

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goedhart called the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Goedhart

ROLL CALL Council Members

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

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager  
Terry Kim, Police Chief  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Ron Wilkerson, Police Captain  
Chet Corbin, Support Services Manager  
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Goedhart presented a proclamation to City Staff in Recognition of January 13 as Korean-American Day.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Interview Applicants for City Council Vacancy

Recommendation that the City Council take the following actions:

a) Interview the following candidates for City Council as follows:

- 1) Emanuel Aparicio
- 2) Dr. Garrett Wada
- 3) Scheduled Break
- 4) Kathleen Flachmeier
- 5) Martha Lomeli

The City Council interviewed Emmanuel Aparicio at 9:41 a.m.

The City Council interviewed Dr. Garrett Wada at 10:40 a.m.

The City Council recessed to their scheduled break at 11:39 a.m.

The City Council reconvened at 12:47 p.m. with all members present and interviewed Kathleen Flachmeier.

The City Council interviewed Martha Lomeli at 1:51 p.m.

b) Appoint a candidate to fill the current Council Vacancy.

The City Council reconvened after completion of the interviews at 3:10 p.m. and opened the discussions for filling the vacancy.

Mayor Goedhart announced that on behalf the City Council, he appreciates the time the candidates took out of their schedules to meet and be interviewed; that the City Council will make their decision based on a variety of factors including who will be the most effective in that position; and that he supports Kathleen Flachmeier to be appointed to fill the City Council vacancy because her life and work experience has prepared her for this position.

Mayor Pro Tem Goodman stated that he reviewed all the candidates work and educational experience and whether the candidate would be a good personality fit; that he too selected Kathleen Flachmeier to be appointed to fill the City Council vacancy; and encouraged the other candidates to seek available appointments on Citizen Committees.

Council Member Kim thanked all that applied and noted he was particularly impressed with two candidates, Dr. Garrett Wada and Kathleen Flachmeier; that both had different strengths; that he favored Kathleen due to her recent retirement allowing her to dedicate the time needed for this position without any

constraints; and that he selected Kathleen Flachmeier to be appointed to fill the City Council vacancy.

Council Member Steggell commented that all four candidates had their individual strengths; concurred with Council Member Kim's comments; and selected Kathleen Flachmeier to be appointed to fill the City Council vacancy.

Mayor Goedhart opened the floor for a motion to nominate.

Mayor Pro Tem Goodman nominated Kathleen Flachmeier to be appointed to fill the City Council vacancy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kim.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

Discussion ensued regarding congratulating Ms. Flachmeier on her new appointment; that City Manager Murray will work closely with Ms. Flachmeier to prepare her for her new role as Council Member; that City Manager Murray will personally contact all the candidates to announce the Council's selection and thank them for their time; that a press release will be issued announcing the appointment; and that there will be a short reception at the January 16, 2018, City Council meeting after the oath of office is completed.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 3:21 p.m.

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Gerard Goedhart  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney  
Deputy City Clerk