

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission to order at 7:44 p.m. in the Council Chambers at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chairperson Charoen

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

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

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, 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

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2011-14 approving the Register of Demands for May 17, 2011.

Vice Chairperson Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item A.

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.

RECESS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:45 P.M.

RECONVENE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AT 9:55 P.M.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

11. Approval of Fourth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for Centerpointe La Palma

Council/Commission Member Waldman made a motion that the City Council and Community Development Commission approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Fourth Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for Centerpointe La Palma.

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

## REGULAR ITEMS

### 12. Presentation of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget

- a) City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto gave a presentation on the Budget Overview, the General Fund Review Summary, and the General Fund Expenditure Summary.

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave a presentation on the proposed Administrative Services Division Budget.

Finance Director Neves gave a presentation on the proposed Finance Division Budget.

Community Development Director Dumhart gave a presentation of the proposed Community Development Department Budget.

Recreation and Community Development Director Belknap gave a presentation on the proposed Recreation and Community Services Budget.

Police Chief Nuñez gave a presentation on the proposed Police Department Budget.

Public Works Director Moneda gave a presentation on the proposed Public Works Budget.

Community Development Director Dumhart gave a presentation on the proposed Community Development Commission Budget.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez called for a short recess at 10:54 p.m.

Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez reconvened the City Council at 11:00 p.m. with all members present.

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto closed the presentation with a recap of the general overview of the Budget, General Fund Reserves, and General Fund Expenditures.

b) Public Input

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to the budget being reviewed at City Council meetings and not having the public involved in an open forum format.

c) Council/Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal to fill the vacant Police Captain position and freezing a Police Sergeant position; that City Staff would provide a revised five year forecast with the proposed Police Department changes and the new Management Contract; that Recreation and Community Services would have to cut programs if that department were to make further cuts; that Department Heads would consult with the City Council/Community Development Commission prior to making any program cuts; that City Staff is working hard to continue to balance the budget as the City Council requested at its Goal Setting Session; that Staff is working on a contingency plan in case BP Arco does leave the City; that the Recreation Supervisor position will continue to be unfilled; that a plan is being formulated to address the pending retirement of the Tiny Tots instructor; that the Police Department reduced its printing costs by \$5,500 by eliminating miscellaneous award invitations and thank you cards but that it did not cut the public brochures for community policing; that the City's public outreach components will stay intact and the addition of social networking is being considered;

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council/Community Development Commission regarding defining the programs and marketing duties of a Recreation Specialist position; that the City organization has to be reviewed and restructured in order to have significant savings; and his support for having an open forum budget meeting so the public can give their input.

City Council/Community Development Commission responded that the current process is transparent because everyone has the opportunity to meet with Management Staff weeks before the Budget is approved; that the Budget is discussed at several City Council meetings prior to approval; that future budget discussions could be placed at the beginning of the agenda; that Staff has kept both June City Council meeting agendas light due to the budget adoption and anticipated questions regarding the item; and that if there is an item that will impact the budget, that it will be presented prior to the budget discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission at 11:34 p.m.

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Ralph D. Rodriguez  
Chairperson

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, CMC  
Secretary