

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Rodriguez reconvened the City Council in Open Session at 7:07 p.m. with all members present.

Administrative Services Manager Murray stated that the only reportable action is that the City Council has scheduled an upcoming Closed Session on July 1, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Shanahan

INVOCATION: Sikh Scholar Amarjit Singh Dhillon, Gurdwara Buena
Park

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. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation to Recreation and Community Services Director Belknap declaring July as Parks and Recreation Month.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, and Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) representative, reported on the OCVCD meeting; announced his support and thanked staff for the pharmaceutical collection box in the City Hall lobby; and thanked the Public Works department for the great job on the Moody Street Rehabilitation project.

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the Employee Computer Purchase Policy.

Timothy Chin, 8212 La Granada Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the Martial Arts program; asked for more communication with parents who had children enrolled in that program; and closed by noting his support for open source software.

Mayor Rodriguez clarified that the City currently contracts with BreaIT for its information technology services.

City Manager Lazzaretto commented that the City is considering all options as we replace software.

Renee Buchanan, 8062 Devries Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her child's experience in the Martial Arts program and her support for its cancellation.

City Manager Lazzaretto reported that Staff has a meeting scheduled with the instructors regarding alternative Martial Arts classes.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:38 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2011-16 approving the Register of Demands for June 21, 2011.

B. Approval of Second Amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions and Grant of Easements recorded February 18, 1971, pertaining to the Walker and La Palma Avenue Shopping Center

Approved the Second Amendment to the Declaration of Restriction and Grant of Easements recorded February 18, 1971, pertaining to the Walker and La Palma Avenue Shopping Center.

Vice Chairperson Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

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

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:39 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

C. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget

- a) Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.
- b) City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Input

City Manager/Executive Director read an e-mail from Joan Davis, a La Palma resident, regarding her support for the City's Police Department.

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the City's Police Department; his opposition to the total cost of personnel services; his opposition to merit increases for employees; and his concern that potential program cuts will impact service levels.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez noted that the program reduction scenario is a tool that the City Council can use to reduce the budget in the future.

Mr. Carruth announced his opposition to approving the budget without the La Palma Police Association negotiations completed.

Tom Wright, 7901 Westra Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his support for the City's contribution and support of the Americana Awards; encouraged the City Council to support the rehabilitation of the Central Park gazebo; his support for both the Police and Recreation departments; and his appreciation for having a plaque placed in the Community Commemorative area for former Council Member Dan Collins

Gerard Goedhart, 7922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support for transparency in the budget process and asked for clarification regarding the amount budgeted for the two unfilled Police department positions.

Finance Director Neves responded that the Police Department budget is accurate, however, the division budget funds for the available positions was taken out of the Patrol division instead of the Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) division.

Mr. Goedhart noted his support for repairing the current gazebo and his concern if the City loses redevelopment funding from the State of California.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez responded that estimates for repairing the gazebo versus building a new gazebo were similar but that repairing the current gazebo and moving it to the new location was not financially frugal. He added that the original gazebo has a lot of irreparable termite damage and that the proposed gazebo would be made out of more sustainable materials and would preserve the plaque with the original volunteer names.

Cheryl Pappas, 5272 Duke Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support for immediate City employee pension reform, employee health care benefit reform, and her opposition to management level salaries.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council regarding having a corporate partnership or volunteers rehabilitating the current gazebo.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto reminded the City Council that Staff was directed to determine a volunteer component in the construction of the new gazebo.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez added that the donations made from the sale of old street signs will all go towards the reconstruction of the gazebo.

Mr. Wright requested to have fully transparent plans and funding to rehabilitate the gazebo.

Sukhdeep Nagra, 7821 Herman Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her support for employee pension and health care benefit reform. She closed by commenting on her support for volunteerism in the rehabilitation of the gazebo and the importance of community services.

Mike Jewel, 5211 Blairwood Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for employee pension reform and asked for clarification on whether the City has looked into contracting out Police services to the Sheriff's department. He closed by noting that the quality of residents in La Palma is what contributes to the safety of the City.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez responded that there have been no formal studies on contracting out Police services, but that the standard fee for a

Police service study is approximately \$50,000. He noted that this City Council has not formally requested a study.

Patricia Craig, 7662 Tracy Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her support for employee health care reform; that her current employer made cuts in salaries and employee benefits; and her opposition to inflated salaries and benefits in the public sector.

Mayor Rodriguez clarified that City Council members do not receive any City-funded retirement plans and that employee salaries and benefits are subject to negotiations.

Alicia Porto, 4511 Cambury Drive, addressed the City Council in opposition to the City Council lowering the Utility Users Tax (UUT) to 4%. She closed by noting her support for employee health care and pension reform.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez responded that the City Council voted to not increase taxes or service fees.

Jeff McCombs, 7212 Monterey Lane, asked for clarification on when the City Council will start discussing the budget.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez responded that the City Council will discuss the budget in detail after all public input is received.

Louis Toth, 7892 Lemonwood Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his concerns for the rehabilitation and relocation of the gazebo and his opposition to the Park Master Plan's design for Central Park. He asked for clarification on when the public will be notified of the reconstruction plans for the gazebo.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez responded that repairs need to be made to the gazebo and that the City Council supports the most cost efficient method. He added that the Park Master Plan is comprehensive and any changes to that plan will be discussed by the City Council prior to construction.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto commented that the City Council took direction from the public when reviewing the Park Master Plan last year and made modifications to the layout of that plan. He added that the revised plan is available on the City's website.

Abe Waheed, 5271 Ivywood Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for rehabilitation of the original gazebo and his appreciation of the City's transparency.

Victor Aruya, 7642 Inwood Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his appreciation for the United States of America, where he has freedom of speech.

Lynn Johnson, 5271 Marview Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support for not raising taxes and in support of employee pension reform.

Cheryl Pappas, 5272 Duke Drive, addressed the City Council asking that City employees who received a 32% salary increase over the last three years to take a 10% salary decrease in the next Fiscal Year.

- d) Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing at 9:08 p.m.
- e) Council/Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the budget containing no service cuts, no increased taxes, no fee increases, and that Staff has presented the City Council/Community Development Commission with a balanced budget; that La Palma personnel conduct operations and maintenance that other cities contract out for; that adding the Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) portion to the budget would reduce personnel cost percentages as those projects are performed by contractors; that the proposed budget uses no General Fund reserves; that the City Council/Community Development Commission appreciates the public participation; that the public should appreciate public service workers; that some City Council/Commission Members can not support the budget until all the labor agreements have been completed; that the City should move towards a defined contribution plan; that the City is not looking at a balanced budget because Staff has over forecasted; that plans for the gazebo reconstruction will be brought up in the future; that it is illegal to put hand carried letters in residents mail boxes; that the proposed sales tax is underestimated in the proposed budget; that most of the revenues have been quoted conservatively to give the City a financial cushion; that this budget hit the goals that the City Council made at its January Goal Setting Session; that this budget cycle was incredibly challenging; that other cities are currently having to borrow money to meet the demands of the next Fiscal Year; that the City of La Palma is a service business and most service industries pay over 80-85% in salaries; that the City of La Palma is fortunate that neither Staff nor services had to be cut; that the City Council/Community Development Commission appreciates the employee labor groups that have agreed to take pay cuts; and that the City of La Palma has been able to maintain sustainability by being fiscally prudent.

- f) City Council: Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12, which includes the City's Financial Policy Statements

Resolution No. 2011-25 approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12, which includes the City's Financial Policy Statements.

- g) City Council: Adopt a Resolution approving the City's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Resolution No. 2011-26 approving the City's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

- h) Community Development Commission: Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Resolution No. CDC 2011-17 approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Council/Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-25 approving and adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12, which includes the City's Financial Policy Statements; Resolution No. 2011-26 approving the City's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2011-12; Resolution No. CDC 2011-17 approving and adopting a Community Development Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12; and to include any modifications to the budget that will be achieved by the tentative agreement with the La Palma General Employees Association (LPGEA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Charoen noted that he cannot support adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget because of the City's previous years of forecasting estimated revenue higher than actual revenues.

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

AYES: Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez,
Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and
Council/Commission Member Waldman

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Charoen,
and Council/Commission Member Hwangbo

Mayor Rodriguez requested to take a short recess at 9:34 p.m.

Mayor Rodriguez recessed the Community Development Commission and reconvened the City Council at 9:42 p.m. with all members present.

ITEMS MOVED UP ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Rodriguez moved Regular Item 8 up on the agenda so that the public may hear the item and give their input, as it is related to the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget.

8. Memorandum of Understanding for the La Palma Professional Employees Association

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report.

Public Input:

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his appreciation for the employee labor groups taking pay cuts; that the City of Bell scandal motivated him to get involved in his local government; that tier two employees will have a level of animosity towards the tier one employees due to the retirement contribution levels; that the City needs to find a way to recover the cost spent on Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA's) from the last MOU; that he supports the health care cost sharing by employees; that he opposes the grandfathered sick and vacation cash outs; that he feels that flex Fridays are equal to paid days off; and that he opposes the City's compensated leave formula.

Jeff McCombs, 7212 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his concerns that presentation slides regarding retirement contributions are not transparent; that employee health care and benefit costs be balanced; his concern that the budget is being approved without the Police Department labor negotiations being completed; and that the Police Department's labor agreement could leave the budget unbalanced.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council not wanting to pass on a financial burden to the residents by raising the UUT or increasing the fee schedules; that the City Council values its employees; that paying a cheaper rate for employees equals lesser quality employees; that residents truly value the service they receive from the employees; that private sector positions would lose good qualified employees if they cut salaries and benefits; that the City Council thanks the La Palma Professional Employees Association (LPPEA) for the sacrifices they made when agreeing to the MOU; that the City Council desires long term sustainability; that the economic recovery will take longer than expected; the

differences between the Management MOU and the LPPEA MOU; that Mayor Pro Tem Charoen cannot support the LPPEA MOU because they have not made the same concessions as the Management Team; that the City Council supports the employee contribution toward their retirement increasing from 3% in Fiscal Year 2011-12 to 8% in the final year of the agreement;; that the City Council supports a cost of living increase if the City experiences a financial recovery at the end of the three year agreement.

Resolution No. 2011-30 adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Palma and the La Palma Professional Employees Association.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-30 adopting the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Palma and the La Palma Professional Employees Association.

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

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

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez reconvened the Community Development Commission at 10:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the City Council and with all members present.

D. Disposition and Development Agreement with The Olson Company for the Development of the Denni Street Affordable Housing Specific Plan Phase II

a) Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 p.m.

b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report

City Manager Lazzaretto noted that if the State takes away redevelopment funds, this project would be grandfathered in.

City Attorney Kuperberg confirmed and reported that if the State Legislature and Governor eliminate redevelopment, this transaction would be grandfathered in according to the language in the State Assembly bills.

c) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- d) Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing at 10:41 p.m.
- e) Council/Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the total project cost being estimated at \$3.9 million; that The Olson Company would purchase the property from the Community Development Commission (CDC) for \$1.4 million; and that the City would provide a construction loan of \$1.4 million to The Olson Company; that this project would achieve 75% of the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements; that if the City Council does not approve the item tonight, the land could be transferred to a successor agency, the land sold, and proceeds given to the State; that the contract has provisions from the developer to complete the project; that The Olson Company is ready to start developing the land as soon as the City Council approves the project; that The Olson Company has an upcoming meeting with the Homeowner's Association of the adjacent property; that The Olson Company has a great track record and are well structured; and that members of the public are already requesting to be put on a waiting list.

- f) City Council: Adopt a Resolution approving the Disposition and Development Agreement between the Community Development Commission and The Olson Company

Resolution No. 2011-27 approving the Disposition and Development Agreement between the Community Development Commission and The Olson Company.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-27 approving the Disposition and Development Agreement between the Community Development Commission and The Olson Company.

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

- g) Community Development Commission: Adopt a Resolution approving the Disposition and Development Agreement with The Olson Company and authorizing the Chairperson to execute the Agreement and associated documents.

Resolution No. CDC 2011-18 approving the Disposition and Development Agreement with The Olson Company and authorizing the Chairperson to execute the Agreement and associated documents.

Commission Member Shanahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. CDC 2011-18 approving the Disposition and Development Agreement with The Olson Company and authorizing the Chairperson to execute the Agreement and associated documents.

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

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

NOES: None

E. Discussion of Steps Necessary to Protect Redevelopment Funds

Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto reported that the City is receiving legal opinions on an ongoing basis as the proposal has many unknowns. He asked that the City Council be prepared to pay off existing City loans, take no action tonight, but to be ready to meet at a moment's notice.

Community Development Director Dumhart commented that Staff will prepare the necessary Resolutions to authorize prepayment of the City loans.

Council/Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding CDC overhead going into the General Fund which would require further cuts to the budget if redevelopment is eliminated; that the City has enough in the CDC Reserves to pay off existing City debt completely; the successor agency would be responsible for the debt balance; and that the only way to protect the remaining \$3 million balance would be to enter into a third party agreement with another agency.

City Attorney Kuperberg commented that there is very little clarity on the current Assembly Bills; that the bills are inconsistent and ambiguous; that the Assembly Bills have already been voted on, but since the Governor vetoed the State Budget, they are not moving forward; that there are several opinions on the next process for redevelopment agencies; that he is hopeful there will be

more consensus on what cities can do in the near future; that the City should prepare to act on a moment's notice and that the City should not make any hasty decisions at such an early stage; and that his staff has been in daily communication with Staff regarding the matter.

Council Member Hwangbo asked if Staff is investigating ways to save \$3 million in the City's redevelopment funds.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto responded that Staff continues looking at ways to use that money efficiently; that Community Development Director Dumhart is looking at ways to invest that money back into community projects.

Further discussion ensued regarding a future emergency City Council meeting; that the Assembly Bill regarding the elimination of redevelopment funds has been called the "Extortion Bill" by many elected officials; that cities would have to give up half their redevelopment funds just to stay in business; that the City Council recommends drafting a Resolution in opposition to the elimination of redevelopment funding from the State; and that the City continues to encourage and support the numerous State Senators to stand firm against the State's action.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto commented that City Staff has and will continue to reach out to State's Legislators in opposition to the proposed elimination of redevelopment funds.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez encouraged each Council Member to draft their own letters in opposition to the Assembly Bill; that the State has commented that they would possibly get another program to replace redevelopment funding; and that La Palma has used redevelopment funds conservatively.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to approve Staff's recommendation to act on the Assembly Bill x126 (ABx126) eliminating redevelopment funds once pending matters develop further, to be prepared to convene for a Special Meeting on short notice, and to pay off existing loans.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL, ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 11:23 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 11:24 P.M.

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 Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2011-28 approving the Register of Demands for June 21, 2011.

3. Amendment to Agreement with All City Management Services, Inc., for Providing School Crossing Guard Services

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Agreement with All City Management Services, Inc., for providing School Crossing Guard Services for a one-year period, commencing July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012.

4. Approval of Submittal of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Renewed Measure M Eligibility Packet to the Orange County Transportation Authority

Approve the submittal of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Renewed Measure M eligibility packet to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

5. Amendment to Agreement with Empire Pipe Cleaning and Equipment, Inc. for General Sewer Maintenance Services, City Project No. 03-SWR-01

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Agreement with Empire Pipe Cleaning and Equipment, Inc., for General Sewer Maintenance Services, City Project No. 03-SWR-01, extending the term of the contract through June 30, 2012.

6. Amendment to Agreement with MJC Construction, Inc. for General Sewer Repair Services, City Project No. 03-SWR-01

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Agreement with MJC Construction, Inc., of Bonita, California, for General Sewer Repair Services, City Project No. 03-SWR-01, extending the term of the contract through June 30, 2012.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 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

REGULAR ITEMS

7. Approval of Expenditure Plan for Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Funding

Police Chief Nunez gave the Staff Report.

City Manager Lazzaretto recommended that the City Council approve the item, but indicated that staff will come back to the City Council regarding any cuts made by the State in their budget.

Resolution No. 2011-29 approving the expenditure plan for the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-29 approving the expenditure plan for the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding.

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

9. Council Member Request: Congressional Redistricting First Draft Maps

Management Analyst Corbin gave the Staff Report.

Council Member Hwangbo gave a brief presentation.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council's support for keeping La Palma within an Orange County Congressional District map; that Los Alamitos and La Palma are being congressionally mapped with Los Angeles (L.A.) County districts; that several Orange County (O.C.) cities have been mapped into L.A. County districts; that the State Assembly map does have La Palma with adjoining O.C. cities; that the California Citizens Redistricting Committee (CCRC) combined Asian groups into one district from new Census numbers; that because of school districts and other common City services, La Palma has more in common with Buena Park and Fullerton; that the CCRC elected to redistrict grouped demographic communities together based on their race; that there are cultural differences within the various Asian communities; and that the City Council supports sending a resolution to the CCRC in opposition of La Palma being in an Los Angeles County Congressional Map;

Council Member Hwangbo made a motion to direct City Manager Lazzaretto to write a letter in support of naming the cities of Cypress, Buena Park, Los Alamitos, and Fullerton with La Palma in the Congressional District Map to the CCRC.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Waldman.

Discussion ensued regarding excluding the City of Stanton from the Congressional District Map; that La Palma should be grouped with neighboring cities; that the City of Anaheim should be included because of the shared school districts; and that Anaheim is currently grouped with Santa Ana on the Congressional map.

Council Member Shanahan made a substitute motion to include the City of Anaheim with the previously motioned cities into the Congressional District map.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rodriguez and failed on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Rodriguez and Council Member Shanahan

NOES: Council Member Hwangbo and Council Member Waldman

ABSTAINED: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen

The original motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Hwangbo, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: Mayor Rodriguez

ABSTAINED: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen

10. Council Member Request: United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement

Council Member Hwangbo gave the presentation.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding Council previously not wanting to tell the Federal Government what to do; the current poor state of the economy and the City needing to make any effort to help stimulate it; that the City Council wholly supports the item due to the nature of the economy; that nothing has changed in the wording of the agreement since last year.

City Manager Lazzaretto noted that the previous Resolution in support of the Korean Free Trade Agreement from last year's discussion item can be forwarded on behalf of La Palma. He added that last year's discussion on the Korean Free Trade Agreement was brought forth by former Council Member Herman and no formal action was taken except to receive and file.

Mayor Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-31 in support of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. He asked City Manager Lazaretto to also send the Congressional Redistricting letter from Agenda Item 9 to Congresswoman Linda Sanchez.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Charoen 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 Shanahan complimented Public Works for the recent street rehabilitation on Moody Street; attended the John F. Kennedy High School Graduation Ceremony; and the funeral for Army Specialist and Afghanistan War Soldier, Christopher Fishbeck, who graduated from John F. Kennedy High School.

Council Member Hwangbo complimented Public Works for the recent rehabilitation of Moody Street; attended the Buena Park High School Graduation Ceremony; and closed by thanking the City Council for their support of the Korean Free Trade Agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen had nothing to report.

Council Member Waldman attended the meeting of the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administration Committee meeting; the retirement party for David Shawver, Stanton City Council Member, who retired from a teaching career in Long Beach; the Groundwater Replenishment System Steering Committee Meeting; the Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACC-OC) Executive Meeting; the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Executive Committee Meeting; and the Buena Park Youth Theater's "Blue Suede Shoes" performance.

Mayor Rodriguez attended the Walker Junior High School Regata event and the Auto Theft Advisory Committee (ATAC) Vehicle Theft Recovery Awards Ceremony where Officer Nick Johnson was recognized for his efforts and asked for clarification on the details regarding the award.

Police Chief Nunez responded that Officer Nick Johnson was awarded for recovering four stolen vehicles.

Mayor Rodriguez continued by announcing that he attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) Policy Committee Meetings and the funeral for Army Specialist and Afghanistan War Soldier, Christopher Fishbeck, who graduated from John F. Kennedy High School.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reported on an upcoming Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PE-ROW) meetings on June 27 and 28. He noted that the City has received information during this meeting that Governor Brown has proposed a new budget for consideration and asked that the City Council be ready for an emergency Special Meeting. He asked that the City Council close tonight's meeting to a Special Meeting on July 1, 2011, regarding labor negotiations and announced that upcoming agenda items will include the AB 1867 Affordable Housing Program and approval of the La Palma General Employee Association's (LPGEA) labor agreement. He updated the City

Council that there are funds available from the current budget to purchase iPads for the paperless agenda and that a policy will be developed regarding their use. He closed by announcing that the July 5, 2011, City Council will be a paperless meeting and reported on the recent Orange County Grand Jury report on city salaries, noting that La Palma was below the median.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 12:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, in memory of Army Specialist, Christopher Fishbeck. The City Council has scheduled a Special Meeting on July 1, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

Ralph D. Rodriguez
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk