-16 deficit; that Staff needs direction on approving the additional reductions of \$143,500 as recommended by Staff; and whether the City Council should make a formal motion for each recommendation.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the \$143,500 in reductions as recommended by Staff.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his concern for the elimination of Police Department Reserves; and that controls need to be in place to ensure that by contracting out services, services will be rendered.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

Further discussion ensued on how to deal with the additional \$122,100 recommended reductions to close the budget deficit gap; that most of the identified cuts are deferred projects that do not address the increasing deficit issue over the

next few years; overall support for reductions; that most of the identified cuts are for projects in the Facilities Plan that can be deferred; that all items on the list are funded by the General Fund and should be reviewed; opposition to eliminating the Police Department Reserve program; that *The Source* can be printed bimonthly with timely information being distributed electronically; and that the City Council prefers to be more transparent and issue formal votes for each recommended cut.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to reduce *The Source* printing cost to \$2,850 with the understanding that the issues will be delivered bimonthly.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding the elimination of the Blue Print Copier maintenance; that the City purchased the used copier and associated cost is in the maintenance of that machine; that Staff use of the copier is nominal and could easily outsource blueprint production; and that the cost of outsourcing is minimal.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to eliminate the Blue Print Copier maintenance.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding reducing the Neighborhood Watch awards banquet from a dinner to dessert; that this is similar to what has been done to the Volunteer Recognition event; that the original budget for the event was \$3,000; that Staff recommending saving \$1,500 by changing the event to a dessert; the importance of Neighborhood Watch; and support for recognizing their volunteer efforts.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve revising the Neighborhood Watch Banquet to a dessert event.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding the elimination of a labor relations educational forum; that almost all administrative training has been eliminated; that labor law changes frequently and that keeping Staff updated is important; that this is a two-day local conference with no lodging required; and opposition to eliminating the training.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to not eliminate the labor relations educational forum. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to eliminate the labor relations educational forum.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns to keep the training in the budget; that the training usually covers current labor laws updates and different labor processes; that Administration has cut every other training; and that the City has retained training with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore that could be used as an alternative.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding deferring refinishing the Recreation Department cabinets; and that the cabinets have worn well and do not need refinishing at this time.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to defer refinishing the Recreation Department cabinets.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding deferring the purchase of City Yard furniture; that this was originally part of the Capital Improvement Program City yard modernization and remodel project; that the existing furniture is 20 to 40 years old, consists of hand-me-downs, or has been purchased by employees; that this was originally budgeted from the City's maintenance fund; support to bring the estimate lower; and that the project is only in the design phase.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to not defer purchasing City Yard furniture as part of the City Yard modernization project, but to move it into the CIP as part of the project.

Discussion ensued regarding deferring Police Department locker room air conditioning units; that the units run 24 hours a day; that Staff is trying to extend the life of all City equipment; and that Staff is confident that the project can be deferred.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to defer the Police Department locker room air conditioning units.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding eliminating the City's 60th anniversary celebration; that no decision has been made regarding a celebration memento and that the budget item is only a placeholder; and that Staff can commemorate the anniversary through the *Mosaic* and other City informational pieces.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to eliminate the placeholder to commemorate the City's 60th anniversary.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding deferring tennis court fencing and screening; that the fencing is about 15 years old which is its life expectancy; that the screening replacement is pointless if the fence does not get replaced at the same time; and that Staff supports deferring this project because the fencing is currently in good shape.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to defer tennis court fencing and screening.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to defer Central Park restroom painting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Mayor Pro Tem opposing the deferring of restroom painting; that Staff can do the minor painting; that Staff can defer this because it can be added to another painting project; and that the painting will be done as needed.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Discussion ensued regarding deferring the replacement of basketball rims; and that Staff believes they can get another year of use out of the current rims so the project can be deferred.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to defer the replacement of basketball rims.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

Closing discussion ensued regarding all approved reductions as agreed upon resulting in savings with a smaller deficit gap; whether the City Council wants to use General Fund excess to cover the deficit; and that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart urged Staff to take every effort to review the organization to evaluate any further personnel reductions in an effort to reduce operations; that due to scheduling conflicts, the City Council may not have the results of a personnel evaluation by the next meeting; that he would not approve the FY 2015-16 budget until an essential personnel review is conducted and completed; that Staff would do the research and how the reduction(s) would impact service levels; that Council Member Shanahan relayed concerns that Staff found an additional \$50,000 in reductions from the Budget presented tonight that could have been used to save programs such as Fit 'N' Fun or La Palma Days; that the City Council originally directed Staff to find large savings instead of small ticket items; that Staff focused on ongoing savings; that cutting individual items still result in savings; that the elimination of Fit 'N' Fun and La Palma are ongoing savings and the reductions presented tonight are one-time savings or deferrals; that Mayor Kim agreed to conduct a personnel review and opposes using General Fund excess to cover the deficit until the review is concluded; that Council Member Steggell supports the same position and concurred; that Council Member Shanahan noted that outside of personnel, there are no additional cuts to be made; that all non-personnel cuts

are the ones that have been identified; that using General Fund excess to cover the deficit is not supported in lieu of the gap increase in subsequent years; that if the personnel review is not done by the June 16 City Council meeting, the budget could possibly not be adopted and a special meeting would need to be scheduled by June 30; and that the Citizen Committee on La Palma's Sustainability and Future would need to see the results of an essential personnel evaluation to know that Staff has completed its review and can move forward with their recommendations.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to direct staff to conduct an essential personnel evaluation and delay the approval of the FY 2015-16 budget until the review is conducted and completed.

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

AYES:	Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Mayor Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

ADJOURN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 9: 53 P.M.

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

Council Member Shanahan had nothing to report.

Council Member Steggell announced that she completed her Council Member training with and OCFA tour; attended the Memorial Day ceremony; and inquired about the left hand turn signal on Walker Street going onto La Palma Avenue.

City Manager Volmert responded that an update on that signal is planned to be reported in next week's Weekly report and noted that there seems to be a similar situation at Moody Street and La Palma Avenue intersections.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that the City Council approved a wider median, making that intersection a hard left turn due to the accident history at that intersection.

Mayor Kim commented that he was on the Traffic Safety Committee at that time, and that there was discussion to make that signal protected permissive; and that because the City Council approved that turn signal to be a hard left turn, the City had to widen the median and remove trees to make the accommodation.

City Manager Volmert noted that the issue the City faces now is because of that signal, drivers travel south down Walker and make a U-turn at the first opportunity rather than wait their turn at the signal.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart attended the Memorial Day ceremony; the OCFA Board meeting; and reported on the negative outcome of the State's approval of AB1217 that directly affects local control. He closed by commenting that City Council and Staff monitor the situation.

Mayor Kim attended the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration; former Mayor Hank Frese' memorial celebration; the Memorial Day ceremony; and the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) monthly meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Volmert announced that Police Chief Nuñez had some breaking news to report to the City Council.

Police Chief Nuñez announced that he was happy to report the arrest of Larry Stephens, for the 1974 murder of a 31-year-old woman, Patricia Ann Ross, from La Palma. He detailed the process of the DNA match that resolved the 41 year old cold case.

City Manager Volmert continued by reporting on the status of the City's financial newsletter that will be sent on Friday to La Palma residents and that Police Chief Nuñez will be at the La Palma Library on Saturday in her absence.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 10:06 p.m. in memory of Patricia Ann Ross.

Peter L. Kim
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk