

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

July 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Steggell 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 Goodman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship 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
Emily Webb, Assistant City Attorney
Terry Kim, Police Chief
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Aguilera, representing Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's Office, announced an upcoming Small Business Resource Fair at The Source in Buena Park on August 25.

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.

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 July 5, 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.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bret Barbre, representing Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, addressed the City Council regarding the recent court ruling victory against San Diego County Water Authority's efforts to shift \$300 million in supply costs to rate payers; announced the Metropolitan Water District recent Cyclic Storage Agreement with the Orange County

Water District (OCWD); requested that the City Council agendize support for the California Water Fix to finish the State Water project.

ADJOURN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:07 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 5, 2017, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution No. 2017-43 approving the Register of Demands for July 18, 2017.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3.

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 HEARING

None scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

4. L-3 In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems
Police Chief Kim gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the length of time video records are retained; that video data files have been maintained since the system's inception; that the current vendor utilizes blue ray technology; that the selected vendor is out of State; that the Police Department has not done a cost analysis with other vendors; support for providing the necessary equipment to allow La Palma officers to do their job well; and support for reviewing other vendors when the next video upgrade is needed.

Public Comment:

Gina Shaunette, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding whether the cost for the project is built into the Police Department budget; how videos get backed up; concerns about video storage; and inquiring on future technology for video archival.

City Manager Murray responded that costs were included in the Technology Replacement Fund in the City's Annual Budget, which gets budgeted every year thereafter during the annual Fiscal Year Budget review process.

Police Chief Kim responded that police videos are downloaded and burned onto DVD, then placed in storage as part of the original record.

- a) Authorize the purchase and replacement of the Police Department In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems; and
- b) Adopt a Resolution authorizing budget amendments for the expenditure.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to approve and authorize the purchase and replacement of the Police Departments In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems; and Adopt Resolution No. 2017-44 authorizing budget amendments for the expenditure.

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

5. Award of Contract to Lunar Painting for Arterial Street Block Wall Painting, City Project No. ST-350

Community Services Director Belknap gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the cost difference between the highest bidder and the lowest bidder; that the Engineer's estimate was \$80,000; that because the economy is better, costs are getting higher; that it was made clear in the bid process that the vendor is required to use the specified paint and primer; that the intent when the walls were first painted was for the City to paint the walls one time and then have the residents maintain them; support to make the City look better; that this is an additional cost for the City; support to have homeowners put a moisture barrier on the inside of their walls so exterior paint does not get damaged; that the paint color was selected by the Council through an informal vote; that if a resident opts out, the City has no legal authorization to paint the wall; that the Southern California Edison (SCE) Right of Way (ROW) was not included in the bid due to technicalities, but that portions will be included in the project; that graffiti will be abated after the new paint is applied by painting sections of wall rather than patches; and that the project is budgeted in the ten year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan for every five years.

Public Comment:

Ed Byrne, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding support for trying to improve the appearance of the City's block walls; that he appreciated the opportunity to work with Staff on this project; a recommendation to allow the contractor to contact homeowners for permission to paint their gates; a recommendation to review the Request For Proposal (RFP) to remove any unnecessary language or specifications that remove the City's absolute control of the project; and eagerness to get this project started.

Wally Zimmerman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the previous situation with homeowners taking on the responsibility of maintenance; support for a cost sharing mechanism with property owners; and not having the City be the sole responsible party for deteriorating block walls.

City Manager Murray responded that it was City Council direction to move the project forward for City aesthetics; that the City Council may decide on another review in the next five years; and that because of the problems incurred with the prior project it would be appropriate for the City to correct the problems with the proposed project.

Jim Vaughan, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the estimated number of homeowners who will opt out;

Community Services Director Belknap responded that there were only a handful of homeowners who opted out the last time, but those homeowners could request to be opted in on this cycle.

Mr. Vaughan continued by adding that in Los Angeles, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain their walls and if not maintained, the City will step in and rectify the situation and send them the bill; his opposition to wall maintenance being the City's responsibility; that Code Enforcement should require that homeowners be compliant; the type of research conducted to find the proper paint needed; and a suggestion to investigate Phoenix's process as their block walls hold the paint in the extreme temperatures.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that Staff has done testing with several different types and brands of paint over the past few months.

David Pylman, a La Palma water customer but Cerritos resident, addressed the City Council regarding concerns for painting vined block walls unless the vines are removed; concerns for SCE ROW block wall paint inconsistencies along El Rancho Verde Park; and where the City's boundary lines end along the block walls.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that at the end of Denni Street where it connects to El Rancho Verde, the west side of the wall is Cerritos and the east side of the wall is La Palma; and that since no arterial block walls along Denni are painted, it was not included in the original bid.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding clarification of the bid package regarding Denni Street.

City Manager Murray clarified that Denni Street was in the RFP, but the wall will not be painted; that the savings from that will be used for other block walls along Walker Street; and that the bid is just an estimate of the project.

- a) Waive the bid informalities and confirm the bid protest is without merit;
- b) Approve the Award of Contract in the amount of \$74,341.20 to, the lowest bidder, Lunar Painting for the Arterial Street Block Wall Painting, City Project No. ST-350; and
- c) Adopt a Resolution approving the carryover of the project cost from the FY 2016-17 to the FY 2017-18 budget.

Council Member Goodman made a motion to waive the bid informalities and confirm the bid protest is without merit; approve the Award of Contract in the amount of \$74,341.20 to, the lowest bidder, Lunar Painting for the Arterial Street Block Wall Painting, City Project No. ST-350; and adopt Resolution No. 2017-45 approving the carryover of the project cost from the FY 2016-17 to the FY 2017-18 budget.

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 first Concert in the Park; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting; and the OCSD Administration Committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Committee meeting and SCAG Regional Council meeting.

Council Member Goodman attended Senator Newman's Independence Day with Veterans barbeque celebration.

Council Member Goedhart had nothing to report.

Mayor Steggell attended an Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Special meeting; a Concert in the Park; and announced that on July 28, the Orange County Fair will celebrate La Palma days with a Flag Ceremony and invited the public to attend.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Murray announced that the aforementioned Flag Ceremony will start at 12:30 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

Assistant City Attorney Webb had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steggell adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:00 p.m.

Michele Steggell
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk