

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

April 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in the Council Chamber of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes

INVOCATION: Councilmember Herman

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
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services Director
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/ City Engineer
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson introduced Theresa Selga as the new Recreation and Community Services Senior Office Assistant.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION AT 7:08 P.M.:

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

April 1, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2008-11 approving the Register of Demands for April 22, 2008.

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

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

AYES: Vice Chairperson Barnes, Chairperson Charoen,
Commission Member Herman, Commission
Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member
Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS
PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:09 P.M.:

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

April 1, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

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

AYES: Vice Chairperson Barnes, Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL TO A JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:09 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. City Code Amendment to Amend Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Electronic Signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District

- a) Mayor Charoen opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Di Mario gave the staff report
- c) Receive Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak.
- d) Council/Commission Comments and Questions
- e) Mayor Charoen closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.
- f) Planning Commission: Adopt a Resolution recommending adoption of a City Code amendment amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code

Resolution No. 2008-02 PC approving the amendment to Chapter

26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to Electronic Signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District

Commission Member Herman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-02 PC amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to Electronic Readerboard Signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District.

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

AYES: Vice Chairperson Barnes, Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

- g) City Council: Introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to electronic signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2008-04 amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code to allow electronic readerboard signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District with an approved Conditional Use Permit

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2008-04 amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to electronic signs in the Public/Institutional Zoning District

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

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:37 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL

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

April 1, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CC 2008-16 approving the Register of Demands for April 22, 2008.

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.

Councilmember Herman requested to have Item 4 pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes requested to have Item 5 pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Waldman made a substitute motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, and 3.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez 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:

4. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Indigo Lane Storm Drain Improvements, City Project No. 07-SD-01

Mayor Charoen and Councilmember Herman left the dais and the room at 7:39 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes took the Chair.

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to approve Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Indigo Lane Storm Drain Improvements, City Project No. 07-SD-01.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Mayor Charoen and Councilmember Herman

Mayor Charoen and Councilmember Herman returned to the dais at 7:40 p.m.

5. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Renovation of the Civic Center Landscaping and Parking Lot, City Project No. 05-BLDG-01

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Renovation of the Civic Center Landscaping and Parking Lot, City Project No. 05-BLDG-01.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez 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

6. Discussion of City Council Visit to Sacramento regarding Senate Bill 1445
- Pupil Attendance: City of La Palma

Ken Blake, 7801 Westra Lane, addressed the City Council and thanked them for traveling to the State Capital to speak to the Senate Education Committee as supporters of SB1445. He informed the Council about a Grass Roots effort by residents north of Houston Street to petition the Orange County Department of Education Committee on School Districts.

Discussion ensued regarding the outcome of the Councilmembers' presentations to the Senate Education Committee, meetings held with legislative members, and the future opportunities that the City has to pursue an agreeable conclusion to this matter.

7. Resolution to set a Public Hearing Regarding the Abatement of a Public Nuisance at 5652 Vinevale Circle

Community Development Director Di Mario gave the staff report.

Resolution No. CC 2008-17 authorizing a Public Hearing on May 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to ascertain whether a public nuisance exists on the property located at 5652 Vinevale Circle, Assessor's Parcel No. 262-133-14.

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to approve Resolution No. CC 2008-17 to set a Public Hearing Regarding the Abatement of a Public Nuisance at 5652 Vinevale Circle.

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

8. Consideration of Alternatives for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding the redesigned readerboard, renaming the meeting rooms, the project timeline, and the project budget.

The City Council directed staff to modify the readerboard element to remove the need for footings, to attempt to accelerate the project timeline without impacting the overall budget for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project, and to work with the Community Activities Beautification Committee to identify new names for the meeting rooms.

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 8:58 p.m.

Councilmember Waldman asked that Agenda Item 10 be moved prior to Agenda Item 9.

10. Councilmember Request: Approval of a Non-City Funded Sister City Program with Hanam, Korea.

Mayor Charoen gave the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding acquiring historical and background information on the City of Hanam prior to participating in this program, starting the introduction process and formal correspondence; how Hanam's government is organized; how this 501(3)(C) funded program will work; and how the community could interface with the proposed Sister City Project .

Susie Kim, 8072 Dabny Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her support of the proposed resolution. She closed by offering to be a liaison between La Palma and Hanam, Korea, giving feedback to Mayor Charoen.

Steve Kim, 8072 Dabny Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his

introduction to Hanam, Korea, during a soccer match he was involved in at a game in the City of Cerritos.

The City Council directed staff to work with the Kim family to put together a letter of intent and introduction to start the correspondence between Hanam, Korea, and the City of La Palma.

9. Fiscal Year 2008-09 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan and Reserve Fund Policy Discussion

Public Works Director Noorbaksh gave the Capital Improvement Plan staff report.

Finance Director Neves gave the General Fund Reserve Policy staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding the current status of the local, state, and national economy and how this could affect the Reserve Fund Policy. The City Council further discussed other options for capital instead of using the City's reserve funds.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve a goal for the General Fund Reserve Balance to be no less than 85%.

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

AYES: Councilmember Herman, and Councilmember Rodriguez.

NOES: Mayor Charoen, and Councilmember Waldman.

ABSTAINED: Mayor Pro Tem Barnes.

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

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

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the LOCC Policy Committee meeting; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) transportation meeting; the Cypress PTA meeting; and the Pet Expo. He announced that he will attend the upcoming Library Advisory Board Finance Committee meeting, the upcoming

Donate Life Run/Walk Relay event, and a future meeting for the Luther PTA School Site Council. He closed by recognizing Earth Day.

Councilmember Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) budget workshop meeting; the Anaheim Union High School District Board meeting; the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program meeting; the State Education Committee meeting in Sacramento regarding SB 1445; the Kiwanis event at Whitney High School; the grand opening ceremony of Mehta Mechanical Company (MMC) located on Fresca Drive. He closed by reporting on the status of the war in Iraq.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes attended the Centralia School District meeting, the Cypress School District meeting, the Anaheim School District meeting; and the LOCC meeting. She reported that she will attend the future SCAG Housing Summit. She closed by reporting on the statistics of women suffering from depression related to abortions.

Mayor Charoen attended the Kennedy High School Career Fair; the Lunch with the Mayor with ADP; and the grand opening ceremony for MMC located on Fresca Drive.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the City Council of the upcoming State of the City Address at La Quinta Inn and reported on the status of the Website Content project.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

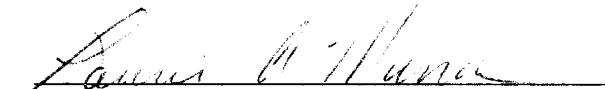
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the City Council Meeting at 11:45 p.m. on April 22, 2008.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk