



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

Nitesh P. Patel
Mayor

Debbie S. Baker
Mayor Pro Tem

Janet Keo Conklin
Council Member

Vikesh P. Patel
Council Member

Mark I. Waldman
Council Member

6:00 PM Closed Session
6:30 PM Open Session
La Palma City Hall
Council Chambers
7822 Walker Street, La Palma

MEETING PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL:

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CALL TO ORDER

CLOSED SESSION

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

Name of Case: Misty Torres v. City of La Palma
Case No. OCSC 30-2026-01561451-CU-OE-NJC

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of California Government Code Section 54956.9)

Number of potential cases: 1

OPEN SESSION TO BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Waldman

INVOCATION

Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church Father Mark Cruz
Mayor Pro Tem Baker

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation from Community Activities and Beautification Committee to the Home Spotlight Award Winners Michael and LaTanya Darensburg
- Recognition of American Red Cross Volunteers at the JFK High School Shelter during the Garden Grove Incident

- Recognition of 2026 Summer Camp Volunteers

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Time Limit: 5 Minutes Each)

Time has been reserved at this point in the Agenda for persons wishing to speak on any item that is not listed on the Agenda. By law, the City Council is prohibited from taking action on such oral comments. The matter will be automatically referred to staff for appropriate response or action or will be placed on the Agenda of a future meeting. Matters listed on the Agenda may be addressed either at this time or at the time they are before the City Council for discussion.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA PALMA

The City Council will now recess and convene as the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Community Development Commission of the City of La Palma. 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 otherwise as serving as members of the Successor Agency.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Consent Calendar will be acted upon by one motion affirming the action recommended on the Agenda. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to voting unless members of the Successor Agency, Staff, or the public request that specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Any member of the public who wishes to discuss a Consent Calendar item should come forward to the microphone and, upon recognition by the Chair, state his or her name, address, and the item number.

A. Approval of Successor Agency Minutes

It is recommended that the Successor Agency approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR ITEMS

B. Update on Successor Agency

Receive and file the Update on the Successor Agency.

ADJOURN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY

CITY COUNCIL

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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**

Approve the June 2, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.

3. **Approval of Register of Demands**

Adopt a Resolution approving the Register of Demands for June 16, July 7, and July 21, 2026.

4. **Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report, Fiscal Year 2025-26, as of June 30, 2026**

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26.

5. **Response to the 2025-26 Orange County Grand Jury Report: Wildfires Hit Home**

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter to the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Report, *Wildfires Hit Home*, and authorize submittal to the Orange County Grand Jury.

6. **Response to the 2025-26 Orange County Grand Jury Report: California Housing Mandates, The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods**

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter to the 2025-26 Grand Jury Report, *California Housing Mandates, The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods*, and authorize submittal to the Orange County Grand Jury.

7. **Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange for the Community Development Block Grant Program**

Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange related to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

8. **Second Amendment to the Agreement with City Advisors, LLC, for Professional Planning and Community Development Staff Augmentation Services**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the second amendment to the agreement with City Advisors, LLC, to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$50,000 to \$58,000 for the period from November 4, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

9. **Award of Contract Tree Maintenance Services**

Authorize the City Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$377,479.57 to West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) of Anaheim, California, for Tree Maintenance Services for three years, with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms with a maximum contract length of five years.

10. **Report of an Emergency Purchase Order**

Receive and file the Emergency Purchase Order Report.

11. **Appointment to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Citizen Committee**

Appoint Laura Franz to a term commencing on September 1, 2026, and expiring on December 31, 2028, to fill a position vacated due to the resignation of Irene Hesse, as recommended by Mayor N. Patel and Mayor Pro Tem Baker.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REGULAR ITEMS

12. **League of California Cities Voting Delegates and Resolutions**

1. Designate Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Baker as the City of La Palma's Voting Delegate at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference;
2. Designate Council Member Vikesh Patel as the City of La Palma's Alternate Voting Delegate at the League of California Cities' Annual

- Conference; and
3. Authorize the City of La Palma delegation the discretion to vote on any resolutions taking into consideration the information they receive at the conference.

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

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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