

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goodman called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Janee L. Pacheco v. Anaheim Union High School District et al.
Case No. USDC 8:24-cv-00525-JFW-PVC

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Consideration of whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(4): (1 case)

CS-3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (1) of subdivision (d))

Name of Case: Ross Byer v. City of La Palma
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01394359-CU-OE-CJC

CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of Case: Torres vs. City of La Palma
Case No. OCSC TC24-3498

CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representatives:	Conal McNamara, City Manager Ryan Hallett, Assistant to the City Manager/Administrative Services Director
------------------------------------	--

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

La Palma Professional
Employees Association

Unrepresented Employees:

Executive Management

CS-6. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representatives:

Ajit Thind, City Attorney
Ryan Hallett, Assistant City
Manager/ Administrative Services
Director

Unrepresented Employee:

City Manager

CS-7. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 54957(B)(1):

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Position Title: City Manager

Mayor Goodman recessed to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Goodman adjourned Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

Mayor Goodman reconvened in Open Session at 6:35 p.m. and asked for a report out of Closed Session.

City Attorney Thind responded that there were no reportable actions on any of the items out of Closed Session.

ROLL CALL: Council Members

Council Members present:

Council Member Baker, Council Member
Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member
Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

Council Members absent:

None

City Officials present:

Conal McNamara, City Manager
Ajit Thind, City Attorney
Ryan Hallett, Administrative Services
Director/Assistant City Manager
Joe Cisneros, Assistant to the City Manager
Belinda Deines, Planning Manager
Andy Ramirez, Public Works/Community
Services Director
Ron Wilkerson, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council Member Conklin

INVOCATION:

Deacon Vernon Atwood, St. Irenaeus

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Goodman presented a Proclamation to the Orange County Black Chamber of Commerce CEO Bobby McDonald in Recognition of Juneteenth.

Joe Pak representing Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's office, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Bobby McDonald in Recognition of Juneteenth.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Daley, representing Alzheimer's Orange County, announced statistics regarding the disease and the services offered by his agency that helps families to cope with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council by requesting that Item 19 be advanced to Item 11 so the public does not have to wait to participate and submit public comment; that he submitted an email request earlier and did not get a response from the City Council except that the request was received; and that the matter is important.

Mayor Goodman responded that his request was received and acknowledged; that the City Council is not entertaining a dialogue during the Oral Comment period; and that the agenda was published and that as Mayor, the order will stand as is.

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 May 7, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2024-14 approving the Register of Demands for May 21, 2024, and June 4, 2024.
5. Annual Measure M2 Eligibility Submittal Package, Fiscal Year 2024-25
 1. Adopt the Measure M (M2) seven-year Capital Improvement Program (Fiscal Year 2024-25 through Fiscal Year 2030-31);
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-16 updating the Pavement Management Plan for the Measure M2 Program; and
 3. Authorize the Public Works & Community Services Director to submit the City's Measure M2 Eligibility Package to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).
6. Adopt a Resolution Identifying The Road Repair and Accountability Act List (SB 1) of Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Resolution No. 2024-17 identifying a list of projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), The Road Repair and Accountability Act, for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
7. 2024 Annual Water Quality Report

Receive and file the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report and direct staff to distribute the report to the City of La Palma residents.
8. General Sewer Maintenance Repair Services Award of Contract

Award a contract and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents with MJC Construction of Bonita, California for the General Sewer Maintenance Repair Services for a period of three (3) years with the option of two (2), one (1) year extensions adjusted to the annual Cost Price Index (CPI).

9. General Sewer Cleaning Services Award of Contract

Award a contract and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents with Houston & Harris PCS, Inc. of San Bernardino, California, for the General Sewer Cleaning Services for a period of three (3) years with the option for two (2), one (1) year extensions adjusted to the annual Cost Price Index (CPI).

10. Public Works Temporary Staffing Augmentation

- a) Award a contract and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents with Water Work Force to provide water staffing augmentation services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and
- b) Award a contract and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents with Joe Indrawan for encroachment and construction permit coordination and inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3, and Items 5 through 10.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 4 on the Consent Calendar was pulled at the Public's Request in order to speak on the matter.

Resolution Amending the City Council's Regular Meeting Schedule

Robert Carruth, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the response received to his request to have this Item pulled from the Consent Calendar in order to speak on the matter; his opposition to reducing City Council meetings to once a month; and his opposition to cancelling the July meeting.

Mayor Goodman apologized for any miscommunication as he was notified of this request earlier, but by mistake had failed to address the request at the time the matter was brought forward.

Mayor Goodman noted another member of the public wishing to speak on Consent Calendar Item 9 and allowed him to come forward although the matter has been approved.

Craig Van Thyne, representing Empire Pipe Cleaning and Equipment Inc, addressed the City Council regarding the company's commitment to La Palma over the past 19 years having provided sewer service to La Palma since 2005; his opposition to not being selected for the sewer cleaning; and that his staff is ten miles away versus being two hours away during an emergency.

Mayor Goodman responded that Item 9 has already been approved and although he brought forward some issues, he trusts Staff with their decision.

City Attorney Thind added that the City Council has already taken action on Item 9 and that Item 4 has not been decided on by the City Council.

4. Resolution No. 2024-15 amending the City's Council's Regular Meeting Schedule for July, November, and December, 2024.

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-15 Amending the City Council's Regular Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the motion being to approve Consent Calendar Item 4; that the City Council has cancelled the July meetings since Ordinance 2020-02 was adopted except in 2022 due to the District Elections process; that the City Council can always have a Special Meeting if there is a matter that needs to come before the City Council; and that the public does not set the calendar agenda, but rather the calendar is set by the City Council and projects that are moving through the City process.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: Council Member Keo Conklin

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Proposed Resolution Vacating a 20-foot Sidewalk Easement at 6951 Walker Street
 - a) Mayor Goodman opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

- b) City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Planning Manager Deines gave the Staff Report.
- c) City Council Comments and Questions
None.
- d) Public Input:
No members of the public wished to speak.
- e) Mayor Goodman closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.
- f) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-18 vacating a 20-foot wide sidewalk easement at 6951 Walker Street

Council Member Conklin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-18 vacating a 20-foot wide sidewalk easement at 6951 Walker Street

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

12. Conditional Use Permit 392 to Establish a Retail Pharmacy Use (Phoenix Pharmacy) Located at 7872 Walker Street, Suite 106

- a) Mayor Goodman opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.
- b) City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Planning Manager Deines gave the Staff Report.
- c) Council Member Comments and Questions

None.

- d) Public Input:

Mr. Meyer, the property manager for Joshua Medical Building, addressed the City Council regarding the need for a pharmacy inside a medical building for ease of access to all patients visiting; that many patients have difficulty

getting to their doctor visits, much less getting to a pharmacy; and support for having both doctor and pharmacy in the same building.

Abe Waheed, a La Palma resident and former medical professional, addressed the City Council in support of having a pharmacy inside a medical building.

- e) Mayor Goodman closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- f) Adopt Resolution No. 2024- 19 approving Conditional Use Permit 392

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-19 approving Conditional Use Permit 392.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

13. Consideration of Resolution Amending Service Fees Schedules

- a) Mayor Goodman opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.
- b) Assistant to the City Manager Cisneros gave the Staff Report.
- c) City Council Comments and Questions

None.

- d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.
- e) Mayor Goodman closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.
- f) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-20 Amending Fee Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-20 Amending Fee Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

14. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets, Appropriations Limit, and Related Personnel Items

- a) Mayor Goodman opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.
- b) City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Hallett gave the Staff Report
- c) Committee Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding clarification that there is a \$700 thousand surplus, but that \$400 thousand of that is going to an account for fiscal planning purposes; that other Orange County cities are in deficit conditions currently; that this City Council has been fiscally prudent; that although the City Council may cancel a meeting, they are still actively working to keep the City solvent; appreciation to staff for all their efforts in the process; and that all funds are fungible from a variety of accounts if there were an emergency.

- d) Public Input:

Karen Zigorsky, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding how the City recently recovered \$100 thousand during the previous Budget discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding City Staff finding the \$100 thousand from previously budgeted funds that did not need to need to be set aside; that these funds were put back into the bottom line; that this was done during the annual budget review; that Mayor Goodman's apology that this was not made clear; and that the previous and current City Council and Staff has worked very hard on being fiscally conservative which resulted in a successful Fiscal Year Budget.

- e) Mayor Goodman closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

- f) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-21 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget;

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-21 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget;

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

- g) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-22 approving the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and

- h) Adopt Resolution 2024-23 approving the Salary Schedule and Comprehensive Listing of Personnel Practices and Benefits for Executive Management Employees.

Council Member Patel made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-22 approving the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and Adopt Resolution 2024-23 approving the Salary Schedule and Comprehensive Listing of Personnel Practices and Benefits for Executive Management Employees.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

15. Annual Military Equipment Report, per Assembly Bill (AB) 481

City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Police captain Amend gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

None.

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Receive and file the staff report and adopt Resolution No. 2024-27 approving the continuance of the La Palma Police Department Policy 709 as required pursuant to AB 481.

Council Member Patel made a motion to receive and file the Annual Military Equipment Report, per Assembly Bill (AB) 481, and Adopt Resolution No. 2024-27 approving the continuance of the La Palma Police Department Policy 709 as required by AB 481.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

16. Body Worn Camera Program & In-Car Video System

City Manager McNamara introduced the item and Police Chief Wilkerson gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the cost being presented is all inclusive and will save staff time when it comes to video management; that there is currently no state mandate requiring body worn cameras (BWC); that the only mandate is that certain evidence be released during a required time period when a significant use of force has ensued; that originally, the Police Department (PD) would have needed to bring on additional staffing to help with the records requests and now are confident with this particular package that no additional staff would be necessary; that the dashboard platform is very user friendly and fast; that the new system will save hours of staff time on records requests; that all the data is hosted in America on a secured platform cloud in compliance with the Department of Justice (DOJ); that video retention follows the City's records retention schedule and statute of limitations; that retention protocols vary based on the crimes involved; that the City Council supports BWCs and pleased that it is going in effect in La Palma; that this

protects the public and Law Enforcement officers; and that this brings clarity to situations our law enforcement is involved in.

Public Input:

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, supports BWCs; whether there is a policy in place for redactions; whether the individual will be certified; his opposition to not being able to have a dialogue; and that BWCs would protect La Palma citizens.

Robert Carruth, a La Palma resident, supports BWCs; supports the Police Department; that BWCs promotes better behavior in everyone - both citizens and officers; and that the cost is reasonable considering the value received.

Approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement between LensLock Inc. and the City of La Palma to provide Body-Worn Camera and In-Car video systems for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

Council Member Keo Conklin made a motion to approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an agreement between LensLock Inc. and the City of La Palma to provide Body-Worn Camera and In-Car video systems for a period of five years commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

17. Second Amendment to Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement

City Attorney Thind gave the Staff Report

Council Comments and Questions:

None.

Public Input:

Robert Carruth, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the rationale for the increase in the deferred compensation for the City Manager; his

opposition to the upcoming 5% increase in addition to these changes; and questions the logic behind the compensation.

Monty Baker, a La Palma resident, noted his support for the City Manager and his value to the City of La Palma.

Further discussion ensued regarding the City Manager's (CM) compensation with this increase is still lower than the median in other Orange County Cities; that good people in this position should be compensated; that the City Council still has never rehired a Community Development Director because the CM brings that to his position, proving a net savings as a result; that the CM does his job efficiently and the City Council continues to move forward; and that Staff is at the center of the organization; without efficient and effective staff - the Council would not function well; that during the review process, the City Council gets compensation lists comparable to other cities in the County; that when the City Council finds the median income, the Council goes below that amount because we're a smaller City; that if the public wants more information, Mayor Goodman encouraged the public to contact him directly and other Council Members; and that deep thought and calculation goes into these decisions despite the projected comments made.

Approve the Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Conal McNamara.

Council Member Patel made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the City and City Manager Conal McNamara.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin,
Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor
Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

18. Consideration of Citywide Branding and Street Median Monument Consultant Solicitations

City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Assistant to the City Manager Cisneros gave the Staff Report.

Recommendation that the City Council discuss and give staff direction on the following items:

- a) Citywide Branding Scope of Work;
- b) Street Median Monument Design Request for Proposals (RFP) Solicitation;
- c) Street Banners Request for Proposals Solicitation; and
- d) Street Name Signage Request for Proposals Solicitation

Council Questions and Comments

Discussion ensued regarding Staff needing Council direction in order to move forward to the RFP stage; support to move this to August agenda to see if there are any grants available for this type of project before the City's money; that the City Council is not sure that the residents would consider this a priority; that understanding the costs before is imperative before the City Council commits to moving forward with an RFP; that this project could evolve through to goal setting; that this request is aligned with the visual decline in the street banners and some street signs; whether the City can include student banners like those of Los Alamitos; that the School District wanted the City to take on all the costs instead of it being a shared costs; that the School District is in a \$70 million deficit; and the City Council's support to table the matter to the August agenda.

Public Input:

Karen Zigorski, a La Palma resident, supports the proposal and asked for clarification on the total costs for street signs, banners, and all of the new signage.

Mayor Goodman responded that the total costs are in the Agenda Staff Report.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to table the item to the August City Council meeting and engage Townsend Public Affairs and other grant writers to see what grant opportunities are available.

19. Notice of Holding of Municipal Election, Request for Consolidation of Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election, and Term Limits Ballot Measure

City Manager McNamara gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding Council Member Conklin's support for three terms with a cool-off period, instead of four terms; that Council Member Conklin supports giving the voter a list of choices for term limits like the voters had in Cerritos; and concerns about long term Council Members.

Public comment:

Monty Baker, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his voting history; that although he did not vote for Measure JJ, but announced his support for its passage; opposition to residents coming to City Council meetings just to speak about their issue and then not stay for the duration of the meeting; his attendance at every City Council meeting since 2020; his support for the City Council and awareness of the sacrifices made by them; and that switching to districts is why this proposal has come forward.

Robert Carruth, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding the history of former Council Member Polis with his lawsuit; the results following that election cycle; that voters responded with Measure O in 1996 regarding term limits; opposition to trying to overturn Measure O; and opposition to extending term limits.

Keith Nelson, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the current term limits; opposition to the ballot measure language; criticism of the current leadership; opposition to the amount of time the City Council spent on this issue; that more may support three consecutive terms instead of four; and opposition to not being allowed a dialogue with the City Council at the meetings.

A Laguna Niguel resident addressed the City Council regarding the reason behind the ballot measure proposal; that the decision is up to the voter; and inquiry as to why the City Council wants to change term limits.

Discussion ensued regarding the reason why the matter was brought up; that La Palma has been forced to go to districts and that is going to make the pool of candidates even smaller; that previously, candidates ran unopposed; that in the last election, the City only had three candidates for two City Council seats; that being a member of the City Council is not for everybody; that many residents spoken to by the City Council are definitely not interested in ever running for City Council; that the City Council only gets a small stipend so money is not an issue; that Council Member Baker recommended three terms with a four year cool-off period; that Mayor Pro Tem Waldman supports letting La Palma voters decide who gets voted into office; that he supports term limits; that moving to districts is going to limit voters choice and as such, supports three terms; that voters can always vote out a candidate if they do not perform well; that Council Member Patel supports Council Member Conklin's recommendation of three terms; that there is a learning curve for new Council Members that can take up to one term, four years

to truly get up to speed; that Council Member Patel noted this process has been transparent by having several meetings and gathered responses from the broader community; that he believes the voters need to make the final decision; that anonymous posts and flyers do not encourage transparency or a healthy discussion; that some of the anonymous flyers had incorrect information and misled the public to think it was a City document; that taking the issue to the voters is a democratic approach; that the demographics and circumstances have changed since 1996; that if this measure does not pass by the voters, then future Council can rely on the decision made by voters; that moving to district based elections can be a blessing and a curse; that voters can only choose from candidates in their specific area; that the City still does not have enough committee members to fill the vacancies in Citizen Committees; that running for City Council shouldn't be an easy decision and the learning curve is steep; that possibly the same people who opposed Measure JJ are the same who are opposed to this; that thankfully, Measure JJ passed and if didn't, the City would be in a \$2 million dollar deficit and the voters decided; that in building relationships and advocate for the City at all different levels; that as a result of the Council's extended relationship with Congresswoman Sanchez's office, the City acquired \$2 million in funding for the City's medians project; that in addition, Congresswoman Steel's office secured \$2 million for our police department renovations; that building relationships takes time to develop and that it results in positive outcomes; that Council Member Patel supports a sunset provision; that Districts means a much smaller voter pool; that supporting this ballot measure to move forward only means the City Council supports letting the voters decide; that he supports three consecutive terms with a four year cool off period; that Mayor Goodman has seen the lack of engagement by the citizens over the years; that membership in Citizen Committees has dwindled over the years; that the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee had to shrink from 11 members to 7 members now due to the lack of interest; that the leadership pool at present shows a lack of leadership 'engagement'; that Mayor Goodman also noted the lack of involvement in the City's Citizen's Academy; that all current City Council Members have jobs and families; support to allow those willing to serve their community and advocate on its behalf, to continue to serve; that Mayor Goodman gave the history of term limits and that the Federal Government deemed term limits as unconstitutional; that Mayor Goodman noted without continuity in leadership, there is instability; that he encourages discussion and dialogue and will make himself available; that he opposes fear mongering and personal attacks; that Mayor Goodman supports three terms with a four year cool-off period; that Council Member Keo Conklin thanked the Council for their wisdom and agrees to the three terms; that she would prefer giving the voter more options to pick from; and that she supports to leave it to the voters to make the decision.

City Clerk Kenney announced that after the Agenda was published, the City Clerk's office received 9 letters via email from the following residents: Kris Thomas, Cheryl Pappas, Sonia Serrano, Steve Hwangbo, Steven Pappas, Lawton Test, Marilyn

Elli, Maryanne McCombs, and Jeff McCombs. She reported that all the emails were in opposition to changing the existing City Council term limits and that a copy has been placed at the City Council's seats and will be transferred into the record.

Council Member Patel made a motion to change the recommended ballot language from four to three terms with a four-year cool off period; that Mayor Goodman and Council Member Patel be the authors of the argument in favor; and that they to have the option to include three members of the public to rebut any opposition to the proposed ballot measure.

Council Member Baker seconded the motion.

City Attorney Thind clarified that this motion is a separate action to clarify the language for the proposed ballot measure; that once this vote is made, these approved changes will be incorporated into the final Resolution for the Ballot Measure; and that after this motion, the following resolution actions will need to be voted on individually.

Council Member Keo Conklin asked to have the motion repeated for clarification.

The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Baker, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: Council Member Keo Conklin

City Attorney Thind noted that the following resolutions needing City Council action will include all the revisions that were just approved by the City Council.

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-24 calling and giving notice of the holding of a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in conjunction with the General Municipal Election, putting forward a ballot measure to the voters and for the election of certain officers in three districts as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities.

Council Member Patel made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-24 calling and giving notice of the holding of a Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in conjunction with the General Municipal Election, putting forward a ballot measure to the voters and for the election of certain officers in three districts as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-25 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to consolidate a Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code.

Council Member Patel made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-25 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to consolidate a Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None

3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-26 that:

- a) Submits to the voters a ballot measure to limit term limits of council members to three terms with a four-year cooling-off period in the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024;
- b) Directs the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis to be filed with the City Clerk on or before June 17, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.;
- c) Authorizes the City Manager to prepare a fiscal analysis to be filed with the City Clerk on or before June 17, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.;
- d) Authorizes Mayor Goodman and City Council Member Patel to prepare and file written arguments in favor or against the ballot measure;

- e) Establishes deadlines for direct arguments for and against the ballot measure to be filed with the City Clerk on or before June 18, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.; and
- f) Establishes deadlines for rebuttal arguments for and against the ballot measure to be filed with the City Clerk on or before June 28, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.

City Attorney Thind detailed that this motion is to approve Resolution No. 2024-26 proposing and submitting to the voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a ballot measure proposing to adopt an Ordinance to revise Council Member Term Limits to three terms, subject to a four-year cooling-off period with a sunset provision if the City returns to at-large elections; directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; authorizing the City Manager to prepare a fiscal analysis; authorizing and setting deadlines for the filing of arguments for or against the ballot measure; and who will be authoring the arguments as previously discussed and approved by the City Council.

Council Member Patel made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 as defined by City Attorney Thind.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: Council Member Keo Conklin

- 4) Direct staff to process all other documents required to proceed with the proposed ballot measure.

Council Member Patel made a motion to direct staff to process all other documents required to proceed with the proposed ballot measure.

Council Member Keo Conklin asked for clarification on this motion.

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

AYES: Council Member Baker, Council Member Keo Conklin, Mayor Goodman, Council Member Patel, and Mayor Pro Tem Waldman

NOES: None.

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

Council Member Keo Conklin hosted an Asian-American Celebration.

Council Member Baker attended the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Leadership Summit; the City Selection Committee meeting; the Orange County Older Adults Advisory Committee meeting; Congresswoman Michelle Steel's Association of Asian Pacific Islander (AAPI) of Distinction event; the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Elected Officials Summit; the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) Board of Trustees meeting; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSA) ribbon cutting ceremony for their new headquarters; the OCSA Board meeting; and the La Palma Memorial Day ceremony.

Council Member Patel attended the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Budget Committee meeting; Congresswoman Michelle Steel's Association of Asian Pacific Islander (AAPI) of Distinction event recognizing Noella Lew; announced his appreciation to earmark \$2 million for police department renovations by Congresswoman Steel's office in collaboration with Townsend Public Affairs; the La Palma Memorial Day ceremony; and closed by encouraged the public who participate in our City Council meetings to practice decorum and refrain from profanity.

Mayor Pro Tem Waldman attended the La Palma Memorial Day ceremony and applauded the keynote speaker.

Mayor Goodman attended the CJPIA Elected Official Summit; the League of California Cities (LOCC) Briefing regarding water issues and older water infrastructure; the LOCC Nominating Committee meeting; the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board meeting; and the La Palma Memorial Day ceremony.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager McNamara announced that this meeting will be the last using the Granicus platform and is hopeful that we will not have any technological mishaps in the future; announced his appreciation to Staff for all the working getting the many presentations to the City Council tonight; thanked Planning Manager Deines for getting the Housing Element to the State and approved; that due to the lack of Agenda items, there will be no matters to bring forward in July; encouraged the public to get registered and involved in the annual July 4th and the Run for Fun; and looks forward to the August City Council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Thind had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goodman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 9:32 p.m.

Marshall Goodman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
City Clerk