

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patel called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:42 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma California.

SPECIAL SESSION:

SS-1. Interview Applicants for Development and Circulation Committee Vacancies

- a) The City Council conducted interviews for the following candidates for the Development and Circulation Committee:
1. Henry Lee
 2. Kris Moskowitz
 3. Manisha Jethvani
 4. Sergio Alvarez
 5. Greg Sambrano
 6. Rodi Almendralo

Mayor Patel called for a short recess at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Patel reconvened the City Council at 6:44 p.m. and opened the floor to discussion on the applicants.

Discussion ensued regarding the strengths of candidates; that the decision was difficult; that all did well on paper and during the interviews; noted their appreciation for those that applied and participated in the process; and encouraged the participants to find another capacity to serve the La Palma Community.

No comments from any member of the public were made.

- b) Appoint four candidates to fill the current Development and Circulation Committee Vacancies.

Council Member Goodman made a motion to Re-Appoint Rodi Almendralo and appoint Sergio Alvarez, Henry Lee, and Greg Sambrano as the candidates to fill the current Development and Circulation Committee Vacancies.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

Mayor Patel requested to take a short recess at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Patel reconvened the City Council in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Goodman

INVOCATION: Father Binh Nguyen, St. Irenaeus

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council Members present: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Conal McNamara, City Manager
Ajit Thind, City Attorney
Terry Kim, Police Chief
Mike Belknap, Community Services Director
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager
Ryan Hallett-Hinton, Assistant to the City Manager
Kimberly Kenney, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Patel presented a proclamation in recognition of January 13th as Korean-American Day

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF LA PALMA AT 7:07 P.M.

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 December 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

- B. Successor Agency Register of Demands

Resolution No. SA 2021-01 approving the Register of Demands for December 15, 2020, and January 19, 2021.

Council Member Goodman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

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 THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:08 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 December 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution No. 2021-01 approving the Register of Demands for December 15, 2020, and January 4 and 19, 2021.
4. Destruction of Obsolete Departmental Records
Resolution No. 2021-02 authorizing the destruction of obsolete records pursuant to the California Government Code Section 34090.
5. Resolution Amending the date of the City Council's Regular Meetings
Resolution No. 2021-03 amending the City's Council's Regular Meeting Schedule.
6. COVID-19 Update/Implications for Upcoming City Events

Receive and file the report.

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

7. Appointments to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Citizen Committee

City Clerk Kenney gave the Staff Report.

Appoint Kiyoko Dodson and Irene Hesse to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2024.

Council Member Baker recused herself at 7:12 p.m. to avoid a perceived Conflict of Interest.

Council Member Goodman made a motion to approve the appointment of Kiyoko Dodson and Irene Hesse to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Citizen Committee

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

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: Council Member Baker

The City Council congratulated Mrs. Dodson and Mrs. Hesse on their appointment and thanked them for their service to the Community.

8. Appointments to External Committees and Internal Subcommittees

By Consensus, the City Council agreed to the appointments to External Committees and Internal Subcommittees as follows:

Council Member Goodman appointed as the City's Representative and Mayor Patel as the City's Alternate Representative to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell appointed as the City's Representative with no Alternate to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).

Council Member Goodman appointed as the City's Representative and Mayor Patel as the City's Alternate Representative to the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD).

Mayor Patel appointed as the City's Representative with no Alternate to the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD).

Council Member Waldman appointed as the City's Representative and Council Member Baker as the City's Alternate Representative to the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Council Member Baker appointed as the City's Representative with no Alternate to the Orange County Library Advisory Board (OCLAB).

Mayor Patel appointed as the City's Representative with no Alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly.

Mayor Patel and Mayor Pro Tem Steggell appointed to serve on the Business Task Force Internal Subcommittee.

Mayor Patel and Mayor Pro Tem Steggell appointed to serve on the Public School Liaison Internal Subcommittee.

Mayor Patel and Mayor Pro Tem Steggell appointed to serve on the Business Engagement Ad Hoc Internal Committee.

Council Member Baker appointed to the Bridges at Kraemer Place and Homeless Issues Committee.

9. Additional Small Business Assistance

City Manager McNamara gave the Staff Report.

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding a potential conflict of interest with Council Member Waldman's storefront business; that the City Attorney noted that Council decision will be to determine what to do with the funds in an overall sense, not on individual businesses, and should not require him to recuse himself unless he feels uncomfortable; that the City has a list from the first round of CARES Act funds that qualified to be recipients of the monies; that each business will attest to the fact that they would be in need of the funds; that the City Council will need to determine the use for these funds at a subsequent meeting; City Council support for using the funds for sites that can be used for outdoor dining; and that landlords and property managers need to be surveyed to see what their participation level would be.

Accept funds allocated by the County of Orange in the amount of \$50,000 for small business assistance and retroactively authorize the City Manager to execute any and all related documents

Council Member Goodman made a motion to accept funds allocated by the County of Orange in the amount of \$50,000 for small business assistance and retroactively authorize the City Manager to execute any and all related documents.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

10. Update City Council Policy and 2021 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 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform

Council Member Goodman made a motion to adopt amended City Council Policy 2: Legislative Advocacy and Official City Positions; and adopt the City of La Palma's 2021 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Goodman, Mayor Patel, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

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

Council Member Waldman had nothing to report.

Council Member Goodman attended the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Executive Committee Meeting; the League of California Cities Orange County Division (LOCC-OC) meeting; the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Session; the CJPIA Executive Committee Interviews; the LOCC Housing and Community Development Policy Committee meeting; the Orange County City Selection Committee meeting; recognized the late Dr. Martin Luther King for his contributions; and requested that Staff research Home Occupations - the process and results of how COVID-19 has impacted that field. He asked about how the City Plans to move forward with the City Council's Goal regarding election signage.

City Manager McNamara responded by noting he does not have the information back from Allan Roeder, the Facilitator, and plans to agendize the matter in the near future.

Council Member Baker attended the virtual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; the LOCC Mayors Round Table; the LOCC Parks and Recreation Round Table; the CA GOP Newly Elected Official member training; the LOCC-OC General Membership meeting; the Anaheim YMCA virtual Community Breakfast; the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Session; the LOCC Homelessness Round Table; the LOCC Mayors and Council Members Round table; the LOCC Community Services Policy Committee meeting; the LOCC Parks and Recreation Round Table; and the LOCC Economic Development Round Table.

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell attended the Bridges at Kraemer Place Homeless Committee meeting; the OCFA Human Resources Committee meeting; the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Meeting; and closed her comments by noting she looks forward to what 2021 has in store for the City.

Mayor Patel attended the OCSD Monthly Meeting; reported that he provided Lunch for Staff in appreciation of all their efforts and service to the City of La Palma; the OCSD Committee Meeting; the OCVCD Budget Meeting; the OCVCD General Meeting; the Shop Local Video Taping event; the Pension Liability Meeting with Staff; the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning meeting; the Orange County City Selection Committee meeting; asked that Staff review the City Council Policy regarding the Citizen Committee interview process so that procedure can be reversed back to the Subcommittee Format from previous years; and closed by congratulating the two new CAB Committee members on their appointments.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager McNamara welcomed back the City Council to the first Regular meeting of the New Year; reported on the success of the Goal Setting and Strategic Planning Session; that a report is planned for the February City Council Meeting; that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Appeal was denied by SCAG at today's Appeal's Committee meeting; that every appeal brought before them has been denied; thanked Consultants Kathy Graham and John Douglas for their work on this; is planning to have a ground breaking ceremony for the Starbucks site; that Orange County COVID-19 Vaccination Pods are soon to be open for distribution; details of the vaccination progress; that Staff is working to keep vaccination information updated on the City's website; and reminded the City Council that all City Hall staff will be moved over to the Community Center by February 1st.

Mayor Patel inquired about the timeline for City employee COVID vaccinations.

City Manager McNamara reported discussions on how to manage the process for the Police Officers who work in the County, but that it all depends on how quickly vaccines

can be delivered and how quickly more pharmaceutical companies make additional vaccines. He closed his comments by noting it could be months, but will update the City Council with any progress reports.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Thind stated that his office is continuing to monitor Sheriff Barnes litigation regarding the Jails and that to date, there is nothing to report on the court matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Patel adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:55 p.m.

Nitesh P. Patel
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
City Clerk