

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

October 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Steve Shanahan

INVOCATION: Commission Member Hwangbo

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, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Recreation & Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the September 20, 2011, and October 4, 2011, Regular Meetings of the La Palma Planning Commission.

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

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Shanahan 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

PL-2. Implementation of Housing Element Program No. 11, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code Pertaining to Density Bonuses in Residential Districts

- a) Chairperson Rodriguez opened the Public Hearing at 7:32.m.
- b) Community Development Intern Raphael Garcia gave the Staff Report.

Commission Member Waldman asked for clarification that if the City does not adopt the Ordinance it is still subject to the law.

City Attorney Kuperberg responded that the Density Bonus Legislation is self-executing but adopting it does allow for implementation measures that will make the process simpler for the City and its applicants.

- c) Public Input:

Cheryl Papas, 5272 Duke Drive, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to the proposed Ordinance and her opposition to the State mandating it.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ordinance only mandating density bonuses; that the Ordinance is structured so that a Developer can receive a density bonus in exchange for affordability; that the Ordinance is not for any particular project, but for projects city-wide; that the City has the authority to review projects and regulate their development; and that the Ordinance is a State requirement.

- d) Chairperson Rodriguez closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Further discussion ensued with Commission Member Hwangbo stating that he would not support the proposed Ordinance in protest to the State imposing laws on local government.

- f) Adopt a Resolution recommending that the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for, and approve, an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to Density Bonuses within residential districts.

Resolution No. PC 2011-05 adopting a Negative Declaration for, and approval of, an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to Density Bonuses within residential districts.

Commission Member Shanahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2011-05 adopting a Negative Declaration for, and approve, an Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to Density Bonuses within residential districts.

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

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

NOES: Commission Member Hwangbo

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Rodriguez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:47 p.m.

Ralph D. Rodriguez
Chairperson

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk