

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goodman called the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL: Council Members

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

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager
Emily Webb, City Attorney
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Terry Kim, Chief of Police
Ryan Hallett Hinton, Assistant to the City Manager

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Discussion ensued regarding opposition to having a Closed Session for the City Attorney Appointment and CS-1 was moved from closed session to open session.

CS-1. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
(Government Code Section 54957)

Position Title: City Attorney

Discussion ensued regarding current City Attorney Webb making a formal announcement that she will be resigning her position from Rutan & Tucker, LLP, to work for her 75 year-old family business in Land Use Development; that her departure was sooner than expected; that a Closed Session was scheduled to discuss the extension of the City Attorney Contract and appointment of Ajit Thind as a replacement in the interim; the potential to go out to RFP for legal services; that and that former City Attorney Kuperberg will assist in the transition; that proposed City Attorney replacement, Ajit Thind, is currently

the Assistant City Attorney for Laguna Beach and Menifee, has experience, and will be responsive to the City's needs; clarification on current City Attorney Contract expiration; support for Ajit Thind's appointment and Rutan & Tucker's service to La Palma; and that the matter would be placed on the July 2 Agenda.

Mayor Goodman recessed to Closed Session at 8:11 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

Case No.: 8:18-CV -0155-DOC (JDE) Orange County Catholic Worker et al. VS
Orange County, the City of Anaheim, the City of Costa Mesa, and
the City of Orange

Mayor Goodman reconvened in Open Session and announced that there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goodman adjourned the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:35 a.m.

Marshall Goodman
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
Deputy City Clerk