

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

February 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steggell called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo

INVOCATION: Father Rudy Alumam, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

ROLL CALL: Council Members

Council Members present: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo, Council Member Kim, and Mayor Steggell

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director  
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director  
Terry Kim, Police Chief  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Services Director Belknap introduced Chad Gafford as the City's new Water Service Worker.
2. Tim Whitacre, representing Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel, recognized Council Member Goedhart for his previous year of service as Mayor to the La Palma community and recognized Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson on their new appointments in the La Palma Police Department.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, inquired about the status of the accident at La Palma Avenue and Walker Street over the weekend.

Police Chief Kim responded that preliminary information is that two vehicles were involved; that the vehicles broadsided each other; that two members involved in the accident have passed away; and that an investigation is underway.

## RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:09 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. Members of the La Palma City Council receive no compensation or stipend as a result of convening or participating in the Successor Agency or otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency."

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the January 17, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

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

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo, Council Member Kim, and Mayor 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 RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:10 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 January 12, 2017, and January 27, 2017, Special Meetings and the January 17, 2017, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2017-06 approving the Register of Demands for February 7, 2017.

Council Member Kim abstained from Vendor 01177, Bank of America, Check Number 118984, due to a financial conflict of Interest.

4. Water Conservation Monthly Report for December 2016

Receive and file the Water Conservation Monthly Report for December 2016.

5. Destruction of Obsolete Departmental Records

Resolution No. 2017-07 authorizing the destruction of obsolete records pursuant to the California Government Code Section 34090.

6. Community Development Block Grant Request

Authorize Staff to pursue a grant for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Public Facilities and Improvements (PF&I).

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6.

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

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

NOES: None

## REGULAR ITEMS

### 7. Adoption of City Council Goals

City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None.

Adopt the proposed Priority Goals from the January 27, 2017, Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Workshop.

Council Member Kim made a motion to adopt City Council Priority Goals from the January 27, 2017, Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Workshop.

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

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

NOES: None

### 8. Amendments to Council Policy 3: City Committees and Combination of the Development and Traffic Safety Committees

City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the additional information provided at the meeting; support for condensing the Citizen Committees; that special meetings will continue to be scheduled as needed; that development requirements would determine

whether there is an urgency; and whether recusals due to a conflict of interest are a legal requirement.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) makes the 500 foot ban; that the FPPC has other restrictions that would be a conflict as well; and that if a decision maker fails to abide by the rules, they are disobeying the law and would be subject to civil, administrative, and possibly criminal fines.

Discussion further ensued that this will be a seven member committee with four existing members being grandfathered in; that term expirations are varied; that ultimately the City would be looking at three new members with four year terms; that alternate term limits are in the committee's best interest every two years; that the terms will work itself out over the next two years, but preference to working that issue out at the beginning of the new committee; support for merging the two committees; that merging exposes the two committees to more substance; inquiry about a proposed Financial Oversight Committee; that the City plans to revisit that discussion in the Fall of 2017; and that shaping the structure of that committee will be researched in order to develop a policy by the end of this year.

- a) Approve the combining of the Development Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee to create one seven person Development and Circulation Committee that would conduct the business of both the committees and direct staff to take the necessary steps to facilitate the action; and
- b) Approve the amended Council Policy 3: City Committees to incorporate the above changes and the changes directed at the December 20, 2016, City Council meeting regarding the selection and appointment process.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to approve the combination of the Development Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee to create one seven person Development and Circulation Committee that would conduct the business of both the committees and direct staff to take the necessary steps to facilitate the action; and approve the amended Council Policy 3: City Committees to incorporate the above changes and the changes directed at the December 20, 2016, City Council meeting regarding the selection and appointment process.

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

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

NOES: None

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

**Council Member Kim** attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) New Mayor and Council Member Academy; met with Senator Josh Newman regarding the City's School District issue; met with the Orange County Delegation; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board meeting; the Special Goal Setting and Strategic Planning meeting; the OCSD Legislative and Public Affairs meeting; and the Ceremonial Swearing in for Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson.

**Council Member Hwangbo** attended the Cypress State of the City address; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting; and the Ceremonial Swearing in for Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson.

**Council Member Goodman** attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) New Mayor and Council Member Academy; the Special Goal Setting and Strategic Planning meeting; the LOCC Housing Community and Economic Development Policy Committee meeting; and congratulated Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson on their new appointments.

**Council Member Goedhart** attended a meeting with Senator Josh Newman regarding the City's School District issue; met with the Orange County Delegation; the Special Goal Setting and Strategic Planning meeting; and the Ceremonial Swearing in for Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson. He requested that a School District Update be placed on the February 21 agenda.

**Mayor Steggell** attended the Cypress State of the City; former Police Chief Mike McCrary's reception; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) meeting; the Special Goal Setting and Strategic Planning meeting; the City Selection Committee meeting in Tustin; the Buena Park State of the City; and the Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Chief Kim and Police Captain Wilkerson.

## CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Murray** announced that the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) declared that the emergency drought in Orange County is over and that they are calling on the State to follow suit; that the City will be watching the action closely and urges residents to please continue to conserve water; reminded the City Council about the upcoming Americana Awards and to reserve their place; that she will be at the LOCC City Manager's meeting for the duration of this week; and that in her absence, Police Chief Kim will be the acting City Manager.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** cautioned that the MWDOC doesn't regulate water use and the City and other Water Agencies are still under the same water use rules until the State Water Resources Control Board makes a change.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steggell adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:39 p.m.

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Michele Steggell  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney  
City Clerk