



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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

5:30 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: David Casey, et al. v. City of Buena Park, et al.
Case No. OCSC 30-2025-01497184-CU-PA-NJC

**CS-2. 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/USDC 8:26-CV-01754-FWS-KESx

**CS-3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (B) of California Government
Code Section 54957)**

Title: City Manager

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Baker

INVOCATION

Pastor Peter Hernandez, La Palma Christian Center
Council Member Janet Keo Conklin

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction of New City of La Palma Employees: Sea Shelton, Assistant City Manager; Dvaughn Jackson, Police Officer; and Johnny Smith, Water Service Worker I; Designation of Assistant to the City Manager Alisha Farnell as Acting City Clerk
- Proclamation Recognizing September 17-23, 2026 as Constitution Week
- Proclamation Recognizing September as Hunger Action Month
- Recognition of John F. Kennedy High School's Girls Track and Field, Boys Track and Field, Boys Volleyball, Girls Swimming, and Boys Swimming Teams for Achieving League Championship Titles

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.

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 City Council, 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 Mayor, state their name, address, and the item number.

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 August 4, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Adopt a Resolution approving the Register of Demands for August 4, 2026, August 18, 2026, and September 1, 2026

4. **Resolutions Updating Authorized Signatories for Banking, Investment and Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) Transactions**

Adopt a Resolution designating authorized signatories for banking and investment transactions and adopt a Resolution designating authorized signatories and authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF).

5. **Resolution Adopting a Biennial Conflict of Interest Code**

Adopt a Resolution amending its Conflict of Interest Code to update the list of designated employees and Citizen Committee Members.

6. **Southern California Edison Company Right-of-Way Use for Park and Public Recreation Purposes**

Authorize the City Manager to execute the License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company (SCE) for Right-of-Way (ROW) use for Park and Public Recreation Purposes in the amount of \$143,883.26 for five years, paid in annual installments.

7. **Valley View Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project — Cooperative Agreement with the Cities of Buena Park and Cerritos**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a cooperative agreement with the City of Buena Park and the City of Cerritos for the Valley View Pavement Rehabilitation Project;
2. Authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to make any necessary, non-monetary changes to the contract and cooperative agreement; and
3. Authorize the City Manager and the Acting City Clerk to execute the agreement.

8. **Response to the 2025-26 Orange County Grand Report: PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water**

Authorize the Mayor to sign a response letter to the 2025-2026 Grand Jury Report, *PFAS and Public Awareness: A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water* and authorize submittal to the Orange County Grand Jury.

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

Receive and file the Emergency Purchase Order Report.

10. **Approve an Agreement with OpenGov, Inc. for Community Development Permitting, Licensing, and Code Enforcement Software and Implementation**

Approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year agreement with OpenGov, Inc. for Community Development permitting, licensing, code enforcement, and related software services in an amount not to exceed \$198,597.59 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REGULAR ITEMS

11. **Economic Development and Business Engagement Ad Hoc Committee**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-XX establishing the Economic Development and Business Engagement Ad Hoc Committee;
2. Adopt Amended Council Policy No. 8 governing Economic Development and Business Engagement; and
3. Appoint two Council Members to serve on the new Economic Development and Business Engagement Ad Hoc Committee.

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

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

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