

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

May 3, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Rodriguez recessed to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. regarding the following:

CS-1. The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Representatives: Steve Filarsky, Filarsky & Watt
Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services

Manager Employee Organization: La Palma General Employees
Association
La Palma Police Association
La Palma Professional Employees
Association

Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management

CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case

Section 54956.95 LIABILITY CLAIMS

Claimant: Heirs of Sydney Ramirez

Agency Claimed Against: City of La Palma

Mayor Rodriguez recessed the Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:04 p.m. with all members present and with City Attorney Kuperberg reporting that the City Council voted unanimously to deny the claim filed by Carla Ramirez and Joseph Mario Ramirez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Waldman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council/Commission Members present: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Charoen, Council/Commission Member Hwangbo, Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez, Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and Council/Commission Member Waldman

Council/Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/Executive Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Recreation & Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. The Proclamation to be presented declaring May 1-7, 2011, as Arson Awareness Week was postponed to later in the City Council Meeting.
2. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation to members of the La Palma Police Department in recognition of Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

3. Orange County Transportation Authority Director Don Hansen gave a Presentation on Measure M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:17 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2011-12 approving the Register of Demands for May 3, 2011.

- C. Authorization and Payment of the Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) Obligation for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Make the \$205,726 payment required by California Health and Safety Code Section 33681.12 for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and C.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Charoen and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Hwangbo, Chairperson Rodriguez, Commission Member Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- B. Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2011

Commission Member Hwangbo requested to have this item pulled to ask for clarification on the investment returns.

Executive Director Lazzaretto responded that the City invests mostly in the State's Local Agency Investment Fund that traditionally offers conservative but steady growth. He added that the City has not invested beyond that due to risks in the current market, but that Finance Director Neves will be looking into other investment opportunities. He closed by reporting that Staff will return to the City Council with a detailed report on other investment strategies.

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2011.

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Hwangbo, Chairperson Rodriguez, Commission Member Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:22 P.M.

REGULAR ITEMS

- D. Approval of Funding for the Walker Street Rehabilitation Project Based on Blight Elimination Findings

Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification that this procedure is being proposed to allow the pavement rehabilitation project to be partially paid for with Community Development Commission funds and that findings of blight allow the City to invest directly back into the community.

- a) City Council: Adopt Resolution No. 2011-16 approving the Walker Street Rehabilitation Project based on blight elimination findings; and
- b) Community Development Commission: Adopt Resolution No. CDC 2011-13 approving funding the Walker Street Rehabilitation Project based on blight elimination findings.

Council/Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2011-16 approving the Walker Street Rehabilitation Project based on blight elimination findings and that the Community Development Commission adopt Resolution No. CDC 2011-13 approving funding the Walker Street Rehabilitation Project based on blight elimination findings.

The motion was seconded by Council/Commission Member Shanahan and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Charoen,
Council/Commission Member Hwangbo,
Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez, Council/Commission
Member Shanahan, and Council/Commission
Member Waldman

NOES: None

E. Study Session: Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 General Fund Budget

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding the vacant Captain and Recreation Superintendent positions; prior labor negotiations; and commercial improvements in the City.

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding personnel expenses.

Jeff McCombs, 7212 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding the Community Development Department.

Council/Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued that the Community Development Department (CDD) deals strongly with business retention, state mandated programs, and affordable housing; that the CDD processes approximately 700 plan checks, 400 building permits, 1,300 inspections, and about 300 code enforcement cases per year; that the CDD has not pursued any grants in the past year because of the conditions attached to the grants that are not in agreement with the City's goals and policies; that the CDD has acquired some residential properties to pursue affordable housing; that the City's arrangement with Unisource was to add another division to their current business; that the Unisource arrangement was to keep their business in La Palma in exchange for sales tax credits on a loan; that City Staff is proactive in pursuing a good option for the Ralph's center; that the slight increase of the proposed CDD budget is due to a \$90,000 General Plan update that is State mandated; that the presentation is an overview of the Budget in a preliminary format; and that City Staff, the Community Development Commission, and the City Council will be working on the budget until the end of the fiscal year when the new budget is adopted.

By consensus, the City Council/Community Development Commission agreed to receive and file the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 General Fund Budget report.

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:05 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation to Orange County Fire Authority Station 13 Captain, Greg Boothe, in recognition of Arson Awareness Week.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 8:09 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:10 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances

Waive the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by their title only.
2. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2011-17 approving a Register of Demands for May 3, 2011.
3. Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2011

Receive and file the Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2011.
4. Amendment to the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Orange for Urban County Programs

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Orange for their support services in the Urban County Programs.
6. Award of Contract to AKAL Consultants for Professional Engineering Services for the Moody and Walker Street Pavement Rehabilitation Projects, City Project No's. ST-312 and ST-313
 - a) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute two Agreements with AKAL Consultants of Foothill Ranch, California, for professional engineering services for the Moody and Walker Street Pavement Rehabilitation Projects, City Project No's. ST-312 and ST-313, respectively; and
 - b) Approve the appropriation of funds from the Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) for the funding associated with the subject professional engineering services.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Award of Contract to All American Asphalt for Construction Services for the Street Rehabilitation on Walker Street from La Palma Avenue to 183rd Street, City Project No. ST-307

Council Member Shanahan requested to have the item pulled to report the cost savings of this project being due to the current state of the economy and Staff's efforts to find the least expensive manner in which to proceed with Capital Improvement Projects.

Award a contract in the amount of \$565,565 to All American Asphalt for Construction Services for the Street Rehabilitation on Walker Street from La Palma Avenue to 183rd Street, City Project No. ST-307.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 5.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Ordinance Amending the La Palma City Code Pertaining to the Maximum Permissible Density in the Village Overlay
 - a) Mayor Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing at 8:13 p.m.

b) Planning Intern Rafael Garcia gave the Staff Report

c) Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak.

d) Mayor Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m.

e) City Council Comments and Questions:

Mayor Rodriguez clarified that this item is on the Agenda to proceed with the Affordable Housing Project and to comply with the Housing Element Update required by the State every five years.

f) Introduce for first reading the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to the maximum permitted density under the Village Overlay.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to introduce for first reading the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to the maximum permitted density under the Village Overlay.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo,
Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and
Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

8. Third Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2010-11

Finance Director Neves gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT); that the original projected deficit was over \$1 million, but there were some increases to revenues and staff found budget reductions.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to receive and file the Third Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2010-11. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hwangbo.

9. Houston Avenue and Walker Street Median Reconstruction Project, City Project No. ST-314

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Council Member Waldman asked for clarification as to whether Mayor Pro Tem Charoen has a conflict of interest with the project and if he had to recuse himself.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that because this is not a new project and that this project falls under maintenance and repair, Mayor Pro Tem Charoen did not need to recuse himself.

Public Works Director continued with his Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the number of survey respondents; that 12 out of 35 surveys were returned, with equal responses in favor of and against removing the trees on Houston Avenue; and that approximately 460 Public Hearing notices were sent out for tonight's meeting.

Public Input:

Tim Holland, 5458 Houston Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding his support for removing the existing pine trees and rehabilitation of the Houston Street Median.

Walt West, 7411 Dallas Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to removing the pine trees along Walker Street and Houston Avenue and his opposition to a two phased project. He inquired if the proposed project requires an environmental impact study.

Susan Richter, 7575 Kevin Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue.

Daniel Sanders, 5283 Athens Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue.

Alex Chen, 5449 Dirk Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue and his opposition to a two phased project.

Mark Verrett, 5336 Houston Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the removal of the existing pine trees and rehabilitation of the Houston Street Median. He reported that there was poor lighting along the median due to the height of the trees.

Jenny Verrett, 5336 Houston Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding her support for the removal of the existing pine trees.

Rhonda Sanders, 5382 Athens Circle, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue.

Ed Byrne, 5052 Malaga Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue; and that La Palma used to be a "Tree City, U.S.A.". He also voiced his opposition to a two phased project.

Carl Akamini, 5448 Houston Avenue, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the removal of the existing pine trees.

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to removing the pine trees along Houston Avenue.

Gerard Goedhart, 7922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the removal of the pine trees along Walker Street; that the City needs further analysis and survey work before making a decision on Houston Avenue; and that the City should minimize the impact of the Houston Avenue pine trees to the City's infrastructure.

Richard Lutz, 8182 Bellhaven Street, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to spending City funds on the proposed project when the City is in a deficit.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding the deficiency in lighting because of the pine tree height along Houston Avenue.

Ismile Noorbaksh, 7512 Mark Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the removal of the pine trees on Houston Avenue and Walker Street.

Mayor Rodriguez called for a short recess at 9:29 p.m.

Mayor Rodriguez reconvened the City Council at 9:36 p.m. with all members present.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the project being exempt from a CEQA review process because it is a maintenance project; that the cost of the project is \$70,000 and that the City has set aside funds of \$500,000 for both projects; that widening the Houston Avenue median would be an additional \$100,000 as utility lines would need to be relocated; that no design work has been done for the Houston Avenue median; the timing between Phase One and Phase Two of the project; that the Arborists identified a few dead pine trees on Houston Avenue that need to be removed; that Staff would set aside funds in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget to thin the pine trees along Houston Avenue; that the remainder of the trees on Houston Avenue are healthy; that if the Houston Avenue pine trees were to be removed, they would be used for lumber; that the mature pine trees along Houston Avenue have an estimated value of \$10,000 each; that the Walker Street rehabilitation project was estimated at \$150,000 for landscape and median improvements; that the cost of the project depends on the design of the medians; that the rough estimate for the project is approximately \$430,000; that the pavement rehabilitation on the south side of Houston Avenue would be approximately \$100,000; that the roots of the pine trees will continue to grow over time and damage to the streets is inevitable; that the Arborist recommended trees that are non-root intrusive; that maintenance of the current pine trees along Houston Avenue would occur about every seven year cycle and cost approximately \$15,000; that any trees planted would eventually have root systems and potentially cause damage; requesting root barriers in the landscape design; that an Arborist would need to be consulted regarding the root system of the pine trees along the south side of Houston Avenue; support for saving trees within the City; that the proposed project could be costly if done in phases; that the pine trees on Houston Avenue are larger than those on Walker Street; that the City Council supports receiving a recommendation from an arborist regarding the pine trees before proceeding with the Houston Avenue median project; that the Street Sweeper cleans Houston Avenue once a week; that the trimming of the Houston Avenue pine trees could be included in the Capital Improvements Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12; that repairing the streets is a necessity; using the City's street sweeper to clean up needles and pine cones in between contracted street sweeping dates; improving the lighting along the south side of Houston; that the Walker Street pavement project needs to be addressed quickly; that the City support for keeping the pine trees if the Arborist determines that cutting roots and tops back does not cause a safety risk along Houston Avenue; support for taking action on the Walker Street pavement and pine trees because the trees could interfere with the overhead power lines; that the trees recommended for the proposed Walker Street project would be slow growing, shorter trees; that Southern California Edison (SCE) performs severe pruning to the trees along Walker Street; and that SCE provided no comment in regards to the proposed Walker Street project.

- a) Authorize the City Manager to execute contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000 for removal of trees in the frontage medians on Houston Avenue and Walker Street and repair of curbs and gutters on said medians; and
- b) Authorize the supplemental appropriation of funds from the General Fund Reserve to be transferred into the Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) fund in the amount of \$70,000 for the funding of the Houston Avenue and Walker Street Median Reconstruction Project, City Project No. ST-314.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to direct Staff to consult the Arborist to evaluate the pine trees along Houston Avenue in order to safely proceed with the street repairs and authorize the funding of the Walker Street Median Reconstruction Project to include removal of the pine trees as recommended by Staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rodriguez.

Discussion ensued regarding replacing the Walker Street pine trees with the same number of trees and an aesthetically pleasing, environmentally conscious, landscape; that Staff will return to City Council with design plans for the Walker Street project; that the east side pavement and median of Walker Street is what will be addressed upon approval; that the contractor is ready to start on the project by May 16, 2011; support for the Walker Street median project including new landscape and new trees; that the Walker Street project would last another ten years; having an Arborist evaluate the Walker Street pine trees as well before removing them; that the Walker Street median project is a precursor to the Walker Street rehabilitation; that the Walker Street median needs to be addressed to ensure a complete rehabilitation of Walker Street and decrease future damage; that the base of the Walker Street pine trees were trimmed approximately two years ago; that the proposed design of the Walker Street median will accommodate water conservation; and that 80 linear feet of median will be rehabilitated as part of the project.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his concern for water collection at the Walker Street median leading to mosquitoes. He closed by advising residents to contact the Orange County Vector Control District within 24 hours of finding a dead bird in order to allow for West Nile Virus testing.

The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and
Council Member Waldman

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, and Council Member Hwangbo

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the public that the City Council enacted a tree rebate program to help fund tree planting at residential homes.

Tim Holland, 5458 Houston Avenue, asked the City Council whether a study was done regarding the pine tree safety during the previous Houston Avenue rehabilitation project.

Mayor Rodriguez responded that the City wanted to proceed with rehabilitating both the north and south sides of Houston Avenue. However, the Arborist recommended isolated root cutting on the north side of Houston unless an in-depth study was completed to ascertain if the pine trees pose any safety concerns.

10. Consideration of Traffic Improvements at the Intersection of La Palma Avenue and Moody Street

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

City Manager Lazzaretto clarified the accident at Walker Street and La Palma Avenue is not related to the data for Moody Street and La Palma Avenue.

Public Input:

Richard Lutz, 8182 Bellhaven Street and Traffic Safety Committee Member, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the installation of a fully protected signal.

Jeff Howe, 5192 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for installation of a fully protected signal. He asked about accident data for blinking yellow signal lights similar to those in Fullerton.

Public Works Director Moneda responded that the City of La Palma uses the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and that the flashing yellow lights have not been adopted by the MUTCD.

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to installation of a fully protected signal.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for installing a fully protected signal at Moody Street and La Palma Avenue.

Mr. Lutz commented that Moody Street and La Palma Avenue has a crossing guard during peak school times, unlike Walker Street and La Palma Avenue. He closed by restating his opposition to the proposed project.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the detailed number of accidents at the Moody Street and La Palma Avenue intersection.

Police Chief Nuñez explained that the majority of accidents at that intersection were not caused from left hand turning vehicles.

Further discussion ensued regarding the four criteria that needs to be met in order to warrant a change at the intersection; how the study determined that this intersection did not meet most of those warrants; that the City Council approved the fully protected signal change at Walker Street and La Palma because it was warranted; that free flow traffic is important for drivers in the City; that there are two public schools, a daycare facility, a large retail center, and a car wash at the Moody Street and La Palma intersection; that public safety is important; that the left hand turn lanes have sensors to indicate the left hand turn signal change; that left hand turn lane and landscape design can be discussed at a later meeting, but that the signal needs to be addressed; that the fully protected signal going north and south on Moody Street was fully warranted; that the City should be consistent in having fully protected left hand turn signals at their major intersections; that poor driving skills are to blame for most accidents; the cost of changing just the signal being half the cost of the entire project; and that changing the left hand turn signal is worth eliminating any further incidents.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the modification to the left hand turn signal without other traffic improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rodriguez.

Discussion ensued regarding one accident being too many; that the public is concerned with pedestrian safety; having the presence of Police Officers at the intersections to ensure safety; that State standards are developed in order to warrant changes, otherwise every intersection would be changed; that modifying the signal is the least expensive part of the project; and that median changes are the most expensive.

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for a fully protected signal at Moody Street and La Palma Avenue as motioned by Council Member Shanahan.

Roger Ciesinski, 5541 Fir Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for a fully protected signal at Moody Street and La Palma Avenue as motioned by Council Member Shanahan.

Further discussion ensued that only changing the signal would cause vehicles to interrupt the main vehicle traffic lane; that the cost of changing the signal being minimal; that changing the signal to fully protected would lead to a safer intersection; that the City Council has made traffic improvements previously regardless of the MUTCD standard; and that Moody Street and La Palma Avenue used to be a fully protected intersection until previous Council Members changed it to a passive protected intersection.

The motion failed on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Rodriguez, and Council Member Shanahan.

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, and Council Member Waldman.

11. Placement of Daniel Collins' Name in the Community Commemorative Area

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve the placement of Daniel Collins' Name in the Community Commemorative Area.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the placement of Daniel Collins' name in the Community Commemorative Area.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

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

Council Member Hwangbo congratulated the United States Military on overcoming terrorist Osama Bin Laden. He reported his attendance at the La Palma State of the City event; the Anaheim YMCA Good Friday Breakfast; the Meet the Mayor Luncheon; the La Palma Chamber of Commerce Open House; and the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) meeting.

Council Member Shanahan attended the La Palma State of the City event; the Cypress City College Veteran's Center Grand Opening event; the La Palma Chamber of Commerce Open House; and the AB1234 Ethics Training. He reported that he plans to attend the upcoming closing of Ralph's Grocery Store on May 7, 2011.

Council Member Waldman attended the La Palma State of the City event; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) general meeting; the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) meeting; the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way meeting; and the La Palma Chamber of Commerce Open House.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen attended the funeral services of Mrs. Ed Royce, Senior; the AB1234 Ethics Training; and the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment event.

Mayor Rodriguez attended the La Palma State of the City event; the Anaheim YMCA Good Friday Breakfast; the Meet the Mayor Luncheon; the AB1234 Ethics Training; the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way meeting; the Cypress City College Veteran's Center Grand Opening; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) meeting; and the Donate Life Walk event at the University of California, Fullerton. He reported on proposed Senate Bills SB437 and announced that he plans to attend the upcoming Bike Week Kick-Off event on May 16, 2011.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the City Council of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 5, 2011. He announced that Beverly Hempstead has been appointed as the new Cypress School District Superintendent and the upcoming reception on May 24, 2011, at the District Office. He reported that upcoming agenda items include a Conditional Use Permit for the University of Phoenix; the draft Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget; and a Resolution to set the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Utility Users Tax (UUT) rate at 4%. He provided an update on the proposed elimination of redevelopment and noted that momentum is building for redevelopment reform instead.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

Mayor Rodriguez announced that he is considering attending a Legislative Session in Sacramento on May 18, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 11:44 p.m. in honor of the United States Military who overcame terrorist Osama Bin Laden

and in honor of all the brave men and women in the intelligence organization who allowed that mission to be accomplished.

Ralph D. Rodriguez
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk