

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goedhart called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

CLOSED SESSION:

CS-1. The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: Laurie Murray, City Manager  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Steve Filarsky, Agency Labor Counsel

Employee Organizations: La Palma General Employees Association  
La Palma Police Association  
La Palma Professional Employees Association

Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Goedhart reconvened in Open Session at 6:33 p.m. and asked for a report.

Acting City Manager Shelton announced there were no reportable actions out of Closed Session.

Mayor Goedhart recessed the City Council at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Goedhart reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

John F. Kennedy High School's California Scholarship Federation (CSF).

INVOCATION:

Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

Council Members present:

Council Member Flachmeier, Mayor Goedhart, Mayor Pro Tem Goodman, Council Member Kim, and Council Member Steggell

Council Members absent:

None

City Officials present:

Emily Webb, Assistant City Attorney  
Mike Belknap, Community Services Director  
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager  
Terry Kim, Police Chief  
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director  
Cindy Robinson, Assistant to the City Manager  
Carlo Nafarrete, Maintenance/Water Supervisor  
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Goedhart presented a proclamation to outgoing OCFA Fire Chief Dave Steffen in recognition of his many years of dedicated service. Bill Lockhart was introduced as his successor.

Steven Abdalmalik representing Senator Josh Newman's office presented a certificate of recognition to outgoing OCFA Chief Dave Steffen for his years of dedicated service.

2. Mayor Goedhart introduced District Attorney Rackaukaus. District Attorney Rackaukaus gave a brief overview of the human trafficking problem and Deputy District Attorney, Bradley Schoenlenben, gave a detailed presentation on the HEAT (Human Exploitation And Trafficking) program in Orange County and their efforts in combatting and prosecuting the offenders, and helping the victims involved.

Mayor Goedhart thanked the District Attorney's (DA) office for the presentation and denounced the actions by these criminals; announced support for their efforts to

combat this; inquired about legislation that the City Council can support that will assist the DA's office in countering this issue; and asked how the City deals with this on a local level.

Deputy Schoenlenben responded that there are a dozen bills right now being introduced in the State Legislature that would aid in this fight; and encouraged citizens to contact their local legislators to inquire about what they are doing to advocate for these victims and address the criminals.

Police Chief Kim noted that he recently had a meeting with Police Department Staff on new ideas to combat this issue in our community; that relationships with the DA's office are critical to investigate and prosecute these cases; and that the Police Department works closely with all its partners to address this issue.

Council Member Steggell asked how to get more involved.

Deputy District Attorney Schoelenben encouraged members of the public interested in getting involved to visit the website "Orange County Human Trafficking Taskforce" and there are options available on that site; that there are ways to volunteer in helping the victims; and closed by giving an example of a group of women who are raising money for safe homes for human trafficking victims.

Council Member Steggell stated that Cottonwood Church has an outreach program for this issue; condemned the criminals; and noted she will be using her gifts and talents to better this situation.

## 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 7:31 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 6, 2018, 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 Goodman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Flachmeier, 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 CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:32 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 March 6, 2018, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

### 3. Approval of Register of Demands

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-13 approving the Register of Demands for March 20, 2018.

Councilmember Kim announced that he had a conflict on Item 3 (Warrant Register number 25607). Councilmember Kim did not participate in the vote on this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Goodman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3.

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

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

NOES: None

#### ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 4. City Council Policy Manual Revisions

This Item was pulled from the Consent Calendar in order to allow for public comment.

Approve the revisions to the City Council Policy Manual per the Council Policy Subcommittee's recommendation.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding how the removal of term limits will affect those who want to apply to Citizen Committees.

Mayor Goedhart responded that the City will advertise available positions when the term limits are up; that the City Council will interview and appoint members to the Committees; that the Council only removed the restriction that volunteers can only volunteer for eight years; and that actually nothing has changed except the artificial restrictions.

Council Member Kim clarified that Staff will explain further that during the last few rounds of Citizen Committee appointments for consideration, no applications were received.

Administrative Services Director responded that the City did not receive enough applications during the last two rounds of Citizen Committee recruitments and that existing members wanted to stay, but could not because they had term limits; and

that by removing the term limits, existing committee members would not be held to that restriction.

Mr. Lomeli asked for an amendment to the Council Policy that would not allow an incumbent to extend their term if other residents apply for the position on the Citizen Committee.

Mayor Goedhart noted that he was not in favor of the suggestion and noted that it is the City Council who appoints and residents are free to apply.

Council Member Steggell made a motion to approve the City Council Policy Manual Revisions.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, missed the Oral Comment period but wanted to address the City Council regarding a recent meeting of the Centralia School District Oversight Committee who oversees the \$45 million bond; noted the improvement plans for some expenditures at local schools over the next ten years; and handed out a recent Measure N Update flyer to members of the City Council.

## REGULAR ITEMS

5. Award a Professional Services Agreement to BESST Inc. for the Walker Well, Water Supply Diagnostic Services including Dynamic Flow and Chemistry Survey, City Project 18-WTR-01

Community Services Director Belknap introduced Maintenance/Water Supervisor Nafarrete who gave the Staff Report.

### Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the procedure being to profile the levels of manganese, other irons, arsenic, and naturally occurring bacteria; that the brown color in the City's water is the manganese and iron levels; that Phase I is to determine what is happening underground in the well that staff cannot

see; that this will help Staff development specifications to eliminate the sand intrusion into the City's water that affects the well pump and water production; that the City is permitted 1,500 gallons per minute, but is currently running 850-900 gallons per minute to mitigate the sand issue; that if this is successful, the City could increase production and prolong the life of the Walker Well; and that BESST Inc. is the current vendor the City is using for the other water profile projects in the City; that BESST Inc. is a sole source provider for this type of survey that the National Geological Survey uses.

Recommendation that the City Council award and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement to BESST Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$31,875 for the Walker Well, Water Supply Diagnostic Services including Dynamic Flow and Chemistry Survey, City Project No. 18-WTR-01.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement to BESST Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$31,875 for the Walker Well, Water Supply Diagnostic Services including Dynamic Flow and Chemistry Survey, City Project No. 18-WTR-01.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Goodman and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

6. Council Member Request: Support of Assembly Bill AB 2003 (Daly) Public Contracts: Sanitation Districts

Assistant to the City Manager Robinson gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding newspapers being an archaic way to notice project bids; that moving the bid process to an electronic format is the best way to address this; and hopes that although this Assembly Bill serves the Sanitation Districts, the hope is that if it's approved, the process will be used for all bids in the future.

Approve Council Member Kim's request to submit a letter of support for Assembly Bill 2003 (AB 2003), which would expand the allowable public notification methods for Sanitation District construction bids, to Assembly Member Daly.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve Council Member Kim's request to submit a letter of support for Assembly Bill AB 2003 (Daly) for Sanitation District Public Contracts, allowing public notification methods for construction bids.

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

AYES: Council Member Flachmeier, 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** attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting; the OCSD Administration Committee meeting; the La Palma Community Foundation's Police Appreciation Luncheon; and thanked the Police Department for their dedicated service and hard work.

**Council Member Steggell** reported on her recent trip to Washington D.C.; attended the La Palma Community Foundation's Police Appreciation Luncheon; thanked the Police Department for their dedicated service and hard work; and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) meeting.

**Council Member Flachmeier** attended the Lights On Reception for the City's Digital Billboard; the Carpenters Union luncheon; Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's Women of Distinction awards ceremony; the La Palma Community Foundation's Police Appreciation Luncheon; and thanked the Police Department for their dedicated service and hard work.

**Mayor Pro Tem Goodman** attended the Lights On Reception for the City's Digital Billboard; the La Palma Community Foundation's Police Appreciation Luncheon; thanked the Police Department for their dedicated service and hard work; and attended the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) Board meeting.

**Mayor Goedhart** attended the La Palma Foundation's Police Appreciation Luncheon; and thanked the Police Department for their dedicated service and hard work.

#### CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**Acting City Manager Shelton** had nothing to report.



CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:53 p.m.

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Gerard Goedhart  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney  
Deputy City Clerk