

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

February 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goedhart called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Council Member Kim being absent.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: Laurie Murray, City Manager
Steve Filarsky, Agency Labor Counsel

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

Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management

Mayor Goedhart recessed to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Closed Session at 6:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Goedhart reconvened the City Council in Open Session at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a report out of Closed Session.

City Manager Murray announced that there are no reportable actions out of Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell

INVOCATION: Pastor Dave Lutes, La Palma Christian Center

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council/Commission Members present: Mayor/Chairperson Goedhart, Council/Commission Member Hwangbo, Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Steggell

Council/Commission Members absent: Council/Commission Member Kim

City Officials present: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Mike McCrary, Interim Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Goedhart introduced City Manager Murray who presented a proclamation commending the La Palma Police Detective Bureau in recognition of solving the murder of Patricia Ann Ross.

Council Member Kim joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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 AT 7:12 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 La Palma, and then recess and convene as the Planning Commission. 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 Planning Commission meetings, or otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency or Planning Commission."

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the February 2, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. SA 2016-03 approving the Successor Agency Registers of Demands for February 16, 2016.

C. Successor Agency 2nd Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2015-16, as of December 31, 2015

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A, B, and C.

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

AYES: Mayor Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo,
Council Member Kim, Council Member
Shanahan, and Mayor Pro Tem 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 CONVENE AS THE PLANNING
COMMISSION AT 7:13 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 2, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Kim and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Vice Chairperson Steggell

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:14 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 February 2, 2016, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2016-07 approving the Register of Demands for February 16, 2016.

4. City of La Palma 2nd Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2015-16, as of December 31, 2015

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-16.

5. Submittal of La Palma Avenue/Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project to the Orange County Transportation Authority for Funding Under the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTFP)

Resolution No. 2016-08 approving the submittal of La Palma Avenue/Del Amo Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project to the Orange County Transportation Authority for Funding under the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTFP).

6. Amendment to Agreement with Filarsky and Watt LLP

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with Filarsky & Watt LLP in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 between November 18, 2014, and June 30, 2017.

7. Economic Development Action Plan Activity Report for 2015

Receive and file the Economic Development Action Plan activity report for 2015.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 7.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Approving a Development Agreement Between the City of La Palma and Foster Interstate Media, Inc., for a Double-sided Digital Display Billboard at 5545 Orangethorpe Avenue, La Palma, California

- a) Mayor Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report
- c) Council Comments and Questions:

None
- d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.
- e) Mayor Goedhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.
- f) Introduce and order the first reading of an Ordinance approving the Development Agreement between the City of La Palma and Foster Interstate Media, Inc., for the construction, operation and maintenance of a double-sided digital display billboard at 5545 Orangethorpe Avenue.

Council Member Kim made a motion to introduce and order the first reading of an Ordinance approving the Development Agreement between the City of La Palma and Foster Interstate Media, Inc., for the construction, operation and maintenance of a double-sided digital display billboard at 5545 Orangethorpe Avenue.

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

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

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

- 9. Memorandum of Understanding for the La Palma General Employees Association

City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Comments and Questions:

None

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Council Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-09 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Palma and the La Palma General Employees Association.

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

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

NOES: None

Mayor Goedhart announced the City Council's appreciation for all employee groups who cooperated in making the necessary reductions in an effort to address the City's financial situation.

10. Council Member Request: Reconsideration of Including Run for Fun and Four Concerts in FY 2016-17 Budget

Mayor Goedhart introduced the item and gave a brief report; noted that direction was previously to not move forward with these events based on the City's financial difficulties; and that because of the community input received after that decision, he is asking for reconsideration of those events for one year.

Public Input:

Wally Zimmerman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the comments from the Financial Sustainability Committee to save money, but still keep the small town feel of La Palma; that reinstating these programs and continuing to pay for these does not alleviate any budget deficiencies; and his concern for not moving forward with the original direction to cut the programs.

Mayor Goedhart responded that the Financial Sustainability Committee recommended the elimination of La Palma Days, not the elimination of the other programs; that he believes the City could pay for the programs at least one more year from its reserves due to the lack of notice that the programs would not return; and that he understands the community's concerns.

Council Member Kim noted that there are Corporate Connection Sponsorships for these programs and that the City needs to use these monies for the programs they support.

Mr. Zimmerman added that he understands the sponsorships; however, if the City plans to move forward with a revenue generating ballot measure, funding these programs is a direct conflict and contradictory to that effort.

Mayor Goedhart stated that the City just approved salary reductions and is trying to be responsive and respectful to the community; that this process has been awkward as the City Council is still trying to work on the City's deficit; and that these programs are only approved for one more year.

City Manager Murray noted that Staff will start showing net costs for these events and taking all sponsorships into that equation.

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding support for reconsideration of these events; understands the financial concerns; and that the amount of money involved with sponsorship will hopefully support this event.

Sally Alvis, a La Palma Resident and current Community Activities and Beautification member, addressed the City Council regarding offsetting some of the costs for the Concerts in the Park with advertisements for these concerts.

Council Member Kim made a motion to approve the Council Member Request to reconsider and reinstate the July 4th Run for Fun event and Four Concerts in the Park into the FY 2016-17 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Steggell.

Council Member Hwangbo noted that as a decision and policy maker for the City, there has to be a good reason why the City Council would reconsider this; that the City volunteers came to the City Council and told them that they wanted to continue these programs; support for reversing the original decision by the City Council; that these events will only be approved for one year to keep the small town feel; and that without additional revenue, the City cannot continue this event.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

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

Council Member Shanahan had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Steggell attended the Buena Park State of the City luncheon; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) "Best and Bravest" awards ceremony; the joint meeting with the Financial Sustainability Committee; the Neighborhood Watch Banquet; and the Police Interaction with Youth (PIY) graduation.

Council Member Hwangbo attended the Buena Park State of the City luncheon; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting; and congratulated the La Palma Detectives on their accomplishment of solving a cold case.

Council Member Kim attended the Buena Park State of the City luncheon; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Legislative and Public Affairs meeting; the joint meeting with the Financial Sustainability Committee; and the OCSD Administration Committee meeting.

Mayor Goedhart attended the OCFA "Best and Bravest" awards ceremony; the joint meeting with the Financial Sustainability Committee; and the Neighborhood Watch Banquet.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Murray reminded everyone that with the LPGEA MOU going into effect tomorrow, the new hours at City Hall will be from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and closed every Friday.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report and announced it was a pleasure to be back.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:36 p.m.

Gerard Goedhart

Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk