

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Goodman called the Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:33 PM in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with Council Member Keo Conklin being absent.

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 City Manager
Employee Organizations: La Palma General Employees
Association

Unrepresented Employees: La Palma Police Association
La Palma Professional Employees
Association
Executive Management

CS-6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 5410-14 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, California

Agency negotiator: Conal McNamara, City Manager
Ryan Hallett, Assistant City Manager

Negotiating parties: Victor Chung, Elite Taekwondo Center, LLC

Under negotiations: Price and/or terms of a lease

CS-7. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Position Title: City Attorney

Mayor Goodman recessed to Close Session at 5:34 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Goodman reconvened in Open Session at 6:33 p.m. and asked for a report.

City Attorney Thind announced that there were no reportable actions out of Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Baker

INVOCATION: Deacon Vernon Atwood, St. Irenaeus

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
Belinda Deines, Planning Manager
Joe Cisneros, Deputy City Manager
Andy Ramirez, Public Works & Community Services Director
Ron Wilkerson, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Goodman presented Certificates of Recognition to the La Palma Recreation Center Martial Arts Students for achieving Black Belt Status.

Joe Pena, representing Senator Nguyen's office and Anthony Monroy, representing Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's office, also issued Certificates of Recognition to the students.

- Mayor Goodman presented a Certificate of Recognition to Samara Flores for achieving her second State Boxing Championship title. He also presented a Certificate of Recognition to her Coach, Jesus Mandapat, for his outstanding training efforts.

Joe Pena, representing Senator Nguyen's office and Anthony Monroy, representing Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva's office, also issued Certificates of Recognition to Samara Flores.

- Mayor Goodman presented a Proclamation to Samantha Munger, representative for Alzheimer's Orange County, in recognition of September as Alzheimer's awareness month.
- Mayor Goodman presented a Proclamation to Mark Lowry, Director of Orange County Food Bank, in recognition of September as Hunger Action month.

- Mayor Goodman issued a Plaque and a Proclamation to outgoing Police Chief Ron Wilkerson for his 28 years of outstanding and dedicated service as La Palma's Police Chief.

Joe Pena, representing Senator Janet Nguyen's office, Anthony Monroy, representing Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva's office, and Kimberly Rangel, representing Senator Josh Newman's office, presented also issued Certificates of Recognition to outgoing Police Chief Ron Wilkerson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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 September 3, 2024, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. *Approval of Register of Demands*

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-37 approving the Register of Demands for August 20, 2024, and September 3, 2024.

4. *Biennial Conflict of Interest Code*

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-38 amending its Conflict of Interest Code to update the list of designated employees and Citizen Committee Members.

5. *Placement of Francis Bert Poan's Name in the Community Commemorative Area*

Approve the placement of Francis Bert Poan's name on a paver in the Community Commemorative Area.

6. *City Attorney Legal Services Agreement*

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Legal Services with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for City Attorney services.

7. *Ratification of Agreements for Lead Service Inventory Completion*

1. Ratify two agreements between the City and the Municipal Water District of Orange County ("MWDOC") for lead service inventory completion; and

2. Allocate \$125,000 from the Water Fund to support the project.

Council Member Patel made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 7.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waldman 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

8. *Introduction to OpenGov Online Services Portal*

City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Planning Manager Deines gave the Staff Report.

City Council Comments and Questions:

None.

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to receive and file the report.

9. *Water Staffing Augmentation Update*

City Manager McNamara introduced the Item and Public Works & Community Services Director Ramirez gave the Staff Report.

City Council Comments and Questions:

None.

Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager up to an additional \$25,000 in the event more staff augmentation services are needed.

Council Member Patel made a motion to authorize the City Manager up to an additional \$25,000 in the event more staff augmentation services are needed.

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

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

Council Member Keo Conklin congratulated all the award recipients; attended the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the City's new Dollar Tree; that she's formed a Chamber of Commerce and will report back to the City Council on any updates.

Council Member Baker attended the Non-Profits of Distinction award ceremony by Congresswoman Steel recognizing the La Palma Community Foundation; the Badge Pinning Ceremony for new Police Officers Lopez, Meza, and Palmquist; the Photo Opportunity with Congresswoman Steel and City of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Cypress for the Del Amo Bridge project; Congresswoman Steel's Senior Resource Fair; the League of California Cities (LOCC) Mayors and Council Members Round Table; the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) Board of Trustee's meeting; Congresswoman Steel's Seniors of Distinction award ceremony recognizing resident Jan Jensen for her service to the La Palma community; the Triple A Council of California general meeting; the LOCC Orange County Division meeting; the Hope School's 'Kicks for Kids' event; the LOCC Mayors and Council Members Nominating Committee meeting; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Board of Directors meeting; the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the City's new Dollar Tree; the Central Park Cinemas and thanked staff for all the summer programming and efforts; and

reminded the public of the recycle and shredding event on October 5th at Walker Junior High School.

Council Member Patel attended the Economic Development/Land Use Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting and the Hope School's 'Kicks for Kids' event.

Mayor Pro Tern Waldman had nothing to report.

Mayor Goodman attended the Badge Pinning Ceremony for new Police Officers Lopez, Meza, and Palmquist; the Economic Development/Land Use Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting; and the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Executive and Claims Committee meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager McNamara congratulated and thanked outgoing Police Chief Wilkerson for his many years of service to the La Palma Police Department, noted his contributions to the department and legacy he will leave with La Palma upon his departure.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Thind had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Goodman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 7:29 p.m.

Marshall Goodman
Mayor

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney, CMC
City Clerk