

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 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 Walkers 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  
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director  
Terry Kim, Police Chief  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Police Captain Wilkerson  
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

None Scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christopher Aguilera, representing Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's office, invited the public to the Breakfast Club on September 22, 2017, at 7:30 a.m. with Anthony Rendon, Assembly Speaker, as the guest. He closed by announcing the event will be at the Portola Pavillion C at California State University, Fullerton.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council noting his appreciation for City Council and Staff's work on the block wall painting project; and announced his concerns regarding the street sweeping schedule adjustments due to the holidays and how sweeping is impacted with the new trash bins.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:05 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 August 15, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agenda.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. SA 2017-07 approving the Successor Agency Register of Demands for September 5, 2017.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

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

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 THE CITY COUNCIL  
AT 7:06 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 August 15, 2017, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Registers of Demands  
  
Resolution No. 2017-52 approving the Registers of Demands for September 5, 2017, and September 19, 2017.
4. Contract Addendum with Spillman Technologies  
  
Approve and Authorize the City Manager to execute the quote and purchase addendum with Spillman Technologies, Inc. for additional training and GIS upgrades.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4.

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

5. Award a Professional Services Agreement to IDS Group for Design Engineering Services City Hall HVAC Replacement Project, City Project No. 17-BLDG-02

Community Services Director Belknap gave the Staff Report.

### Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding whether IDS Group sells the HVAC units; that IDS Group only does the design work; that Staff reached out to other vendors who did not respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP); that the City does not inquire to vendors under normal circumstances; that the other vendors are assumed to be higher because they would need to conduct the dimensions and design work for City Hall unlike IDS, who has already completed those tasks with previous projects; that when spending the public's money, it would be in Staff's best interest to check pricing in situations like these when there is only one response; that the current HVAC system is approximately 7-8 years old and the urgency is because the roof is in dire need of repair; and that the City Council can chose to continue the item until more research has been conducted including price comparisons and possibly extending the RFP.

### Public Comments:

Jim Vaughan, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding concerns of a design instead of a design/build.

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council being uncomfortable with just the one bid response; that staff is unaware of companies that do this type of project on a design-build, but will research the matter; that Staff can return with actual ages of the HVAC systems; that the need for designing the system instead of just replacing the HVAC system is a result of reengineering the roof structure as a result of the previous seismic study results, and redesigning the entire ducting in the building; support for delaying the approval of the project until more information can be brought forward; that the City needs to get this completed in the Spring as the facility will be without heating or air for approximately a month; and support for delaying this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to continue the City Hall Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Project, City Project No. 17-BLDG-02 to a date uncertain, to allow Staff more time to conduct reviews, research, and return to City Council with a response.

Edward Bean, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding HVAC systems lasting 15-20 years, and what the City's guarantee is that we will not be revisiting the matter again in the future.

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

6. Participation in the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force and Approval of a School Resource Officer

Police Chief Kim gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member Kim and Mayor Steggell serving on the Board of Directors for the La Palma Community Foundation and their announcement that they recused themselves from the participation decision by the Foundation; that the balance left will be used for items that we identify such as homeless issues or other school programs—and if not—the funds can be returned to the task force for regional uses or groups, but would likely still benefit La Palma up to the full amount; that the School Resource Officer (SRO) program should be in place in October; that Staff would ask for the City Council to approve a budget amendment if necessary if a use for the other funds is identified; that the SRO was one of the items that former Police Chief McCrary noted was necessary in his report; that the Foundation has committed to act as a fiscal agent to receive the funds and provide a grant to the City for the SRO; that in future years, it is likely that funding for the SRO would come directly to the City from the Public Safety Task Force; that the Public Safety Task Force approves the suggested use; overall support for this proposal; that the SRO is really needed in the local schools; that the SRO selection process will start immediately and will be open to existing Officers; clarification that the one time funds will be used for a fully equipped Police Car that goes with the SRO position on campus; the positive things accomplished by the La Palma Community Foundation; and the successful outcome of the 'Every 15 Minutes' program put on by the Foundation.

Public Comment:

City Manager Murray disclosed that both she and Police Chief Kim are non-voting board members of the La Palma Community Foundation, and that after they presented the proposal, they also recused themselves from any discussion on this matter.

Dr. Regina Zurbano, principal of John F. Kennedy High School, and representing Ms. Jennifer Brown, Principal of Walker Junior High School thanked the City Council for such a wonderful opportunity; expressed their enthusiastic support for the School Resource Officer for the next four years; that the SRO will allow different ways to address concerns by our youth; that none of the students have ever seen

a SRO and this will show an opportunity of how much support they will get; that this is a 'resource' more than an 'officer'; that this program will solidify the relationship that the City and Police Department has with our schools and campuses; and that students will be better off as citizens as they define their role in the community.

Gina Shaunette, a resident of La Palma, addressed the City Council regarding inquiries on the hiring of the SRO; how certain is it that every year, the funds will be available; and what happens after funding has been completed.

City Manager Murray responded that those funds were set aside by the State in a for a four year period; that if the City does not have the funds to continue the position in four years, the position will be eliminated through attrition; and hopefully as a pilot program, the value of the program will have been presented and proven its worth so that the State will continue its funding.

Ms. Shaunette asked if the City has metrics to evaluate the performance of this position.

Police Chief Kim, responded that the Public Safety Task Force has assigned a team at Cal State Fullerton that is responsible for collecting the information and data on the services that these funds provided for, and report that back to the State.

Terryl Weber, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding opposition to using a portion of the funding for a police vehicle instead of evaluating the program's needs after the SRO is fully installed.

Council Member Kim thanked Police Chief Kim, City Manager Murray, and Senator Newman for their work on this.

- a) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the City to participate in the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force and to secure grant funds through qualified community based organizations throughout the life of the program; and
- b) Adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment to the FY 2017-18 budget to allocate funding provided by a grant from the La Palma Community Foundation for a School Resource Officer, associated program costs, and the purchase a vehicle.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents for the City to participate in the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force and to secure grant funds through qualified community based organizations throughout the life of the program; and adopt Resolution No. 2017-53 approving a budget

amendment to the FY 2017-18 budget to allocate funding provided by a grant from the La Palma Community Foundation for a School Resource Officer, associated program costs, and the purchase a vehicle. The motion was seconded by Council Member Goodman.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo asked for clarification of how this vehicle is going to be used by the School Resource Officer, and whether it would better to use a bicycle since he will be on campus.

Police Chief Kim responded that although the SRO will be spending most of their time at the Junior and High School, but will also be visiting and interacting with other local school campuses in La Palma; that currently the size of the Police Fleet is down to the bare minimum; and the addition of personnel with another vehicle doesn't impact the current vehicle situation.

Council Member Goedhart also added that in case of an emergency, this is a fully trained police officer with a fully equipped police vehicle that can respond to the emergency, and noted that emergency response time cannot be achieved on a bicycle.

Mayor Steggell added that she supports this program because the SRO is not just stationed at the Junior and High Schools, but also the elementary schools; and establishing a relationship with the students for future interaction as they transition to Junior and High School.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

## 7. Purchase of Replacement Police Vehicles

Police Captain Wilkerson gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the projection of proceeds from the Auction for these older vehicles; that on average, the City gets from \$2,000-5,000 per vehicle; that after four to five years of Police use, these cars aren't worth a lot; and support for a detailed and well-presented Staff report.

Public Comments:

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council to inquire as to whether the Police Cars are monitored for mileage; opposition to accruing 60,000 miles for only a 1.8 square miles of City limits; discussed the replacement schedules of other police agencies; and commented that most agencies to not allow pursuits in unmarked Police Cars.

Council Member Goedhart said that Signal Hill had a replacement policy for their Police Cars every three years; that Los Alamitos has a replacement policy of every three years; that it's not mileage that is the concern, it's the usage and wear and tear of the vehicles; and that most agencies are replacing their police vehicles every three years and not every five like La Palma; that the City of La Palma has been very frugal and making good use of our Police Cars.

Terryl Weber, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to using grant money for the SRO Police Vehicle instead of using that money for drug or alcohol programs, surveillance cameras, or other things that would make the SRO very effective in the job he or she will be doing.

Mayor Steggell responded that grant funds can only be used for expenditures for capital assets in the first year; it is an appropriate use to purchase a vehicle;; and that every Police Vehicle that is replaced is completely justifiable.

Mr. Weber clarified that he supports the general Vehicle Replacement, but suggested using existing vehicles instead of using the grant money for an additional Police Vehicle for the SRO on top of these vehicles being replaced, and to use the grant money for school programs.

Council Member Kim clarified that the SRO Car is a completely separate vehicle purchase than these four presented by Police Captain Wilkerson.

City Manager Murray added that SRO Police Vehicle is separate from these four Police Vehicles being replaced; confirmed that capital purchases can only be used this one time for the grant; and that two of the Police Vehicles that are being replaced need to be removed from Police use completely as they are unserviceable.

- a) Two (2) 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility black and white police vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$61,600 from Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles Cooperative Purchase Provision; plus \$19,000 for equipment to outfit these vehicles.
- b) One (1) 2017 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab Pick-Up in an amount not to exceed \$29,600 from National Fleet Group of Watsonville, California per the

terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract Number 120716; plus \$2,500 for equipment to outfit the vehicle.

- c) One 2017 Ford Interceptor Unmarked Utility Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$29,800 from National Fleet Group of Watsonville, California per the terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract Number 120716; plus \$4,600 for equipment to outfit the vehicle.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve and authorize the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility black and white police vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$61,600 from Wondries Fleet Group of Alhambra, in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles Cooperative Purchase Provision, plus \$19,000 for equipment to outfit these vehicles; approve and authorize the purchase of one (1) 2017 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab Pick-Up in an amount not to exceed \$29,600 from National Fleet Group of Watsonville, California per the terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract Number 120716, plus \$2,500 for equipment to outfit the vehicle; and approve and authorize the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Interceptor Unmarked Utility Vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$29,800 from National Fleet Group of Watsonville, California per the terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract Number 120716, plus \$4,600 for equipment to outfit the vehicle.

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

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

**Council Member Kim** attended the celebration of life event for Vangi Steggell, Mayor Steggell's mother, and asked to adjourn the meeting in her honor; the Kiwanis installation banquet; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board meeting; the OCSD Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting; and the OCSD Administration Committee meeting.

**Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo** attended the League of California Cities - Orange County (LOCC-OC) General membership meeting; the Orange County Council of Governments

(OCCOG) Board Meeting and Housing Forum; the City's September 11 Memorial Service and moment of silence; and the LOCC Annual conference.

**Council Member Goodman** attended the LOCC Annual Conference.

**Council Member Goedhart** had nothing to report; however, he requested that Staff follow up with the Street Sweeping issue that Mr. Herman brought to the City's attention.

City Manager Murray responded that she will investigate traffic citations being issued on holidays, the new trash system, and will return to the City Council with a response after conducting a review.

**Mayor Steggell** had nothing to report.

#### CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Murray** announced the upcoming joint meeting of the City Council and the Development and Circulation Committee that will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, September 26th, regarding current zoning, affordable housing laws, potential changes, and that this meeting will be the precursor to the community meetings.

#### CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**Assistant City Attorney Webb** had nothing to report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steggell adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 8:23 p.m. in honor and memory of Evangeline Steggell, her mother and a 47 year resident of La Palma.

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Michele Steggell  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney  
Deputy City Clerk