

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goedhart called the Special Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Council Member Hwangbo being absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Goedhart

ROLL CALL: Council Members

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

Council Members absent: Council Member Hwangbo

City Officials present: Laurie Murray, City Manager
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Approval of Argument in Support of Proposed Initiative Ordinance 2016-01, Establishing a One Percent Transactions and Use Tax

City Manager Murray noted that there is no staff report, but submits a ballot argument created by the authors. She asked the City Council to review the argument in favor of the measure, and as authors of the argument, make any recommendations or changes.

Mayor Goedhart responded that the City Council will take a moment to review the arguments; then allow the public to come forward with their comments or questions; and that four members of the City Council plan to sign this argument in favor of a sales tax increase that will be on the November 8, 2016, Ballot.

City Manager Murray stated that the Registrar of Voters will assign the Measure number after it has been submitted and that this argument is at the maximum number of words allowed.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the exclamation point at the beginning of the argument, but removing the exclamation at the end of the argument.

Public Input:

Larry Herman, a La Palma resident, asked about the timing for the argument against the measure.

City Manager Murray responded that all arguments are due to the City Clerk's office by no later than Monday, July 18, 2016; then there is a ten day review period where rebuttals will need to be submitted by July 28, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.; and that if there are any arguments against the measure, a discussion will need to be had with the City Attorney whether a special meeting is required for approval of any rebuttal.

Discussion ensued regarding that the four members of the City Council present at this meeting will be signing the argument in favor of the measure along with former Mayor Mark Waldman; and details of the motion that needs to be made.

- a) Select Council Members and/or Community Members to sign the Argument in support of the Initiative Ordinance; and
- b) Approve the text of the Argument in support of the Initiative Ordinance.

Mayor Goedhart made a motion to approve the text of the Argument in support of the Initiative Ordinance as modified; select Mayor Goedhart, Mayor Pro Tem Steggell, Council Member Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and former Mayor Mark Waldman to sign the argument.

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

AYES:	Mayor Goedhart, Council Member Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Mayor Pro Tem Steggell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Council Member Hwangbo

Renee Lukasca, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding her love for the City of La Palma; and asked for clarification on which tax was approved by the City Council as the newspapers stated several tax options.

Mayor Goedhart clarified that the only measure before the voters will be a 1% sales tax increase; that this tax affects all consumers in La Palma; that the rule is, for every thousand dollars of taxable sales, it would cost the consumer \$10; that according to the analysis, it should raise about \$1.5 million; that this revenue should restore the City to financial health; that the four City Council members at this meeting are supporting the measure; and that the voters will get a chance to make a decision at the ballot box in November.

City Manager Murray announced that if any present have not registered to vote, voter registration applications are available at the front counter in City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goedhart adjourned the Special City Council meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Gerard Goedhart
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk