

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shanahan called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Council Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Kim being absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hwangbo

INVOCATION: Council Member Hwangbo

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council/Commission Members present: Council/Commission Member Goedhart, Council/Commission Member Hwangbo, and Mayor/Chairperson Shanahan

Council/Commission Members absent: Council/Commission Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Kim

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager/Executive Director
Michelle Molko, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief

PRESENTATIONS

1. Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Battalion Chief Tony Espinoza gave a brief presentation on drowning prevention and Mayor Shanahan presented a Proclamation to him in recognition of Drowning Prevention Week.
2. Community Services Supervisor Belknap introduced Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Cindy Robinson who gave a brief presentation of the Youth Action Committee program.

Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Robinson introduced Youth Action Committee Members: Mark An, Josh Byun, Samuel Chong, Jason Chung, Danny Hyun Eun, Mariah Gale, Stuti Grover, Alex Gao, Leah Han, Shereena Ho, Nichol John, Noel John, Louis Kim, Sam Kim, Joyce Le, Brian Lee, Hiseo Lee, Bridget Lee, Robert Lee, Richard Liu, Nikki Morinishi, Stella Nam, Ramya Natarajan, Jordan Otero, Carolyn Pak, Sabira Parajuli, Shivani Patel, Yash Patel, Keshani Rajapaksa, Tina Reamaroon, Regan Ritsema, Kylie Tierney, Brooke Tobias, and Kevin Yoon.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

William Oliver, 5232 Iberville Circle, addressed the City Council regarding a code enforcement violation notice he received and the history of the artificial turf on his front lawn; he requested a waiver and to be grandfathered in as the artificial turf was installed by a professional contractor prior to the 2009 Ordinance being adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding the details of the violation notice; history of artificial turf in La Palma; details of the Artificial Turf Ordinance passed in 2009; opposition to the Ordinance; request for Staff to investigate the matter further; opposition to having an Artificial Turf Ordinance if the turf is tasteful; that a La Palma building inspector came to the resident's home on numerous occasions to approve the permitted remodel work and the turf was never addressed during those visits.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his appreciation of the recent Palm Tree trimming at the Civic Center; that he spoke to the City's arborist at the Arbor Day ceremony regarding the poor condition of trees along Houston and requested that the City review the matter; the schedule for the curb address painting project; a report on e-cigarettes and requested to have the City address the matter; a home needing work on Warwick Circle; and a request for Staff to index the lobby copy of the Agenda.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that the non-profit groups designated to conduct the curb address painting will commence Citywide next week.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:30 P.M.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Murray 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

None Scheduled.

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 7:31 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:32 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 Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2014-27 approving the Register of demands for May 20, 2014.

3. Award of Contract to R.J. Noble for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Street Streets with Asphalt Rubber Overlay (ARHM), City Project No. ST-331

- a) Approve the Award of Contact in the amount of \$472,264 to R.J. Noble Company for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Overlay (ARHM), City Project No. ST-331.

- b) Authorize the appropriation of funds as follows: \$395 thousand from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund, \$150 thousand from the Gas Tax Fund, \$15 thousand from the Water Fund, and \$15 thousand from the Sewer Fund.

4. Purchase of a Replacement Recreation Pick-Up /Utility Truck

Authorize the purchase of the of one (1) 2014 Ford F-150 Two-Wheel Drive SuperCrew 145" XL for an amount not to exceed \$25,973.55 from National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville, California, per the terms outlined in the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Contract number 102811.

5. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for the Walker Junior High School Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project along Walker Street from Crescent Avenue to La Palma Avenue & Crescent Avenue from Moody Street to Walker Street, City Project No. ST-316

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 Junior High School Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project along Walker Street from Crescent Avenue to La Palma Avenue and Crescent Avenue from Moody Street to Walker Street, City Project No. ST-316.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, and Mayor Shanahan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Kim

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. First Amendment to the Agreement with Computer Service Company (CSC) for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services

Amend the Agreement with Computer Service Company of Corona, California, for the Citywide Traffic Signal Maintenance Services, increasing the monthly routine maintenance costs and extraordinary maintenance costs, and extending the term of the agreement through June 5, 2016.

Council Member Goedhart requested to have the item pulled in order to get clarification on the price increase with the two-year extension.

Community Services Director Belknap responded that CSC had not increased their fees in the past three year term; that Staff will go out to bid after the two year extension and consideration of street light purchase for better unit pricing; and that the contract engineer felt the price increase was justifiable.

Discussion ensued regarding Staff bringing the item back with more specifics on the increase; opposition to the cost increase; and that the City Council can continue the item until Staff presents a justification for the increase.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to continue the item to the June 3, 2014, City Council meeting.

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, and Mayor Shanahan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Kim

7. Authorization for Council Member to Attend the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings

Approve the attendance of Council Member Steve Hwangbo at the LOCC Employee Relations Policy Committee meeting on June 20, 2014, in Sacramento.

Council Member Goedhart requested to have the item pulled from the Consent Calendar in order to ask that the process for Council Members to attend meetings be improved, that it is not necessary for these types of budgeted items to come to the City Council for approval.

City Manager Volmert responded that an update to City Council Policies will come before the City Council at a later date.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to approve the authorization for Council Member to Attend the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings with the understanding that Staff will bring forward the Council Policy review at a future meeting.

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, and Mayor Shanahan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Kim

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

8. Presentation of Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget

Receive the Staff presentation on the proposed FY 2014-15 Budget and provide direction for additional materials needed for the budget discussion scheduled for June 3, 2014.

City Manager Volmert introduced the FY 2014-15 Budget Message and gave a brief overview of the 2014 City Council Goals, economic trends, and future budget challenges and opportunities.

Administrative Services Director Murray presented the FY 2014-15 Budget Schedule, Revenues and Expenditures, Reductions and Staffing changes, and an overview of the Administrative Services Department Budget.

Community Development Director Dumhart gave a presentation on the proposed Community Development Department Budget.

Community Services Director Belknap gave a presentation on the proposed Community Services Department Budget.

Police Chief Nuñez gave a presentation on the proposed Police Department Budget.

Administrative Services Director Murray reminded the City Council of the additional allocation for the 800 MhZ project and for a Grants Coordinator or Contract; and closed the presentation by giving an overview of the FY 2014-15 Budget Adoption schedule.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding support for a budget workshop; appreciation of Staff's work on the proposed FY 2014-15 Budget; details of the recent revenue reduction being due to a decrease in sales tax revenue from a major provider; the potential increase in sales and property tax in the 2015-16 Budget; support for public safety and a healthy infrastructure; the reasoning behind one-time funds for Grant Coordinator Services; lack of Staff to investigate grant opportunities; support for the electronic billboard; encouragement to research other funding possibilities; the difficulty in small cities generating revenue; reasoning for the reduced property tax and expectations for the future; that cutting too much will put a strain on an organization; that staff is going to continue to keep association memberships; details of the management team furlough as proposed; concern for the upcoming inflation increase; explanation of Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in relation to the proposed furloughs; that Staff will have any discrepancies resolved by the time of adoption; support for a separate fund for the 800 MhZ project; explanation of the large fund transfer amount; how the FY 2014-15 Budget compares to estimated revenues; and opposition to the proposed furlough days.

No action was taken on the report.

9. Council Member Request: City Manager Authority to Authorize Recruitments and Hiring to Fill Vacancies

Mayor Shanahan reported that there was a request to continue this item to the next meeting with the full City Council present.

Council Member Goedhart made a motion to continue the Item to the next City Council meeting with all members present.

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

AYES: Council Member Goedhart, Council Member Hwangbo, and Mayor Shanahan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Kim

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

Council Member Hwangbo attended the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) meeting; and because of a recent event, asked about the Police Departments review of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in deterring crime.

Police Chief Nuñez responded that his department is reviewing asset forfeiture funding for new camera systems at the Civic Center and City Yard; that the City does not have the personnel to monitor cameras at intersections; and his concurrence that the cameras do deter crime.

Council Member Hwangbo closed his comments by announcing his attendance at the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony and encouraged the public to attend.

Mayor Shanahan stated he had nothing to report, but announced that he will be attending the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony.

Council Member Goedhart attended a special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA); an OCFA briefing regarding the Management Audit; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administrative Committee meeting; and asked to be kept informed on the outcome of the Artificial Turf resolution. He closed by requesting that Staff agendaize the Artificial Turf requirements for an upcoming City Council meeting for review.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Volmert announced that she will be out Thursday and the following Tuesday; that Community Services Director Belknap will be the Acting City Manager on those days; and that Police Chief Nunez will be the Acting City Manager over the Memorial Day weekend.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

Assistant City Attorney Molko had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shanahan adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:47 p.m.

Steve Shanahan
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk