

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Charoen recessed to a Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Steve Filarsky, Filarsky & Watt
Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager

Employee Organization: La Palma Police Association
La Palma General Employees Association
La Palma Professional Employees Association

Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management

The City Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m. with no reportable actions.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Rodriguez

INVOCATION: Councilmember Waldman

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
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. Administrative Services Manager Murray introduced Michael Bruckner as the City's new Administrative Intern.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes
May 6, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community
Development Commission.
- B. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution No. CDC 2008-13 approving the Register of Demands for May
20, 2008.

Vice Chairperson Barnes 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.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

May 6, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Conditional Use Permit 344, Requesting Approval for the Operation of a Preschool Use at the Fountain of Living Water Church Located at 8111 Walker Street

- a) Chairperson Charoen Opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Di Mario gave the staff report.
- c) Receive Public Input

Joy Han, 5801 Comstock Court, Cypress, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the current after-school care program at the facility.

- d) Chairperson Charoen closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding security of the existing open barbeque pit, the current status of the after school day care program, landscaping, asphalt rehabilitation of the parking lot, and the agreement between A Fountain of Living Water United Methodist Church and the applicant.

Chairperson Charoen reopened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Joy Han, 5801 Comstock Court, Cypress, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the agreement between A Fountain of Living Water United Methodist Church and herself; she will be responsible for the asphalt rehabilitation and A Fountain of Living Water United Methodist Church will be responsible for the landscaping.

Chairperson Charoen closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

- f) Adopt a Resolution approving Conditional Use Permit 344, a request to operate a Preschool at the existing Fountain of Living Water Church Facility located at 8111 Walker Street

Resolution 2008-04 PC approving Conditional Use Permit 344, a request to operate a Preschool at the Fountain of Living Water Church Facility located at 8111 Walker Street.

Commission Member Herman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-04 PC approving Conditional Use Permit 344, a request to operate a Preschool at the existing Fountain of Living Water Church Facility located at 8111 Walker Street.

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

REGULAR ITEMS

None scheduled.

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL AT 7:29 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

April 15, 2008, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council and May 6, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CC 2008-20 approving the Register of Demands for May 20, 2008.

4. Agreement for Prosecution Services by the District Attorney of Orange County

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Prosecution Services between the City of La Palma and the County of Orange.

5. Resolution Concerning the Status of the Circulation Element for the City of La Palma

Approve Resolution No. CC 2008-21 concerning the status of the Circulation Element for the City of La Palma.

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

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.

RECONVENE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:29 P.M.:

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council and Community Development Commission at 7:36 p.m. with all members present.

REGULAR ITEMS

6. Study Session: Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 General Fund Budget

City Manager Lazzaretto presented an overview of the City's proposed 2008-2009 budget.

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the Administration Department Proposed Budget staff report.

Finance Director Neves gave the Finance Department Proposed Budget staff report.

Community Development Director Di Mario gave the Community Development Department Budget staff report.

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson gave the Recreation and Community Services Proposed Budget staff report.

Police Chief Ethell gave the Police Department Proposed Budget Staff Report.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Noorbaksh gave the Public Works Department Proposed Budget staff report.

Community Development Director Di Mario gave the Community Development Commission Proposed Budget staff report.

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Capital Outlay Reserve (COR) Proposed Budget staff report.

Receive Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding projected increases in property taxes; the amount in the City's General Fund surplus; broadcasting equipment and related construction costs; additional funding for Code Enforcement activities; the 'Learn to Swim' program; tasers; potential grant funding for Police Department equipment costs; intersection improvements, signal upgrades, ground water rates and the water rate study; the Residential Pavement program; the joint efforts between the Recreation Departments of La Palma and Los Alamitos; a proposed nutritional component to Fit N Fun; the proposal to reach out to retail developers; the City's cable broadcasting needs; and proposed intergenerational programs.

Chairperson Charoen adjourned the Community Development Commission at 8:39 p.m.

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

Councilmember Waldman attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and an emergency meeting of the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD).

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting; the Go Local Transit Study meeting; the Orange County League of California Cities (OCLOCC) General Meeting; the Orange County Library Advisory Board meeting; and the Metropolitan Water District of Orange County Colorado Aqueduct System tour.

Councilmember Herman attended the Go Local Transit Study meeting; the Cerritos State of the City Address; the Orange County Vector Control District meeting; and the Public Works Open House. He reminded everyone about the Relay for Life event in June and thanked staff for the coffee in the lobby. He asked for updates on public works projects and the Community Center Rehabilitation Project. He closed by reporting on the status of the war in Iraq.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes attended the SCAG meeting and noted she will be attending a Housing Summit in Riverside.

Mayor Charoen attended the OCLOCC general meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the City Council about the Memorial Day event and updated the City Council on the Community Center construction project. He closed by reporting that he will be on the City Managers' Taskforce for the Orange County Library Advisory Board.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

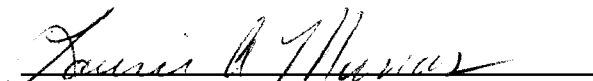
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 9:13 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



Laurie A. Murray
City Clerk