

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goodman called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Walker Junior High School's Kindness Club

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

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager  
Ajit Thind, 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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Jack and Lisa Amsell, Chief Instructors for American Moo-Do Kwan Martial Arts Class, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Deputy City Clerk Kenney for her dedicated service and support to the La Palma community.

Mayor Goodman presented Certificates of Recognition to La Palma Recreation Center Martial Arts Students, Isabella De Santiago, for her participation in the 29th annual Jimmy Kim Taekwondo Championship Tournament; and presented Certificates of Recognition to Students Jacob Sangalang and Michael Gutierrez for their participation in the 30th annual Jimmy Kim Taekwondo Championship Tournament.

2. Mayor Goodman presented Certificates of Recognition to Walker Junior High Schools Students Gracen Grepo and Hannah Hughes for the La Palma / Cerritos AAUW 2019 Tech Trek Program Award for their accomplishments in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Edna Ethington, a La Palma resident since 1965, gave a brief history of the AAUW Tech Trek program.

Tobi Bama, an assistant Director of Tech Trek at Cerritos College, introduced the Program.

Senator Ling Ling Chang and Representative Chris Aguilera from Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's office also presented Certificates of Recognition to the two students.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Emma Diones, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding her concerns with her back yard neighbor's fence trees that have become a nuisance; the debris from the trees being a daily problem; understands that Staff has been working with the property owner; and asked the City Council to remedy the situation.

Council Member Goedhart inquired about an update on this issue since it came up during his term as Mayor; that City Manager Murray reported that the neighbor now has an attorney involved regarding the nuisance; that the City Attorney's office is working with them to come to an amicable resolution; and Mrs. Diones noted that Code Enforcement has always been very responsive to her.

Edna Ethington, a La Palma resident, thanked the City Council for honoring the Walker Junior High Students who received the AAUW Tech Trak award; that the AAUW used to use the La Palma Council Chambers for their meetings; that their meetings are open to the public; whether it's possible to use a City room for their meetings every third Thursday of the month without charging a fee; and that the money raised is to be used for the students instead of paying for a meeting room.

### RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:33 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 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 October 1, 2019, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. SA 2019-06 approving the Register of Demands for November 5, 2019.

C. Successor Agency 1st Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2019-20, as of September 30, 2019

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar A, B, and C.

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Mayor Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Kim, Council Member Patel, 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 AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:34 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 October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands  
Resolution No. 2019-44 approving the Register of Demands for October 1, 2019.  
Mayor Pro Tem Kim announced that he had a financial conflict of interest on Item 3. Mayor Pro Tem Kim did not participate in the vote on this item.
4. City of La Palma 1st Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2019-20, as of September 30, 2019  
Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-20.

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

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

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

NOES: None

## REGULAR ITEM (4 Items)

5. Introduce an Ordinance Repealing Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, of Article III of Chapter 10 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto new Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Article III of Chapter 10 adopting by reference the 2019 Editions of the California Administrative Code (CAC); the California Building Code(CBC); the California Mechanical Code (CMC); the California Plumbing Code (CPC); the California Electrical Code (CEC); the California Residential Code (CRC); the California Energy Code (CEnC); the

California Green Building Standards Code (CGBSC); and the California Referenced Standards Code (CRSC) and certain appendices; the 2018 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, (Hereinafter referred to collectively as “Codes”); together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto

Planning Manager Hutter gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- a) Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the California Building Standards Code; and,
- b) Introduce an Ordinance Repealing Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, of Article III of Chapter 10 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto new Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Article III of Chapter 10 adopting by reference the 2019 Editions of the California Administrative Code (CAC); the California Building Code(CBC); the California Mechanical Code (CMC); the California Plumbing Code (CPC); the California Electrical Code (CEC); the California Residential Code (CRC); the California Energy Code (CEnC); the California Green Building Standards Code (CGBSC); and the California Referenced Standards Code (CRSC) and certain appendices; the 2018 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, (Hereinafter referred to collectively as “Codes”); together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto; and
- c) Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified in item (b).

Mayor Pro Tem Kim made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-45 setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the California Building Standards Code; and Introduce an Ordinance Repealing Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, of Article III of Chapter 10 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto new Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Article III of Chapter 10 adopting by reference the 2019 Editions of the California Administrative Code (CAC); the California

Building Code(CBC); the California Mechanical Code (CMC); the California Plumbing Code (CPC); the California Electrical Code (CEC); the California Residential Code (CRC); the California Energy Code (CEnC); the California Green Building Standards Code (CGBSC); and the California Referenced Standards Code (CRSC) and certain appendices; the 2018 Edition of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; the 2018 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, (Hereinafter referred to collectively as “Codes”); together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto; and Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified.

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

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

NOES: None

- 6. Ordinance Repealing Article II of Chapter 16 of the La Palma City Code, and Adding Thereto a New Article II of Chapter 16 Adopting by Reference the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code with Appendices and Amendments Thereto

Planning Manager Hutter gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- a) Adopt a Resolution setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the California Fire Code; and,
- b) Introduce an Ordinance repealing Article II of Chapter 16 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto a new Article II of Chapter 16 adopting by reference the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code with appendices and amendments thereto; and,
- c) Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified in item (b).

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-46 setting forth findings with respect to local conditions which justify amendments to the California Fire Code; introduce an Ordinance repealing Article II of Chapter 16 of the La Palma City Code, and adding thereto a new Article II of Chapter 16 adopting by reference the 2019 Edition of the California Fire Code with appendices and amendments thereto; and Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified.

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

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

NOES: None

7. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, California Adding a New Article V to Chapter 10 Adopting by Reference the 2015 Edition of the Orange County Grading and Excavation Code with Certain Amendments, Additions, Deletions, and Exceptions Thereto

Planning Manager Hutter gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- a) Introduce an Ordinance adding a new Article V to Chapter 10, (Hereinafter referred to collectively as “City of La Palma Grading and Excavation Code”); together with certain amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto; and,
- b) Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified in item (a).

Mayor Pro Tem Kim made a motion to Introduce an Ordinance adding a new Article V to Chapter 10, (Hereinafter referred to collectively as “City of La Palma Grading and Excavation Code”); together with certain

amendments, additions, deletions, and exceptions thereto; and Set a Public Hearing date for November 19, 2019, to adopt the Ordinance identified.

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

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

NOES: None

8. Updated City Council Policy and 2020 Legislative Platform

Assistant to the City Manager Hallett Hinton gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- a) Adopt amended City Council Policy 2: Legislative Advocacy and Official City Positions; and,
- b) Adopt the City of La Palma's 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim thanked Assistant to the City Manager Hallett Hinton for all his hard work on this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim made a motion to adopt an amended City Council Policy 2: Legislative Advocacy and Official City Positions; and adopt the City of La Palma's 2020 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

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

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

NOES: None



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

**Council Member Goedhart** attended the Anaheim Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

**Council Member Patel** attended the La Palma-Cerritos Coder School Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting event and attended the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) recognition of Oxford Academy Key Club Members.

**Council Member Steggell** attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) Annual Conference; the Cypress Mayor's Prayer breakfast; the La Palma-Cerritos Coder School Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting; the City's annual Halloween Carnival; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Human Resources meeting; thanked Deputy City Clerk Kenney for coordinating the School's participation in the City Council's Pledge of Allegiance; welcomed new OCFA Fire Chief Jeff Hoey; and reminded everyone that five years ago today, she was elected to the La Palma City Council, and thanked the residents for their support.

**Mayor Pro Tem Kim** attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board Meeting; the OCSD State of the District and 65th Anniversary events; the OCSD Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting; the Red Ribbon Week Challenge; the City Council Policy Committee Meeting; the annual Halloween Carnival; and congratulated new School Resource Officer, Officer Wilson, on his new position;

**Mayor Goodman** attended the LOCC Annual Conference; the La Palma-Cerritos Coder School Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting; the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Executive Committee meeting; the OCSD State of the District event; the Red Ribbon Week Challenge; and the California Select Committee on Orange County Chronic Homelessness.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Murray** announced that construction has begun on the Sound Barrier Wall at Walmart; that construction is expected to be completed on December 18; that Staff will be sending out a letter tomorrow to all residents advising them of the construction schedule; that she will be out of State tomorrow through Monday; and that Administrative Services Director Shelton will be the Acting City Manager in her absence.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Thind** had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8**

Property: 7061 Walker Street, La Palma, California  
APN 263-041-35  
Agency negotiator: Ajit Thind  
Negotiating parties: LINC Housing Corporation  
Under negotiations: Price and/or terms of payment

CS-2 **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Consideration of whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): (1 case)

CS-3. **THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1):**

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Position Title: City Manager

CS-4. **THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(B)(1):**

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Position Title: Interim City Manager

City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Goodman reconvened in Open Session at 9:04 p.m. and asked for a report.

City Manager Murray responded that there were no reportable items out of Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goodman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 9:05 p.m.

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Marshall Goodman  
Mayor

Attest:

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Kimberly Kenney, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk