

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kim 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: Council Member Hwangbo

INVOCATION: Pastor Moses Aleman, La Palma Christian Center

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council/Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager
Michelle Molko, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

None Scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cecilia Iglesias, District Representative for Senator Bob Huff's office, introduced herself to the City Council and announced her eagerness to work with City Staff and Council Members.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:03 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

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the July 7, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

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

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

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

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 7:04 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the July 7, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Goedhart and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Consideration of Resolution Approving Tentative Tract Map 17828, a 7 lot Subdivision of a 1.3 Acre Site Located at 7601 and 7621 Walker Street, Approximately 100 Feet North of Marview Drive and 400 Feet South of Houston Avenue

- a) Chairperson Kim opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report.
- c) Public Input:

Ed Mountford, representing the Ozawa property owners, addressed the City Council regarding the Tentative Tract Map being the result of direct community input and direction from Staff; thanked Staff and the community for their response and input during the process; and that they are in concurrence with the Conditions of Approval set by Staff.

- d) Chairperson Kim closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

e) Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding support for the proposal; that the new street directly off of Walker Street will be a public street; whether it is possible to create a small pedestrian access-way through the wall adjacent to Andrew Drive; that a pedestrian access-way was opposed by the surrounding community neighborhood; that it is logical to have an opening for students that attend the local schools instead of having to walk around to Houston Avenue; and whether this would cause any disruptions to the adjacent neighborhood.

Chairperson Kim reopened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Further discussion ensued regarding efforts made to accommodate the community's request; that a pedestrian opening in the totality of the entire project is a small request; support for a pedestrian access-way; whether there is enough support from the Planning Commission to move forward with the request; support for creating a pedestrian access-way through the adjoining wall; and whether Commission Member Steggell has a conflict of interest if she is the listing realtor and not the property owner of a property on Andrew Drive close to the project area.

Assistant City Attorney Molko responded that being the real estate agent for a property within the project boundary does not create a conflict of interest.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive; and inquired about the impact of adding a six or eight inch new water line to the existing water infrastructure.

Community Development Director Dumhart responded that the City Engineer evaluated the existing pipes along Andrew Drive and recommended that the new water line be eight inches wide.

Sharon Gutjhar, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive.

Dr. Jaime Thomas addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive.

James Zagorski, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive.

Bailey Thomas, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive.

Walt Zimmerman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to creating a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive.

Chairperson Kim closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the safety concerns of installing a pedestrian opening adjacent to Andrew Drive; concerns with parking impacts; that Police Chief Nuñez does not have data regarding connectivity of crime with pedestrian openings along block walls; that police officers use those openings to apprehend suspects between two cul-de-sacs; support for resident concerns for safety; that there is no definitive benefit to the residents in creating a pedestrian access-way through a block wall; that there is no direct evidence of homes on a cul-de-sac having a higher value than those which are not; that there is no added value of creating a pedestrian access-way; opposition to creating a pedestrian opening; that any rumor of the pedestrian access-way along Berton Circle being closed is unfounded and false--that there is a long history of not having an opening and support for keeping things the way they are; opposition to making any further suggestions or changes so late in the planning stages of the Ozawa property; and that the Planning Commission tries to take residential concerns into full consideration when making their decision.

- f) Adopt Resolution No. PC 2015-10 approving Tentative Tract Map No. 17828 to establish a 7 lot single family residential subdivision with access off of Walker Street subject to Conditions of Approval

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2015-10 approving Tentative Tract Map No. 17828 to establish a 7 lot single family residential subdivision with access off of Walker Street subject to Conditions of Approval as recommended by Staff.

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

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

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL
AT 7:38 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 July 7, 2015, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2015-32 approving the Register of Demands for July 21, 2015.
4. North Orange County Cities Energy Partnership

Resolution No. 2015-33 joining the North Orange County Cities Energy Partnership.
5. Approval to Exercise Extensions to Consultant Services Agreement with Charles Abbott Associates for As-needed Building Official, Building Inspection, and Building Plan Check Services

Authorize the City Manager to exercise the remaining two 1 year extensions of the Agreement for Consultant Services with Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. for as-needed Building Official, Building Inspection, and Building Plan Check Services.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

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

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

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Approval of Appointments to the Citizen Committee on La Palma's Sustainability and Future

Mayor Kim requested to pull Item 6 from the Consent Calendar to thank all the applicants who applied for the Citizen Committee and encouraged those not selected to continue to stay involved in their community. He announced the appointments and thanked those present for accepting their service commitment to the La Palma community.

Mayor Kim made a motion to receive and file the Appointments of Robert Carruth, Jonathan Dhauw, Jan Jensen, Christine Kim, Richard Lutz, Kris Moskowitz, Keith Nelson, Cordell Porter, Jim Teeple, Mark Waldman, and Lisa Walker to the Citizen Committee on La Palma's Sustainability and Future.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

7. Resolution Supporting the County of Orange's Efforts to Locate a Year-Round Permanent Emergency Shelter in the City of Anaheim

City Manager Volmert gave the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding the controversy involved with selecting a location for the homeless shelter; and that the county is in the process of purchasing the property for the shelter.

Council Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-34 supporting the County of Orange's Efforts to Locate a Year-Round Permanent Emergency Shelter in the City of Anaheim.

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

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

NOES: None

8. Priority Based Budgeting: Key Results Mapping

City Manager Volmert gave the Staff Report.

Public Input:

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, asked how the budgeting plan relates to the Financial Sustainability Committee; if the point scale in the presentation will be a true established set of numbers that the Citizen Committee will be using to rate priority services; who defined the point scale; and whether the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) is used by the private sector as well as the public sector.

City Manager Volmert responded that PBB can be useful in order to help evaluate what decisions may be made; that Staff has been working on several elements of this program for some time; that input from the committee can be incorporated into the budgeting process; that the numbering for the rating scale is not arbitrary; that the PBB rating scale is a recognized, leading practice by the City Manager Association and Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); that the criteria for the scale was developed by the Center for Priority Based Budgeting; and that the practice is similar for private sectors, but is focused on public sector agencies.

Richard Lutz, a La Palma Resident, asked if the Priority Based Budgeting methodology is what the Citizen Committee for Financial Sustainability will be required to use.

City Manager Volmert responded that the Committee's tasks are much more general and that there is nothing mandated for the Committee to use.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding confusion about the PBB process; that the process is very complicated and labor intensive; that the GFOA stated that PBB is not a process to be used to fix a structural deficit, which the City currently has; recommendation that the Citizen Committee on Financial Sustainability not use this in their evaluations to make recommendations; that the PBB is extremely labor intensive and usually requires that a consultant be involved; a recommendation to receive and file and not to implement PBB at this time; that Staff is already utilizing some aspects of PBB without formally adopting the standard; support for the idea, but confusion about the elements of implementation; concern that this will not improve the City's current budgeting plans; and that Staff should really just focus on the current financial and budgeting issues the City is facing.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to receive and file the Priority Based Budgeting report and not implement the program at this time. Council Member Steggell seconded the motion.

Council Member Hwangbo suggested that the City Manager, if she truly felt that PBB was important, return with a modified, much simplified version of the program for review.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

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

Council Member Shanahan had nothing to report.

Council Member Steggell attended the first Concert in the Park.

Council Member Hwangbo had nothing to report and appreciated the recent rains.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart attended the Orange County Fire Authority Budget and Finance Committee meeting; requested a work session or update on the School of

Choice situation; and inquired about the status of a proposed Fullerton School District meeting with Staff as expected by the State officials.

Mayor Kim attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administration Committee meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Volmert reported on the upcoming annual League of California Cities conference and that normally resolutions would come forward at an upcoming City Council meeting, but action may not be needed if no members of the City Council plan to attend.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

Assistant City Attorney Molko had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:27 p.m.

Peter L. Kim
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk