

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the Council Chamber of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Rodriguez

INVOCATION: Pastor Duane DenBoer, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Councilmembers present: Mayor Charoen, Mayor Pro Tem Barnes,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/ Executive Director  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
John Di Mario, Community Development Director  
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police  
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services  
Director  
Keith Neves, Finance Director  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Public Works Director/ City  
Engineer  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City  
Clerk  
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Yeghig Keshishian, representing Congressman Ed Royce, presented the City with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition congratulating the City

of La Palma on its selection as one of America's Best Places to live for 2007 by MONEY magazine.

2. Mr. Peter Chow and Ms. Silvia Woodside, representatives for the American Cancer Society, addressed the City Council regarding the June 2008 Relay for Life event.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lorenzo Tyner, Director of Finance/ Administrative Services for the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), and James Herberg, Director of Engineering for OCSD, addressed the City Council regarding the agency's Capital Improvement Expansion Program; rate structure and increases thereto; overall project strategy; risk strategy; and voting methodology.

Barbara Michel, representing the League of Women Voters of South Orange County, addressed the City Council regarding the U. S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.

### RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:36 p.m.:

### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

March 4, 2008, Minutes of the Community Development Commission.

- B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2008-09 approving the Register of Demands for March 18, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items A and B.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None scheduled.

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS  
PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:37 p.m.:

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

March 4, 2008, Minutes of the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar item PL-1.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None scheduled.

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL AT  
7:37 p.m.:

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances

Approve recommendation that the City Council waive the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

March 4, 2008, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council and  
March 4, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CC 2008-12 approving the Register of Demands for March  
18, 2008.

4. Amendment No. 4 to Agreement with EDCO Disposal Corporation

Approve Amendment No. 4 to Agreement with EDCO Disposal  
Corporation.

7. Street Closures - City Special Events

Resolution No. CC 2008-13 approving street closures for three City  
special events to be held in 2008: Memorial Day, Monday, May 26;  
Fitness Run for Run, Friday, July 4; and La Palma Days, Saturday,  
November 8, 2008.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items 1,  
2, 3, 4, and 7.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barnes and carried on the  
following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

5. Award of Contract to JDC, Inc. for the Replacement of Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Trees on Moody Street from Crescent Avenue to Houston Avenue, City Project No. ST-283
  - a) Award a contract in the amount of \$81,580 to the low responsible bidder, JDC, Inc., of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Removal and Replacement of Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Trees on Moody Street from Crescent Avenue to Houston Avenue, City Project No. ST-283; and
  - b) Authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$54,000 from the Measure M Reserve Fund.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve and award a contract in the amount of \$81,580 to the low responsible bidder, JDC, Inc., of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Removal and Replacement of Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk, and Trees on Moody Street from Crescent Avenue to Houston Avenue, City Project No. ST-283 and authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$54,000 from the Measure M Reserve Fund.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

6. Award of Contract to E. C. Construction Co. for the Walker Street Safety Related Enhancements, City Project No. ST-282

Award a contract in the amount of \$14,471.60 to the low, responsible bidder, E. C. Construction Co. of South El Monte, California and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Walker Street Safety Related Enhancements, City Project No. ST-282.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve the Award of Contract to E. C. Construction Co. and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Walker Street Safety Related Enhancements, City Project No. ST-282.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:48 p.m.

#### REGULAR ITEMS

8. Councilmember Request: Support of SB 1445 - Pupil Attendance: City of La Palma

Councilmember Waldman reported on the proposed Senate Bill 1445 - Pupil Attendance: City of La Palma.

Public Comment:

City Manager Lazzaretto read e-mails from the following citizens in support of the Bill: Nealdenaea De Jesus-Merritt, Shaun Merritt, Kathleen Marriner, Patty Mankey, and Randy Mankey.

Karen Blake, 7801 Westra Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Ken Blake, 7801 Westra Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his support of Senate Bill 1445.

Roberta Noble-Stone & Doug Stone, 7312 Redwood Circle, addressed the City Council regarding their support of Senate Bill 1445.

Erika Cummings, 5112 Dumaine Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Wesley Szymczyk, 5132 Bransford Drive, asked when the Bill is scheduled to be voted on. Mayor Charoen responded that it is scheduled for consideration by the Senate Education Committee on April 9, 2008.

Debra Lujan, 5172 Bransford Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Jaime Gorospe, 5442 Bransford Drive, addressed the City Council regarding his support for Senate Bill 1445.

Val Higa, 5522 Fir Circle, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Dr. Alexandria Coronado, Orange County Board of Education, addressed the City Council by informing them that the Bill is scheduled to be heard and voted on by the Senate Education Committee on April 9, 2008. She urged the community to contact State Assemblyman Jim Silva's office to encourage him to carry a similar bill to his voters.

Lisa Paciotta, 5091 Dumaine Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Christine Piper, 5052 Dumaine Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Roger Ciesinski, 5541 Fir Circle, asked the City Council how residents who are affected by the Bill can find information on it and what the public needs to do.

Councilmember Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes expressed her support of Senate Bill 1445.

Councilmember Herman expressed his support of Senate Bill 1445.

Councilmember Rodriguez expressed his support of Senate Bill 1445.

Councilmember Waldman expressed his support of Senate Bill 1445.

Mayor Charoen expressed his support of Senate Bill 1445.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution No. CC 2008-14 approving the support of Senate Bill 1445, giving La Palma residents the right to choose the school their child is enrolled in without regard to school district boundaries.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to send every City Councilmember to Sacramento to lobby in support of Senate Bill 1445 prior to and at the April 9, 2008, Senate Education Committee Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Mayor Charoen,  
Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 9:01 p.m.

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

**Councilmember Waldman** attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administration Committee meeting and the Orange County League of California Cities (OCLOCC) meeting.

**Councilmember Rodriguez** attended the Cerritos Mayoral Transition Ceremony and an Anaheim Union School Board meeting.



**Councilmember Herman** attended the Cerritos Mayoral Transition Ceremony and an event in Huntington Beach marking the 5th year of the occupation of Iraq. He reported on the status of the Iraq war; that he will be attending the Orange County Vector Control District meeting; and that he will be attending the Anaheim Family YMCA Good Friday Breakfast. He will be interviewing students at John F. Kennedy High School regarding the school's scholarship program and reminded those listening about the June 2008 Relay for Life event. Lastly, he thanked everyone involved with the American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" for their contributions.

**Mayor Pro Tem Barnes** attended the OCLOCC meeting; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting; and was a judge at John F. Kennedy High School Mr./Miss Kennedy pageant.

**Mayor Charoen** attended the John F. Kennedy High School Mr./Miss Kennedy pageant.

#### CITY MANAGER REMARKS

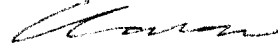
**City Manager Lazzaretto** reported on a letter from Jill Bremer, 7841 Bouma Circle, regarding her concern about Ficus trees and noted that this issue will be resolved through the Ficus tree removal contract with EC Construction. He reminded the City Council of the Tri-City Business Expo being co-hosted by the La Palma Chamber of Commerce on March 19 at the La Mirada Golf Course. He added that Pamarco Global Graphics is having a grand opening on April 15 and requested that a Councilmember be present for their event. He closed by reminding the Council to adjourn to the March 25 joint Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB)/City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** had nothing to report and added he will not be present for the March 25th joint CAB/City Council meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

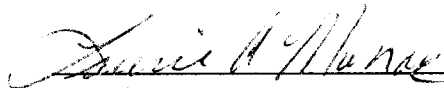
Mayor Charoen adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:16 p.m. to a joint CAB/City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 25, 2008.



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Mayor

Attest:



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City Clerk