

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 5, 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: Walker Junior High School Advanced Choir students led by Choir Director Julie Eusebio

INVOCATION: Father William Goldin, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

ROLL CALL: Council Members

Council Members present: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Goodman, 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  
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager  
Terry Kim, Police Chief  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Steggell recognized Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and Cypress City Council Member Stacy Berry in the audience.

PI-1. City Council Reorganization

Mayor Steggell reported her accomplishments during her Mayoral year. She thanked her colleagues on the City Council. She recognized Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva and Stacy Berry from Cypress.

- a) Conduct its annual reorganization by selecting the position of Mayor

City Manager Murray entertained nominations for Mayor.

Mayor Steggell nominated Council Member Goedhart as Mayor. Council Member Goodman made a motion to close the nominations for Mayor and appoint Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart as Mayor.

The motion to close the nominations and appoint Council Member Goedhart as Mayor carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Goodman,  
Council Member Kim, and Mayor Steggell

NOES: None

Mayor Goedhart introduced and thanked his family for their support.

- b) Make a presentation to outgoing Mayor Michele Steggell.

Irma Gorrocino, representing Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, presented a Certificate of Recognition to outgoing Mayor Steggell for her dedicated service over the past year.

Kaelin Locker, representing Senator Josh Newman, presented a Certificate of Recognition to outgoing Mayor Steggell for her dedicated service over the past year.

Tim Whitacre, representing Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel, presented a Certificate of Recognition for outgoing Mayor Steggell for her dedicated service over the past year.

Mayor Goedhart introduced Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and announced that she will be giving a short presentation after the Procedural Items.

Mayor Goedhart and the City Council presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Steggell for her outstanding service and dedication as Mayor in 2017.

Outgoing Mayor Steggell thanked the residents of the community for their support.

- c) Continue its annual reorganization by selecting the position of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Goedhart entertained nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Kim nominated Council Member Goodman as Mayor Pro Tem and made a motion to close the nominations for Mayor and appoint Council Member Goodman as Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion to close the nominations and appoint Council Member Goodman as Mayor Pro Tem carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Goedhart, Council Member Goodman, Council Member Kim, and Council Member Steggell

NOES: None

Mayor Pro Tem Goodman introduced and thanked his family and residents for their support; and stated that he looks forward to the upcoming challenges.

Mayor Goedhart acknowledged former City Council Member Steve Hwangbo and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Community of La Palma. He closed by thanking the City Council for their support of his role as Mayor, thanked the public for their confidence, and noted his encouragement to face the City's challenges in the coming year.

Assembly woman Sharon Quirk-Silva recognized former Mayor Steggell for her bold leadership; congratulated Mayor Goedhart on his appointment; gave a legislative update regarding a budget for natural disasters, focus on housing, homelessness, small business incentives, and the health care situation; working to secure funding for the City's Del Amo Bridge project; working on solutions to continue funding for technical education; and closed by noting she is proud to serve La Palma.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding a new nasal spray used to treat opioid overdoses and inquired if the City's Police Department is using this product in the field.

Police Chief Kim responded that police officers are not currently using the product as they are reviewing options.

Mr. Herman continued by commenting on faded street striping along Moody Street and La Luna Drive, and the need to address prior to the upcoming rains.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that Staff is currently working on a thermal street striping project throughout the City; however, there are no guarantees it will be completed prior to this rainy season.

Abe Waheed, a La Palma resident, congratulated Mayor Goedhart and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman on their new appointments.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:44 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 November 21, 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 Steggell and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Goedhart, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, Council Member Kim, and Council Member 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 AT 7:45 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 November 21, 2017, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands  
Resolution No. 2017-65 approving the Register of Demands for December 5, 2017.
4. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of work for Arterial Street Block Wall Painting, City Project No. ST-350  
Accept the work and authorize the Community Services Director to file the Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work with the Orange County Recorder for Arterial Street Block Wall Painting, City Project No. ST-350.

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

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

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

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

5. Declaration of City Council Vacancy Created by the Resignation of former Council Member Steve Hwangbo and Discussion Regarding Filling of Vacancy  
City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.
  - a) Declare the City Council seat held by former Council Member Steve Hwangbo vacant; and

Mayor Goedhart asked if formal action needs to be taken on Item 5a.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that formal action is not necessary, but customary.

Council Member Kim made a motion to declare the City Council seat held by former Council Member Steve Hwangbo vacant.

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

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

NOES: None

- b) Discuss the appointment or election of a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term through December 2018 and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Public Comment:

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the appointment process; concerns that the City Council will not appoint an individual with different views; opposition to the appointee not being qualified to a recall; and opposed to the City Council in their selection process.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding support for an appointment; that if the City Council chose to go to the election process, the candidate who won in June would have to file for re-election immediately; that the appointment process would save the City \$16,000; that the voters would have a recourse when the term expires in November 2018; City Attorney Kuperberg added that it would be difficult for an individual to go through a recall process before next November's election as the timeframe for a recall described in the Government Code is lengthy. Further discussion ensued that the November 2018 election will be the opportunity for the public to decide if that individual should be reinstated for a full four year term; that a recall would not occur when there is only nine months left in a term; City Attorney Kuperberg stated that in his experience, the only time an election was needed was in the case where the City Council was split on a 2 - 2 vote on

who to appoint; that when the term is less than two years, the majority of cities have chosen to appoint versus paying for an election; and that if the term were over 3 years, cities would more likely opt for an election.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his appointment in 1986 and in his experience, and that running in an election as an incumbent was an advantage.

Further discussion ensued regarding support for the appointment process; the need for a full City Council; support for someone who supports the future of the City of La Palma; that hopefully, the City Council will come up with a decision and that person would take office on January 16, 2018.

Council Member Kim made a motion to move forward with the appointment process for a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term through December 2018.

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

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

NOES: None

Further discussion ensued regarding Los Alamitos having recently gone through this process; that the likelihood of getting more than ten applications is slim; City Council support and consensus for going through the applications and interview process as a full body of the City Council; that the City Council agreed to schedule a Special Meeting if there is a need to reduce the amount of qualified applications if the City should receive a large amount; and that City Attorney Kuperberg recommended that the City Council take formal action by adopting a motion in support of the recommended process that the City Manager suggested.

Council Member Kim made a motion to move forward with publishing the applications, and process them as recommended by Staff.

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

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

NOES: None

6. An Urgency Interim Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, enacted pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, imposing a 45-day moratorium on the approval of any land use development entitlements, permits, or other approvals of Multifamily Dwellings as a primary use within the Mixed Use Business (B-1) zoned properties, Hotels and Motels as a primary land use permitted by-right within the Mixed Use Business (B-1) zoned properties, Emergency Shelters (homeless) as a by-right land use within the Public Institutional (PI) zoned properties, and Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing as permissible land uses within the Office Professional (OP), Mixed Use Business (B-1), and Public Institutional (PI) zoned properties

Planning Manager Hutter gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the need to clean up the City's zoning as it relates to land uses; that Staff's review has uncovered some zoning issues that need addressing; and that the City Council needs to find resolution.

Council Member Steggell made a motion to adopt Urgency Interim Ordinance 2017-04 of the City Council of the City of La Palma, enacted pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, imposing a 45-day moratorium on the approval of any land use development entitlements, permits, or other approvals of Multifamily Dwellings as a primary use within the Mixed Use Business (B-1) zoned properties, Hotels and Motels as a primary land use permitted by-right within the Mixed Use Business (B-1) zoned properties, Emergency Shelters (homeless) as a by-right land use within the Public Institutional (PI) zoned properties, and Transitional Housing and Supportive Housing as permissible land uses within the Office Professional (OP), Mixed Use Business (B-1), and Public Institutional (PI) zoned properties.

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

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

NOES: None

7. Cancellation of January 2, 2018, City Council and Successor Agency Meetings

Seeing that there was no need for a Staff Report, Mayor Goedhart entertained a motion.



Council Member Kim made a motion to approve and authorize the cancellation of January 2, 2018, City Council and Successor Agency Meetings.

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

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

NOES: None

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

**Council Member Kim** thanked outgoing Mayor Steggell for her year of service and dedication; congratulated Mayor Goedhart and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman on their new appointments; and thanked former Council Member Hwangbo for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**Council Member Steggell** congratulated Mayor Goedhart and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman on their new appointments; and thanked former Council Member Hwangbo for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**Mayor Pro Tem Goodman** thanked outgoing Mayor Steggell for her year of service and dedication; congratulated Mayor Goedhart on his new appointment; and thanked former Council Member Hwangbo for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

**Mayor Goedhart** reminded everyone about the reception following the meeting at the Community Center in recognition of the transition; he announced that he attended the Community Zoning Workshop; asked for a resolution on the next Agenda in support of Governor Brown's effort to end the California Rule; and that he would like that resolution to be sent to other cities in Orange County and the legislative delegation under Governor Brown.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Murray** thanked outgoing Mayor Steggell for her year of service and dedication; congratulated Mayor Goedhart and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman on their new appointments; and thanked former Council Member Hwangbo for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors; announced that the Christmas tree in the lobbies of City facilities have ornament with details on gifts for families in need, that the public is invited to participate by taking a tag, purchasing a gift, and returning it to City Hall unwrapped; asked all to join in the reception at the Community Center after the meeting

in recognition of the transition; and reminded everyone that tomorrow night is the City's Holiday Tree lighting event that starts at 4:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** thanked outgoing Mayor Steggell for her year of service and dedication; and congratulated Mayor Goedhart and Mayor Pro Tem Goodman on their new appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:19 p.m.

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Gerard Goedhart  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney  
Deputy City Clerk