

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Kim called the Regular Meeting of the City of La Palma as Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission to order at 8:41 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Mayor Goodman being absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Patel

INVOCATION: Dr. Paul Kim, La Palma United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council Members absent: Mayor Goodman

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager
Emily Webb, City Attorney
Mike Belknap, Community Services Director
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager
Terry Kim, Police Chief
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Ryan Hallett-Hinton, Assistant to the City Manager
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

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 of La Palma. Members of the La Palma City Council receive no compensation or stipend as a result of convening or participating in either the Successor Agency or otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency."

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the May 21, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Goodman

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 8:42 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget and Appropriations Limit for FY 2019-20

- a) Mayor Pro Tem Kim opened the Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.
- b) Receive Staff Report

Administrative Director Shelton gave a presentation on the Revenue and Expenditure adjustments prior to going into the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$50,000 expenditure for the Housing Element in the FY 2019-20; that the funds can be placed in one-time costs; that the decision to fund the projects listed can be decided at the end of the budget discussion.

Administrative Services Director Shelton continued with the presentation on the changes made to the budget after the May 21st City Council Presentation and then continued with presenting the Proposed FY 2019-20 Budget including personnel changes.

City Manager Murray noted that at the City Council's Goal Setting Session, the Council directed Staff to look at Home Rental Fees; that Staff is still conducting research and plans to bring that forward to the City Council in the Fall; and that these fees could bring additional revenues.

Discussion ensued regarding Staff researching rental fees to offset the cost of a Permit/Business License Technician; that the current Code Enforcement officer divides their time between code enforcement and business licensing; that the additional cost for adding a whole new body would be an additional net cost of \$42,000 as the contract building technician would be eliminated; that the new Business License/Building Technician needs to have some specialized administrative skills, but the position would not be entry level; that the cost for the proposed position is comparable with other agencies; that the position would need to be reviewed by the Labor Groups; that the last time we spoke to Marathon Petroleum, they were working with their legal department and are putting a contract together for the next fiscal year; opposition to adding another position with Marathon's uncertain future; that if the recreation coordinator was not replaced, the City's services would be reduced and some programs eliminated; opposition to having the recreation coordinator taking on a part-time role as it would still impact service levels and require more supervision; that Community Services already eliminated a Supervisor and a Senior Office Assistant; the time involved to create, manage, and supervise contract classes; support for keeping both recreation coordinator positions funded; support to keeping the status quo in the Community Development department; Council Member Goedhart's position to not add to the base of the FY 2019-20 Budget; and clarification that the \$10,000 for the Business Engagement program is included in the Proposed Budget.

Administrative Services Director Shelton continued with the presentation regarding the GANN Appropriations, the Capital Improvement Program, Fund Balances, Project and Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds.

c) Successor Agency/City Council Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding clarification that the tree wells are not included as part of the Median Project; that the tree policy will be presented in July; that there are a significant amount of trees to be replaced; that Staff is encouraged to look at replacing the trees while doing the Median Project to keep costs down; that the City has received 95% completed drawings for the Median Project to date; that Staff plans to go out to bid in the Fall; that Staff should add the tree wells to the Median RFP; that there is \$7,500 budgeted for the tree wells, but there are some existing trees that need to be replaced and those funds do not cover all of them; that Staff can look at

the tree wells and do a budget adjustment when the Tree Policy comes forward; request to clarify the pattern of the City's electricity costs; that it took Southern California Edison (SCE) several months to get us a bill for the new LED lights; that Staff has just recently received SCE bills and are now able to budget appropriately; that electric costs in FY 2017-18 did not include the entire year's electricity costs, only from May to December 2018; Council Member Goedhart's opposition to increasing the base of expenditures at this time including the addition of International Days; concerns about the CalPERS rate of return and other economic factors; the additional ongoing costs with the median being reduced since there will be no mowing; that Staff plans to go out to bid for landscape maintenance in the next six months and will include this; that the Chamber of Commerce membership is \$500 per year and easily absorbed from the \$10,000 budgeted for the Business Engagement earmarked funds; that the Chamber conducts ribbon cutting events that are free of charge; that the Chamber of Commerce is a combination of ten cities, helps promote businesses, and supports local shopping and restaurants; that Council Member Steggell supports Chamber of Commerce membership and Council Member Goedhart opposes it; and that more details about the Chamber will be addressed during the future Business Engagement Policy review.

d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

e) Mayor Pro Tem Kim closed the Public Hearing at 9:28 p.m.

f) Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20

g) Adopt a Resolution approving the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2019-20

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-25 approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and adopt Resolution No. 2019-26 approving the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2019-20. The motion was seconded by Council Member Steggell.

Council Member Goedhart announced that he will be voting in opposition to the FY 2019-20 Budget as he does not support adding to and increasing the base of expenditures.

The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Kim, Council Member Patel, and
Council Member Steggell

NOES: Council Member Goedhart

ABSENT: Mayor Goodman

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City of La Palma as Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission at 9:29 p.m.

Marshall Goodman
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
Deputy City Clerk