

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kim 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.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Murray stated that in light of the recent Police Department pursuit involving the destruction of one police vehicle, there is an urgency to add an emergency item to replace the totaled Police Department vehicle that was involved.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the addition of Agenda Item 8, an Emergency Item to replace a Police Vehicle.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Shanahan

INVOCATION: Council Member Steggell

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Council/Commission Members absent: Council/Commission Member Hwangbo

City Officials present: Ellen Volmert, City Manager

Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Kim presented a proclamation to Community Activities and Beautification Committee's Arbor Day Subcommittee Chairperson Jane Rippee, in recognition of Arbor Day.
2. Mayor Kim presented a proclamation to Donate Life Ambassador Barbara Jaramillo in recognition of Donate Life Month.
3. Mayor Kim presented a proclamation to La Palma Police Dispatchers Charlotte Kanoti, Karen Ramirez, and Pat Valentino, in recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week.
4. La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Committee's Home Spotlight Subcommittee Chairperson Alta Duke, presented Ronnie and Rick Liddell with the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award for their home at 5522 Byrne Drive, La Palma.

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 7:17 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

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

Minutes of the March 17, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

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

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

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 7:18 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the March 17, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Goedhart and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commission Member Hwangbo

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL
AT 7:19 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 March 17, 2015, Regular Meeting and Minutes of the March 30, 2015, Special Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2015-14 approving the Register of Demands for March 17, 2015.
4. Destruction of Obsolete Departmental Records

Resolution No. 2015-15 authorizing the destruction of obsolete finance records pursuant to the California Government Code Section 34090.
5. Agreement Extension with Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino, Inc. for Laboratory Analysis Services for Testing of Drinking Water Samples

Execute an amendment to the agreement with Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino, Inc. for laboratory analysis services for testing of drinking water samples.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

6. Central Park Playground Replacement

Community Services Supervisor Cindy Robinson gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding safety regulations being posted at the proposed swing site; that the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) discount would be the same for all cities; the new surfacing proposed being made of high tolerant materials increasing the lifespan of the product; that the City has gotten 21 years out of the current equipment; support for the project; the \$75,000 budgeted for ADA improvements this fiscal year; that the ADA transition plan allows for these types of improvement projects; that because the \$225,000 budgeted does not cover the full cost for replacing the playground, the \$75,000 for ADA Improvements can be transferred for this project; the need to have the playground be ADA accessible; concerns for budget issues that the City is facing; that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart would prefer to review this item in conjunction with the Long Term Financial Plan proposed at the next upcoming meeting; support to continue the matter to the next meeting before considering approval; that delaying the approval of the project would not cause an impact to the project, which could

still be started in the current fiscal year; and that as long as the delay does not change the scope of the project, there is overall support to continue the matter to the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to continue the Central Park Playground Replacement to the April 21, 2015, City Council Meeting.

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

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

7. Legislative Advocacy: Oppose SB 355 and AB 1217

City Manager Volmert gave the Staff report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the intent of AB1217; that the goal is to have a smaller Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Board, and that the Board of Supervisors would have the majority of the Board seats; that La Palma and 13 other Orange County cities would be adversely affected by not being represented; that it is beneficial to have a large variety of Board Members; that Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart supports the current composition of the OCFA Board and opposes AB1217; and that the Fire Chief noted that he can work with the current configuration of the OCFA Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to oppose SB 355 dealing with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board and AB 1217 dealing with the Orange County Fire Authority Board; authorize the City's representative to the OCFA Board of Directors to communicate opposition to AB 1217 to that Board; and, authorize the Mayor to communicate the positions on both bills as appropriate.

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

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

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

8. Emergency Item: Purchase of a Replacement Police Vehicle.

Police Chief Nuñez gave the Staff report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the suspect being responsible for all compensation to damages to officers and property; the process to collect compensation from criminals; that La Palma works through the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) and that usually the courts work towards restitution to try to get the damages paid for; and that these types of police related issues are always costly.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart made a motion to approve and authorize the purchase of one (1) replacement vehicle, 2014 model year Dodge Charger Police Package from McPeck Dodge of Anaheim available under the Cooperative purchase provision of the City of Los Angeles Contract Number 0001402136.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Hwangbo

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

Council Member Shanahan attended a meeting of 20 residents at Sharon Gutjahr's home regarding concerns with the proposed Ozawa property development; that Associate Planner Hutter attended the meeting as City Staff liaison; and noted that they are opposed to opening up the street because of the traffic concerns.

Council Member Steggell had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart attended a meeting in Sacramento to discuss AB 523 regarding school of choice and that City Council Members will attend the State Assembly Education Committee on April 8 to garner support for AB523; attended the OCFA Board meeting; and a special meeting of the OCFA demonstration regarding fire service changes.

Mayor Kim attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) general meeting; attended a meeting in Sacramento to discuss AB 523 regarding school of choice; the Orange County Sanitation District board meeting; and an Open House for Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steele.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Volmert had nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

Mayor Kim announced that the City of La Palma lost former Mayor, Hank Frese, gave a history of his service to the City and dedication to his family, his students, and members of the La Palma Community. He closed by reporting that he submitted a Community Commemorative application in Mr. Frese' honor to be voted on at the April 21, 2015, City Council meeting and noted that the memorial service will be held on May 24, 2015, and closed by stating that a Hank Frese Civic Memorial Fund has been created and is available for those who wish to donate.

Linda Frese, addressed the City Council regarding her endearing thanks for the support from City Staff and Police Chief Nuñez, for City Council's comments honoring Hank, and announced his upcoming celebration of life on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Jenelle Frese thanked Police Chief Nuñez and Officer Johnson for their support to the Frese family during this difficult time and reported on her father's love for the City of La Palma.

Mayor Pro Tem Goedhart, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Steggell all gave brief remarks on their involvement and wonderful experiences with, and the efforts of, Hank Frese, and passed on their condolences to the Frese family for their loss.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kim adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:06 p.m. in memory of former Mayor Hank Frese.

Peter L. Kim
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk