

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:00 p.m. at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Rodriguez

INVOCATION: Mayur Shah, The Sindhu Center

CLOSED SESSION

CS-1. The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position Title: City Manager

Mayor Rodriguez announced that the Closed Session was cancelled and will be rescheduled to an upcoming City Council meeting.

ROLL CALL:

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
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City

Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation and cash award to Lori Whalen, in recognition of being named the 2011 Employee of the Year Award.

Chris Nguyen, representing Assembly Member Chris Norby, presented Lori Whalen with a Certificate of Recognition for being named the 2011 Employee of the Year.

2. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation and cash award to Larry Baldwin, in recognition of being named the 2011 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year.

Chris Nguyen, representing Assembly Member Chris Norby, presented Larry Baldwin with a Certificate of Recognition for being named the 2011 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

PI-1. City Council Reorganization

- a) Recommendation that the City Council conduct its annual reorganization by selecting the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Rodriguez asked City Manager Lazzaretto to conduct the election for Mayor.

City Manager Lazzaretto entertained nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Waldman nominated Mayor Pro Tem Charoen for Mayor.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to close the nominations.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Rodriguez 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

Discussion ensued regarding the nomination.

The vote for Mayor Pro Tem Charoen as the new Mayor carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: Council Member Rodriguez

Mayor Charoen conducted the election for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Rodriguez nominated Council Member Hwangbo as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to close the nominations.

Council Member Waldman seconded the motion and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

The vote for Council Member Hwangbo as the new Mayor Pro Tem carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

- b) Mayor Charoen presented Council Member Rodriguez with a plaque recognizing his outstanding service and dedication to the La Palma Community as Mayor for 2011.

Chris Nguyen, representing Assembly Member Chris Norby, presented Council Member Rodriguez with a Certificate of Recognition for his dedication and service as Mayor to the City of La Palma in 2011.

RECESS

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

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 7:56 p.m. with all members present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, congratulated Mayor Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on their new positions and thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor.

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, congratulated Mayor Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on their new positions and thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor; he congratulated the 2011 Employee and 2011 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year recipients; he reported on the recent Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) meeting and noted he was recognized for 25 years of service as the La Palma Representative; and he closed by commenting on the Orange County Grand Jury recruitment.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 8:02 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2011-33 approving the Register of Demands for December 20, 2011.

C. Annual Financial and Compliance Audit Reports and Annual Financial Transactions Report of the La Palma Community Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Receive and file the annual financial and compliance audit reports, Fiscal Statement, HCD Housing Report, and the State Controller's Annual Financial Transactions Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A through C.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS
THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 8:04 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:05 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 Council Minutes
Minutes of the December 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution No. 2011-60 approving the Register of Demands for December 20, 2011.
4. Award of Contract for Tree Maintenance Services
Award a contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$51,000 to West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) of Anaheim, California, for annual tree maintenance services over a period of three (3) years, with an option to extend the contract for two additional one-year terms for a total performance period of five years; and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

5. Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report.

Public Input:

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his support for implementing an OPEB funding policy; his support for a new actuarial study; and he asked when the City plans to present the new actuarial study.

City Manager Lazzaretto responded that the new actuarial study should be completed around March or April 2012.

Gerard Goedhart, 7922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding the importance of addressing the OPEB funding obligations; the true General Fund Reserve amount; and a request for clarification on the 2009-10 versus 2010-11 expenditures.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding Internal Service Funds and the General Fund Reserve; and that appropriating funds for future City projects is a City Council directive.

Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the City of La Palma for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2011.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

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

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

NOES: None

6. Authorization for Council Members to Attend the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report.

Approve the attendance of Mayor Ralph Rodriguez and Council Member Steve Hwangbo at the League of California Cities Policy Committee meetings, to be held on January 19-20, 2012, in Sacramento.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve and authorize Council Member Rodriguez and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo to attend the League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings, to be held on January 19-20, 2012, in Sacramento.

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

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

NOES: None

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo congratulated Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor. He announced that he attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; the Oxford Academy Holiday Concert; the American Moo-Do Kwan Christmas Party; the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon and thanked Staff for their

hard work; the John F. Kennedy (JFK) High School Choir performance; and the Helping Other People Everyday (HOPE) breakfast event.

Council Member Rodriguez attended a basketball free-throw shooting contest; the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon; the Volunteers in Policing (VIP) holiday dinner; the JFK High School Choir performance; the HOPE breakfast event; and thanked the City Council and Staff for allowing the storage and assembly of food baskets at the HUB for a local business charity event.

Council Member Shanahan congratulated Mayor Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on their new positions and thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor. He announced that he attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon. He passed on his congratulations to the 2011 Employee and 2011 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year recipients and wished everyone a happy holiday season. He closed by reminding everyone to be wary of drivers under the influence during the holidays.

Council Member Waldman attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) Administration Committee meeting; thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor; thanked Mr. Herman for his 25 years of service to the OCVD; and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Charoen attended the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony; the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon and thanked Staff for their hard work; congratulated the 2011 Employee and 2011 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year recipients; congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on his new position and thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of dedicated service as Mayor. He closed by thanking Mr. Herman for his 25 years of service to the OCVCD.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto thanked the City Council for their support of the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon and announced the donations and silent auction helped two La Palma families. He announced that upcoming agenda items will include external committee appointments, the Americana Awards Ticket distribution discussion, and the Denni Street Affordable Housing Precise Plan. He thanked Council Member Rodriguez for his previous year of service as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on their new positions. He reminded the City Council and community that City Hall and administration offices will be closed from December 23, 2011, through January 2, 2012, but that the Police Department will be open. He closed by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and announced Bert Poan and Bill Miel were honored as the VIP of the Year for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg congratulated Council Member Rodriguez on his previous year of service as Mayor; congratulated Mayor Charoen and Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo on their new positions; thanked the City for the invitation to the 2011 Employee Recognition Luncheon stating that he enjoyed the event; and closed by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:48 p.m. and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

G. Henry Charoen
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk