

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patel called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representatives: Conal McNamara, City Manager
Ryan Hallett-Hinton, Assistant to the
City Manager

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

Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8

Property: 5410-14 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, California

Agency negotiator: Conal McNamara, City Manager
Ajit Thind, City Attorney

Negotiating parties: Victor Chung, Elite Taekwondo Center, LLC

Under negotiations: Price and/or terms of the Amended Lease

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF
LITIGATION:

One item – (1) Claim No. 3019964 MZG

Claimant: Rabi Fararji

Mayor Patel recessed to Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

Mayor Patel recessed Closed Session at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Patel reconvened the City Council in Open Session at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a report.

City Attorney Thind announced that there were no reportable actions out of Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Goodman

INVOCATION: Pastor Matthew Agosto, City Church

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
Mike Belknap, Community Services Director
Ryan Hallett-Hinton, Assistant to the City Manager
Scott Hutter, Planning Manager
Terry Kim, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, City Clerk

PI-1. City Council Reorganization

- a) The City Council conducted its annual reorganization by selecting the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Patel opened up the floor to nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Michele Steggell for Mayor.

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

Mayor Steggell thanked her colleagues and the City for the opportunity and announced that she looks forward to serving the City in this capacity.

Mayor Steggell opened up the floor to nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Goodman made a motion to nominate Council Member Debbie Baker for Mayor Pro Tem.

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

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

NOES: None

- b) Make a presentation to outgoing Mayor Nitesh Patel

Mayor Steggell presented a plaque to former Mayor Patel in recognition of his dedicated service to the City of La Palma.

Outgoing Mayor Patel thanked his City Council Colleagues, City Staff, and his Family for their support during his term as Mayor.

Joe Pak, representing Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, presented outgoing Mayor Patel with a Certificate in recognition of his dedicated service to La Palma.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Tony Cardenas, Public Affairs Regional Manager for Cal Cities, gave a legislative update and congratulated Mayor Steggell on her appointment.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stefanos, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the pavement condition on his cul-de-sac.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 6:58 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 November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

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

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Council Member Goodman,
Council Member Patel, Mayor 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 AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 6:59 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 November 2, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2021-36 approving the Registers of Demands for November 16, 2021, and December 7, 2021.

4. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending City Zoning Code (Chapter 44 of the La Palma Municipal Code) Section's 44-391 to 44-402, 44-874 to 44-877, 44-487 and 44-909 Pertaining to the Regulation of Signs and Signboards

Order the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-03 of the City of La Palma amending City Zoning Code (Chapter 44 of the La Palma Municipal Code) Section's 44-391 to 44-402, 44-874-44-877, 44-487 and 44-909 pertaining to the regulation of signs and signboards.

5. General Plan, Housing Element, and Housing Successor Annual Progress Reports

- a) Receive and file the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report, 2021 Housing Element Annual Progress Report, and the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Housing Successor Annual Report; and,

- b) Direct the Community Development Department to:

- 1) Transmit the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and,

- 2) Transmit the 2021 Housing Element Annual Progress Report via emails to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and

the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and,

- 3) Transmit the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Housing Successor Annual Report via email to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and make it available on the City's website.

6. Update of times for the "No Parking, Stopping or Standing" Zone in the Alley situated on the west and south side of the Commercial Center Located at 5410-5486 La Palma Avenue

Resolution No. 2021-35 of the City of La Palma updating the "No Parking, Stopping or Standing" Zone in the alley situated on the west and south side of the Commercial Center located at 5410-5486 La Palma Avenue from "10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M." to "7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M."

7. Authorization for the City Manager to Receive Direct Funding from the County of Orange for Meal Gap Services in La Palma

Authorize and execute all required documents to receive direct funding from the County of Orange for Meal Gap Services in La Palma.

Mayor Steggell gave a brief overview of this Agenda Item and thanked Supervisor Foley's office for the funds that will directly impact families in need.

8. Authorization for the City Manager to Receive Direct Funding from the North Orange County Public Safety Collaborative / Grant Funding Agreement with the La Palma Community Foundation

Authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents to receive direct funding from the North Orange County Public Safety Collaborative, and execute the Grant Funding Agreement with the La Palma Community Foundation to support the School Resource Officer program and the InspoTeen program.

9. National Opioid Settlement Agreement

Resolution No. 2021-37 authorizing participation in the National Opioid Settlement and authorize the City Manager to execute the related participation agreement.

10. Approval of License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company of Right-of-Way Use for Park and Public Recreation Purposes

Authorize the Mayor to execute the License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company (SCE) of Right-of-Way (ROW) use for Park and Public

Recreation Purposes in the amount of \$116,980.65 for five years, paid in annual installments.

11. Fourth Amendment to Agreement to Lease for City property located at 5410-14 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, California (Elite Taekwondo Center, Inc.)

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Fourth Amendment to Agreement to Lease for City-owned property located at 5410-14 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, California (Elite Taekwondo Center, Inc.).

12. Award of Contract to Greentech Landscape, Inc. for Park and Landscape Maintenance Services

Award a contract in the amount not to exceed \$375,000 to Greentech Landscape, Inc, of Whittier, California, park and landscape maintenance services amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 annually for three (3) years, with an option to extend the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms with a maximum contract length of five years; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

13. Award of Contract for Tree Maintenance Services

Award a contract in the amount of \$213,300 to West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) of Anaheim, California, for Annual Tree Maintenance Services for three (3) years, with an option to extend the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms with a maximum contract length of five years; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

14. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for the Walker Well Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 21-WTR-03

Accept the work and authorize the Community Services Director to file the Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work with the Orange County Recorder for the Walker Well Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 21-WTR-03.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 14.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

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

Council Member Waldman attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Council Member Patel attended the Oxford Academy Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA) presentation; hosted a luncheon for City employees; the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; and the State of the City Address and thanked Staff for their part in the event's success.

Council Member Goodman attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Legislative and Public Affairs Committee meeting; the State of the City Address; the OCSD Administrative Committee meeting; the Cal Cities ACA 7 working group Executive Committee meeting; the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Executive Committee workshop; the OCSD Board of Directors meeting; the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; and closed by congratulating Mayor Steggell and Mayor Pro Tem Baker on their appointments as well as thanking outgoing Mayor Patel for his service.

Mayor Pro Tem Baker attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) Speaker Series Infectious Disease experts on the evolution of Covid-19 in California and what cities can do; the La Palma State of the City Address; the Second District Supervisor Quarterly Zoom meeting; the LOCC Special Briefing on the 2021 Legislative Report & New Laws Impacting Cities; the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at Central Park; the LOCC Orange County Division General Membership Meeting and Holiday Event; and wished everyone a safe holiday and Merry Christmas.

Mayor Steggell attended the State of the City Address; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board of Directors meeting; and the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager McNamara thanked outgoing Mayor Patel for his service and his efforts during challenges of the COVID pandemic; congratulated Mayor Steggell and Mayor Pro

Tem Baker; and announced that he looks forward to working the City Council and wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Thind had nothing to report and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Steggell adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:09 p.m.

Michele Steggell
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
City Clerk