

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2017

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

FLAG CEREMONY AND
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Boy Scout Troop 650

INVOCATION:

Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship

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
Emily Webb, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Terry Kim, Police Chief
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Scott Hutter, Associate Planner
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

None Scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:04 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 March 7, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

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

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

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 7:05 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 from the March 7, 2017, Regular Meeting and Minutes from the March 15, 2017, Special Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution No. 2017-15 approving the Register of Demands for March 21, 2017.
4. Agreement for Professional Auditing Services
Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Professional Auditing Services with White Nelson Diehl Evans, LLP.
5. Agreement with the City of Cerritos for Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program
Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the City of Cerritos for the Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program.
6. Ratify the Request Letter to OCTA for a 24-Month Delay to Award a Consultant Contract for the Engineering Phase of the La Palma Avenue / Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project
Approve the ratification of the Community Services Director's letter OCTA requesting a 24-month delay to award a consultant contract for the engineering (PA&ED and PS&E) phase of the La Palma Avenue/Del Amo Boulevard Replacement project.

Council Member Kim 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

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Amendment to Precise Plan No. 30 for a Residential Remodel and Addition located at 5362 Athens Circle, La Palma, CA 90623 (APN 263-123-35)

- a) Mayor Steggell opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Dumhart introduced Associate Planner Hutter who gave the Staff Report.

- c) Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding public hearing notices and that none have been returned; whether property owners have personally contacted their neighbors; and that homeowner's contact with neighbors is not a requirement.

- d) Public Input:

Oh Sung, homeowner of the project in question, addressed the City Council regarding appreciation for the City Council's support and his guarantee to ensure that the end product is aesthetically pleasing.

A family member of the Thara residence, 5372 Athens Circle and adjacent to the project, addressed the City Council regarding appreciation for Staff's presentation; opposition to the close proximity of the houses; that the homeowner did not communicate directly with them; opposition to the noise pollution created by the major construction; poor maintenance of the exterior of the property over the past couple of years; and inquired on the length of time to complete the construction.

- e) Mayor Steggell closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Discussion further ensued regarding anticipated construction timeline; whether construction will be self-contained to the residence; whether the contractor will be considerate to the noise levels caused by construction; request to respect the neighborhood; previous code enforcement issues with the property; inspections that will occur during this project; request to maintain the property after the construction is completed; and how soon construction will commence.

Dominic Pak, Project Manager for Archidas Design Inc., responded that the construction should take 5 to 6 months to complete; that the construction will be on-site and self-contained; that they will make every effort to minimize the noise impact and adhere to City Codes for approved

construction times of the day; that his contractors will be considerate of adjacent property owner's concerns; and that building permits will be pulled to start construction in about 2 to 3 months.

Community Development Director Dumhart added that there have been previous code enforcement issues for this residence regarding landscape and driveway maintenance of the property that have since been resolved; that the hardscape will be rectified as part of the proposed construction plans; that inspections will occur during the entire phase of the construction; that Staff included 28 Conditions of Approval that the applicant agreed to adhere to; that the applicant will comply with the neighborhood concerns; and that Staff will work with the homeowner with plans and permits to get the construction started as soon as possible to decrease the impact to the neighborhood.

Discussion further ensued regarding the current limited parking; whether multiple residents will be occupying the residence; that there is concern for additional traffic impacts after construction due to the addition; and the type of roof materials that will be used.

Community Development Director Dumhart responded that the homeowners will not occupy the residence while under construction; that a number of construction tradesmen will be visiting the location during the construction; that there is ample parking sufficient for the workers; and that the bedroom count will not increase in this plan and therefore not increase the resident impact.

Associate Planner Hutter added that a gray asphalt shingle will be used as the roof material and is consistent with the adjacent homes in the area.

- f) Adopt a Resolution approving an Amendment to Precise Plan No. 30 for a residential remodel and addition located at 5362 Athens Circle, La Palma, CA 90623 (APN 263-123-35)

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-16 approving an Amendment to Precise Plan No. 30 for a residential remodel and addition located at 5362 Athens Circle, La Palma, CA 90623 (APN 263-123-35).

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim 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

8. Appointments to Citizen Committees

City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

- a) Appoint Emmanuel Aparicio and Naomi Trias to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2020
- b) Reappoint Rodi Almendralo to the Development and Circulation Committee with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2020;
- c) Appoint Debbie Baker, Dickson Lew, and James Vaughn to the Development and Circulation Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2020; and
- d) Extend existing Development Committee member Vincent Luu's term to December 31, 2018 to expire with existing Traffic Safety Committee members Jan Jensen and Guillermo Ortega to coincide their term expiration as a result of combining the Traffic Safety Committee and Development Committees.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to appoint Emmanuel Aparicio and Naomi Trias to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2020; reappoint Rodi Almendralo to the Development and Circulation Committee with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2020; appoint Debbie Baker, Dickson Lew, and James Vaughn to the Development and Circulation Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2020; and extend existing Development Committee member Vincent Luu's term to December 31, 2018 to expire with existing Traffic Safety Committee members Jan Jensen and Guillermo Ortega to coincide their term expiration as a result of combining the Traffic Safety Committee and Development Committees.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim 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 Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administration Committee meeting; the OCSD Audit Ad-Hoc Committee meeting; the OCSD Legislative and Public Affairs meeting; the Special City Council Meeting; the Korean American Federation of Orange County First Annual Orange County Engagement Dinner; and the funeral service for resident and former Citizen Committee Member and Volunteer, John Alvis.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo attended the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) General Assembly meeting; reported that the local Korean BBQ Restaurant provided lunch for City Staff; that United Methodist Church is planning another luncheon for Staff; and attended the funeral service for resident and former Citizen Committee Member and Volunteer, John Alvis. He inquired about the recent passing of Proposition 64 for legalization of marijuana use and whether the Police Department has technology to test for use behind the wheel if it is suspected as a result of an accident and voiced concerns of the financial impact of California's proposal to become a 'sanctuary state' with the supposed cuts to federal funding as a result.

City Manager Murray responded that Staff enjoyed the lunch and that Staff is preparing a thank you letter in response. She also added that there will be upcoming training to allow Police Officers to recognize the symptoms of marijuana use in offenders and that the only funding that might be impacted as a result of any sanctuary status would be the CDBG Block Grants.

Police Chief Kim reported that although the Police Department does not have specific equipment to detect marijuana, all Police Officers have been fully trained on how to recognize a driver under the influence – whether it be from alcohol or drugs.

Council Member Goodman attended the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) Board of Trustee meeting; the Special Meeting of the City Council; and the funeral service for resident and former Citizen Committee Member and Volunteer, John Alvis.

Council Member Goedhart attended the Special Meeting of the City Council and the funeral service for resident and former Citizen Committee Member and Volunteer, John Alvis.

Mayor Steggell attended the Los Alamitos State of the City; the Special Meeting of the City Council; and the funeral service for resident and former Citizen Committee Member and Volunteer, John Alvis.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Murray announced the upcoming Special Meeting of the City Council regarding long term financial planning on March 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. with a Closed Session at 5:30 prior to Open Session; and the upcoming State of the City Address on March 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center to which all are invited to attend.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

Assistant City Attorney Webb had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steggell adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:45 p.m. in memory of long-time resident, Citizen Committee Member, and Volunteer, John Alvis.

Michele Steggell
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk