

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

April 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goedhart 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 Steggell

INVOCATION: Father Martin Nguyen, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council/Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager
Michelle Molko, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Mike McCrary, Interim Police Chief
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Interim Police Chief McCrary and Mayor Goedhart presented a plaque to recently retired Dispatcher Patricia Valentino in Recognition of her many years of service.

Mayor Goedhart recognized students from John F. Kennedy High School who were present as a requirement for their government class.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Amanda Ten Eyck, an Anaheim resident, addressed the City Council regarding opposition to Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) Resolution 423 allowing for aerial spraying of pesticides over Orange County; that the pesticides are toxic to gardens, pets, and children; and asked that La Palma's OCVCD representative, Council Member Hwangbo, vote against the resolution opposing aerial spraying of pesticides and opt for non-toxic measures.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:11 P.M.

Deputy City Clerk Kenney 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 April 5, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

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

AYES: Mayor Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo,
Council Member Kim, Council Member
Shanahan, and Mayor Pro Tem 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 PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:12 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the April 5 2016, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:13 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 March 22, 2016, Special Budget Workshop, and Minutes of the April 5, 2016, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2016-23 approving the Register of Demands for April 19, 2016.

4. Resolution Designating the City Manager, the City Clerk, and the Administrative Services Director as authorized agents of the City of La Palma for Cal OES (State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services) public assistance grants.

Cal EMA 130 Resolution designating the City Manager, the City Clerk, and the Administrative Services Director as authorized agents to execute on behalf of the City of La Palma for the purpose of obtaining post-disaster public assistance grants from Cal OES and FEMA

5. Amendment to Agreement for Professional Auditing Services

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Consideration of Cost of Living Adjustment to Fee Schedules

a) Mayor Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

- b) Administrative Services Director Shelton gave the Staff Report
- c) City Council Comments and Questions:

None
- d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.
- e) Mayor Goedhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.
- f) Resolution No. 2016-24 Amending and Establishing Certain Development Project Fees and Service Charges.
- g) Resolution No. 2016-25 Establishing an Updated User Fee Schedule for Various Municipal Activities and Services.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-24 Amending and Establishing Certain Development Project Fees and Service Charges and adopt Resolution No. 2016-25 establishing an Updated User Fee Schedule for Various Municipal Activities and Services.

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

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

NOES: None

- 7. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2 (Administration), 8 (Animal Control), and 44 (Zoning) to Eliminate the Planning Commission and Transfer its Existing Authority to the City Council as the City's New Planning Agency.
 - a) Mayor Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.
 - b) City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.
 - c) City Council Comments and Questions:

None.

d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

e) Mayor Goedhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m.

f) Introduce and order the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2, 8, and 44 to eliminate the Planning Commission and transfer its existing authority to the City Council as the City's new Planning Agency.

Council Member Kim made a motion to Introduce and order the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2, 8, and 44 to eliminate the Planning Commission and transfer its existing authority to the City Council as the City's new Planning Agency.

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

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

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

8. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Administrative Services Director Shelton gave the Staff Report on the proposed FY 2016-17 Budget.

City Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City making numerous expenditure cuts to date; that further cuts would affect core services; that the upcoming State of the City Address and Town Hall meeting will review these matters in detail; that the City needs to look towards a revenue measure as an option; that although the City has addressed its financial challenges, it just is not enough; and that the annual Budget is scheduled for adoption at the upcoming May 3 City Council meeting.

Council Member Kim made a motion to direct staff to schedule the final Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget for Public Hearing and Adoption for the upcoming May 3, 2016, Regular City Council meeting.

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

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

NOES: None

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

Council Member Shanahan had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell attended La Palma Police Sergeant Guerrero's pin ceremony; the Arbor Day celebration; and the Palma Liquor grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Council Member Hwangbo had nothing to report.

Council Member Kim attended the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Board meeting; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Legislative and Public Affairs meeting; La Palma Police Sergeant Guerrero's pin ceremony; the OCSD Administration Committee meeting; the Arbor Day celebration; and the Palma Liquor grand opening and ribbon cutting.

Mayor Goedhart attended La Palma Police Sergeant Guerrero's pin ceremony; the Arbor Day celebration; and the Palma Liquor grand opening and ribbon cutting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Murray announced that the City received information from MWDOC and asked Community Services Director Belknap to report on that information.

Community Services Director Belknap stated that since the budget discussions, the City received a report that MWDOC was projecting increases up to 7% and Orange County Water District (OCWD) was projecting an 8% increase; that the numbers have been revised to an adopted rate equaling a 28% increase; that those increases will need to be put into the upcoming Budget to be adopted and are significantly higher than expected; that the rates are based on the amount of water the City re-pumps and purchases; and that we won't know the exact cost until the water transactions are completed.

City Manager Murray responded that those payments would be made out of the Water Enterprise Fund and will not affect the General Fund.

Discussion ensued regarding MWDOC having their own rate setting and that La Palma purchases from MWDOC are a 'pass-through' that transfers from Metropolitan Water; that MWDOC noted that the rate increase would not be as significant because they would balance the rate increases between all member agencies; that the documents received from MWDOC last week noted that the 28% increase was because they kept the rates flat for a number of years and due to the fact that we need to purchase more water to replenish the aquifer; and that Staff cannot verify the actual rate increase until they see what is being presented at the upcoming OCWD board meeting in May.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

Assistant City Attorney Molko had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Gerard Goedhart
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk