



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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TO: La Palma City Council
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Agenda Summary: There is a closed session scheduled for 6:15 p.m. regarding anticipated litigation.

The Successor Agency Agenda Consent Calendar has two routine items, the Minutes and Fourth Quarter FY 2016-17 Cash and Investment Report.

The City Council Consent Calendar also has just routine items, including Minutes, the Register of Demands, the Fourth Quarter FY 2016-17 Cash and Investment Report, and Destruction of Obsolete Records..

There is one Regular Item on the Agenda as follows:

Purchase and Settlement Agreement for 5062 La Palma Avenue: In April 2017, SMG Property Management, LLC.(also known as Min Property Management, LLC), made an application to the City for the approval of Precise Plan 284 to develop the parcel at 5062 La

Palma Avenue, comprising approximately 0.4 acres, into an 11-unit apartment building. The application was based upon the existing R-3 Zoning with Village Residential Overlay, that allows from 20 -30 units per acre on the parcel. The proposed project triggered significant controversy when it was scheduled for review by the Development and Circulation Committee, due in part to the large number of units on the relatively small parcel, the lack of any open space, and on-site parking and access concerns. Representatives of the City and the owner of the parcel met to discuss the resolution of any potential disputes and litigation in light of the of the Development and Circulation Committee's recommendation, resulting in the proposal that the City acquire the parcel at 5062 La Palma Avenue. If the City Council approves the purchase of the property for the agreed upon price of \$1,550,000, it is anticipated that the City and owner would open escrow by August 7, 2017, and that escrow would close and ownership of the property would transfer to the City by September 15, 2017. Transfer of ownership of the property to the City would moot the pending application for the 11-unit apartment project.

There are two Public Hearing Items on the Agenda as follows:

- **Report on Urgency Interim Moratorium and Consideration of a Moratorium Extension regarding Prohibiting the Approval of Development Entitlements, Permit, or Approvals on Designated Properties in the Multi-Family Residential Zones with Village Resident Overlay:** On July 5, 2017, pursuant to Government Code section 65858, the City Council of the City of La Palm enacted Ordinance No. 2017-02 as an urgency measure imposing a 45-day moratorium on approval of any land use development entitlements, permits, or other approvals within the multiple-family residential (R-3) zoned properties to which the Village Residential Overlay (VRO) has been applied. Government Code section 65858 allows an initial 45-day moratorium to be extended for up to 10 months and 15 days after a noticed public hearing is held. The City Council is required to issue a report a minimum of 10-days prior to the expiration of the initial 45-day moratorium, which describes the measures taken since the adoption of the Urgency Interim Ordinance on July 5, 2017.

The City will be considering its options for reevaluating its land use and zoning maps as to where higher density multiple family residential development should be planned for within the City. This would entail the removal of the VRO from 5052 and 5062 La Palma Avenue returning those parcels to their underlying R-3 Zone designation. The City will also work with the community to identify more suitable properties within the City where the VRO could be applied to achieve higher density multiple family residential development.

- **Consideration of a Resolution approving Precise Plan 284, Planned Unit Development for the 11-Unit Villa De La Palma Apartments proposed at 5062 La Palma Ave:** On June 20, the City Council authorized the City Attorney and City Manager to negotiate with SMG Property Management—the owners of 5062 La Palma Avenue—a settlement of the potential dispute regarding the proposed apartment project. The settlement agreement is on the August 1 Agenda before this item. If approved, there is no need for this matter to be heard and it should then be continued to a date uncertain. It would only come back to the City Council for consideration if the sale were not to go through. Therefore Staff is asking the City Council to continue the Public Hearing to a

date uncertain to allow time for the agreement, if approved, to be signed and for the sale to be completed, at which time, the application for this project will be withdrawn.

Community Development Department News

Gateway Retail Center Multi-tenant Commercial Retail Building Project:

The Gateway Retail Building that has been under construction at 5100 Orangethorpe Avenue is nearing completion. The parking lots to the north and south of the new building have been built and the landscaping is soon to follow. In early August it is anticipated that the developer will request final inspection walk-throughs from Building and Planning. Building and Planning personnel typically walk the development and give it a thorough review to ensure compliance with zoning



approvals and permits. If any outstanding items are identified during the walk-throughs then City Staff will generate a punch list of items to be addressed before a Final Certificate of Occupancy can be granted. The tentative date for completion and power release from SCE for the building is the week of August 14. When the parking lots open, it should relieve the parking congestion at the neighboring McDonalds.

Police Department News



Narcotics Investigation Results in Two Arrests and Seizure of 15,000 Xanax: On the afternoon of July 21, officers contacted a male subject in the 7300 block of Tiara Lane. The male subject was causing a disturbance and appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Officers arrested the subject and booked him for possession of a controlled substance. During the investigation, officers received

additional information that a residence on Athens Circle was possibly involved in selling controlled substances, including Cocaine and Xanax pills. Based on information received during their investigation, officers were able to identify a possible male subject suspected of selling narcotics at the residence on Athens Circle. Later that afternoon, officers observed the subject driving on Walker Street and made a traffic stop after observing the subject commit a traffic violation. Officers conducted an investigation and suspected the subject may be hiding narcotics inside his vehicle. A K-9 team from the Buena Park Police Department, specifically trained to detect narcotics, responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. During a search of the vehicle, approximately 15,000 Xanax pills were discovered along with a small amount of Cocaine and cash. The subject was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute. He was booked and transported to Orange County Jail. The investigation is continuing.

VIP Member Gay James Honored for 24 Years of Volunteer Service:

Earlier this month, longtime VIP member Gay James announced she would be moving out of state and will no longer be able to volunteer with the Police Department. Gay has been a La Palma resident for 48 years and has been a volunteer and VIP member since the early 1990's. Gay has volunteered countless numbers of hours to both the City and the Police Department and has been instrumental in assisting with many clerical tasks throughout the years. A gathering in honor of Gay was held at the monthly VIP meeting on July 25. City Manager Laurie presented Gay with a City tile plaque in recognition of her years of volunteer service. Police Chief Terry Kim also presented Gay with a shadow box containing Gay's volunteer badge and patch as well as some various uniform pins worn by Gay over the years. Thank you Gay for all of your years of dedicated volunteer service!



Police Department Received Email in Appreciation of Volunteer Program: This week, the Police Department received an email from a resident of Tiara Lane in recognition of the VIP members who conducted vacation checks while the resident was out of town. The resident wrote:

"I have owned my home in the city for over 17 years. Recently I traveled out of town and asked for a residence check while I was away. I want to personally commend the volunteers that checked on my residence daily for going above and beyond in the performance of their duties. My home video cameras captured your volunteers taking extra steps to ensure that my residence did not appear anything other than "normal". It was apparent that they personally cared to do more than just drive by the residence, which is all I had expected. They took time to walk the perimeter, check doors and personally remove flyers, handouts and other items that were left. Working in the field of law enforcement myself, I am aware of residential burglaries and I am very appreciative of their personal attention and wanted to make you aware of my gratitude."

The Police Department is certainly proud of its volunteers and the service they provide to the community. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of volunteers in our Volunteers in Policing program.

Full Time Personnel Activity	
Position	Status
Police Officer (1 Vacancy)	Recruitment to begin soon
Police Records Clerk	Lupita Salazar to start August 7
Management Analyst	Candidate in Background

Agenda Planning Guide

(All meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)

Items listed on the planning guide are tentative and subject to move to different dates

August 1

Closed Session to Begin at 6:15

Home Spotlight Award
Recognition of 2017 Volunteers and
Presentation of Stipends
Cash & Investment Reports
Purchase and Sale Agreement – 5062 La
Palma Avenue
Report on Urgency Ordinance and
Consideration of a Moratorium Extension
Continued Public Hearing - Precise Plan 284 –
Villa de La Palma Apartments – La Palma
Avenue (*Pending Approval of the Purchase
and Settlement Agreement, this item will be
continued to a date uncertain pending
completion of the sale, at which time the
project would be withdrawn*)

August 15

Recognition of JFK Boys Volleyball Team for
winning 2017 CIF Championship
Vehicle Purchases
League of California Cities (LOCC) Voting
Delegates and Resolutions

September 5

Only routine items scheduled at this time

September 19

Only routine items scheduled at this time

October 3

Only routine items scheduled at this time



Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

Would you like updates regarding incidents, safety messages and events at Orange County Fire Authority? Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) (@OCFA_PIO) and [Instagram](#), and like us on [Facebook](#).

This month, OCFA safety messaging will focus on [kids and pets in cars](#) and drowning prevention. On a warm day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach as high as 140 degrees in as little as two hours. On average, 37 children and hundreds of pets die of heatstroke each year after being left alone in cars. Drowning is a preventable tragedy; however, it is the leading cause of accidental injury and death in children under the age of five. No one should ever swim alone. The ABC's of water safety stand for *A – Active Supervision*, *B – Barriers* around pools, and *C – Classes*, CPR and swim. The focus this month is [barriers](#).

***Weekly Media Clips**

[OCFA Weekly News Coverage](#)

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Board Action

For Board agendas, please visit <http://www.ocfa.org> and click on “Board Agendas/Minutes.”

Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

[Weekly Fire Activity Report](#): This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

Weather Outlook: *Above Normal Temperatures for July 28 – August 4*. For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook: Slightly elevated risk of large fires. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



Community Events

- Crews from Engine 57 and Medic 57 (B Shift) provided a static display and safety information for National Night Out at Grand Park in **Aliso Viejo**. The event was on July 21 from 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 57 (A Shift) provided a static display for a community event at Chick-Fil-A in **Aliso Viejo**. The event was on July 25 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Crews from Engine 17 and Engine 63 (C Shift) Community Education Specialist Randy Harper provided a static display and fire safety information booth for the **Cypress** Community Festival. The event was on July 22 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Patrol 30 (C Shift) provided a static display for the 5th Marine Division Car Wash event in **Dana Point**. The event was on July 22 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 30 (B Shift) provided a fire safety and drowning prevention presentation to a group of Junior Lifeguards at Salt Creek Beach in **Dana Point**. The program was on July 26 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Station 47 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour as part of a birthday celebration for a local family from **Irvine**. The event was on July 22 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 36 (B Shift) attended a local community Chili Cook Off in **Irvine**. The event was on July 21 from 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- Crew from Station 6 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Irvine**. The program was on July 25 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 36 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Rainbow Rising Green Tree School in **Irvine**. The program was on July 27 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Station 49 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program to a local family from **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on July 22 from 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 5 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and time visit to students at a local preschool in **Laguna Niguel**. The event was on July 24 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 5 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Kensington Montessori in **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on July 24 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 19 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Montessori on the Lake in **Lake Forest**. The event was on July 26 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 2 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of kids from the **Los Alamitos** Parks Program. The program was on July 21 from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 31 (B Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a fire safety and drowning prevention presentation to a group of Junior Lifeguards at Lake **Mission Viejo**. The program was on July 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Milton Neira provided a fire safety booth for the Heninger Park Summer Street Fair in **Santa Ana**. The event was on July 22 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 57 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Samantha Soto provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Roosevelt Elementary in **Santa Ana**. The program was on July 24 from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



- Crew from Engine 16 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to campers at the Tonney Canyon Firestone Scout Camp in **Silverado**. The event was on July 24 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 21 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to the Boys & Girls Club in **Tustin**. The program was on July 21 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 21(B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Redhill Montessori in **Tustin**. The program was on July 26 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 65 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students visiting **Westminster** from China. The program was on July 26 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Significant Emergency Incidents

Yorba Linda

Structure Fire – July 20 – At 1:33 p.m., a working structure response was dispatched to Holly Circle. Engine 10 arrived on scene at 1:36 p.m. to a fully involved vehicle in the driveway that had extended to the garage of a two-story single family residence. Battalion 2 arrived on scene and assumed the IC. A primary all clear was declared at 1:44 p.m. and a secondary all clear was reported at 1:45 p.m. The fire was reported under control at 1:47 p.m.

Incident Commander:

Chief Fedak, B2

Cause:

Under Investigation

San Juan Capistrano

Technical Rescue / Body Recovery – July 21 - A person in a ravine was reported at 10:50 a.m. from Via La Mirada. The incident was quickly balanced to a technical rescue for the steep terrain into the ravine. E7 arrived onscene at 11:03 a.m. establishing La Mirada IC and requesting HC1 for a person approximately 75 feet down a ravine. Paramedics made access and confirmed the person was deceased. E7 cancelled in coming units and handled with B6, E7, M7, T9, and HC1. A DUKE copter was also overhead and in communication with the coroner. HC1 was canceled. IC was dissolved at 11:23 a.m. OCSO remained onscene and performed body recovery hours later.

Incident Commander:

Engine 7

Placentia

Structure Fire – July 21 - A structure fire response was dispatched at 1:09 p.m. to Vista Avenue for reports of smoke coming from the residence. A neighbor called with additional reports of fire and information two elderly residents were thought to be inside. An ambulance was dispatched based off this report. Battalion 2 arrived onscene at 1:06 p.m. requesting a WSTR and establishing La Jolla IC. Interior crews reported a small room and contents fire while making their primary search. The fire was knocked down and contained to a couch at 1:20 p.m. Primary all clear and negative findings for patients were reported at 1:22 p.m., one dog was rescued. D4 made all city notifications.

Incident Commander:

Chief Fedak, B2

Cause:

Accidental

Dana Point

Traffic Collision, Motorcyclist – July 21 - E29 arrived onscene at 1927 of a traffic collision, auto vs. motorcyclist, on SB 5 and Camino De Estrella confirming a rider down in the middle lanes, E29 requested ETA's for air ambulances. At 7:33 p.m. E29 requested HC1, which had the shortest ETA for an air ambulance, to respond and notified this patient would be escorted to OC Global, Mission Hospital had to be bypassed. The patient was loaded into HC1 and enroute to OC Global at 2004.

Incident Commander:

Engine 29



Irvine

Structure Fire – July 22 - At 8:02 p.m., a structure response was dispatched to Alicante Aisle. While enroute, B5 reported a header showing from two blocks out and requested a working structure response. Engine 6 arrived on scene at 8:08 p.m. with a working garage fire in a two-story multi-family residence. The fire was contained to the garage with no extension into the residence. It was reported knocked down at 8:11 p.m. and handled with the first alarm assignment.

Incident Commander: Chief Schultz, B5
Cause: Under Investigation

Tustin Unincorporated

Vegetation Fire - July 23 - At 11:02 p.m. a small vegetation fire was reported at bent Tree Rd/Stirrup Lane. A vegetation fire response was dispatched. E8 reported a small spot fire approximately 100 yards off the road into Peters Canyon. Battalion 3 assumed Peters IC and confirmed a 20' x 20' spot fire with difficult access. E8 gained access and confirmed the fire could be handled with a hose line and hand tools and canceled HC1. Forward progress of the fire stopped at 11:38 p.m. E8 remained onscene for an additional 30 minutes.

Incident Commander: Chief Roberts, B3
Cause: Under Investigation

Tustin

Structure Fire – July 26 - At 7:33 a.m., a structure response was dispatched to Holt Avenue. Engine 21 arrived on scene at 7:38 a.m. with fire and smoke showing from the 2nd floor of two-story condo complex and requested a working structure response. Battalion 3 arrived on scene at 7:39 a.m. and assumed the IC. The fire was reported knocked down at 7:44 a.m. and under control at 7:56 a.m. The Red Cross responded to assist with two displaced residents. A Tustin Police Officer was transported to OC Global with minor smoke inhalation.

Incident Commander: Chief Ashby, B2
Cause: Under Investigation

Santa Ana

Medical Aid / Hazmat Response - At 9:57 a.m. an ALS Cardiac Arrest response was dispatched to S. Fairview Street. The initial report was that there were three people down within the apartment. Units arrived on scene and determined that there were three patients: one DOA and two in critical condition due to possible overdose. The IC requested additional paramedic units and ambulances. A white powder was noticed within the residence so the IC also requested the assistance of the Hazardous Materials units. Once on scene the Haz Mat units made a Level C Entry to gather a sample of the white powder. The sample was taken to the Sheriff's Department Crime Lab for evaluation and testing. The sample was determined to be Fentanyl. After this determination the Haz Mat units made a second Level C Entry in order to assist the coroner with packaging and removal of the deceased victim and decontamination. The incident was terminated at approximately 6 p.m.

Incident Commander: Chief Henery, B9

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 7/10/2017 - 7/16/2017**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	2	0	35	1	0	7	7	0	3	55
BUENA PARK	3	0	89	0	3	12	2	0	44	153
CYPRESS	0	0	46	1	5	5	3	0	14	74
DANA POINT	1	0	69	0	4	11	6	0	5	96
IRVINE	8	0	212	5	18	23	29	0	30	325
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	8	0	0	3	2	0	1	14
LA PALMA	0	0	13	0	1	2	2	0	1	19
LAGUNA HILLS	1	0	43	0	5	4	2	0	4	59
LAGUNA NIGUEL	1	0	50	1	11	5	1	0	10	79
LAGUNA WOODS	1	0	77	0	3	0	1	0	16	98
LAKE FOREST CITY	2	0	99	0	7	3	5	0	1	117
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	18	0	1	1	3	0	0	23
MISSION VIEJO	4	0	90	0	5	17	5	0	15	136
PLACENTIA	1	0	39	1	5	2	4	0	19	71
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	29	1	5	1	6	0	3	46
SAN CLEMENTE	2	0	63	1	7	8	0	0	13	94
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	42	0	1	1	0	0	9	53
SANTA ANA	8	1	400	3	10	53	16	0	58	549
SEAL BEACH	0	0	56	0	7	5	1	0	6	75
STANTON	4	0	28	0	2	2	1	0	27	64
TUSTIN	0	0	77	0	2	4	1	0	12	96
VILLA PARK	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	11
WESTMINSTER	3	0	116	0	5	9	1	0	19	153
YORBA LINDA	1	0	42	0	6	10	3	0	22	84
UNINCORPORATED	4	0	87	3	5	11	3	0	22	135
TOTAL	47	1	1837	17	119	200	104	0	355	2680