

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nathan Lai, Eagle Scout Recipient

INVOCATION: Nathan Lai, Eagle Scout Recipient

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
Todd Litfin, Acting City Attorney
John Di Mario, Community Development Director
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Ismile Noorbaksh, Public Works Director/ City Engineer
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

Mayor Charoen asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Duane Schuster.

City Manager Lazzaretto requested that the City Council add an emergency item to the agenda as follows:

9. Consideration of chartering a bus on June 5, 2008, to take residents and staff to the funeral of former Mayor, Duane Schuster.

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to add emergency Agenda Item Number 9, Consideration of chartering a bus on June 5, 2008, to take residents and staff to the funeral of former Mayor, Duane Schuster.

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

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

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman requested that Emergency Agenda Item 9 be moved prior to the City Council Consent Calendar. With no objections, Mayor Charoen approved placement of this item prior to the City Council Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Charoen presented Nathan Lai with a proclamation in honor of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. Community Development Director Di Mario introduced Claudia Castellanos as the City's new Code Enforcement Officer.
3. Noella Lew, Chairperson of the La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Home Spotlight Subcommittee, presented William, Diane, and Robert Hall with the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award for their home at 5320 Houston Avenue.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION AT 7:17 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

May 20, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the La Palma
Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2008-14 approving the Register of Demands for June
3, 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 7:17 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

May 20, 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 Commission Member Waldman 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 PLANNING COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL AT 7:18 P.M.

9. Consideration of chartering a bus on June 5, 2008, to take residents and staff to the funeral of former Mayor, Duane Schuster.

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding how the public would be notified of the bus service; extending this service to all groups which former Mayor Schuster was involved with; the size of the bus needed; and the time period that would be needed.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve chartering a bus on June 5, 2008, to take residents and staff to the funeral of former Mayor, Duane Schuster

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

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 25, 2008, Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Community Activities and Beautification Committee and the May 20, 2008, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CC 2008-22 approving the Register of Demands for June 3, 2008.

4. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs Cooperation Agreement - Amendment One

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment One to the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of La Palma for participation in the Urban County Program to utilize CDBG and HOME program funds.

5. Resolutions Required for November 4, 2008, Election

a) Resolution No. CC 2008-23 calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, for the election of certain officers as required by the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to general law cities.

b) Resolution No. CC 2008-24 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange to consolidate a Municipal Election to be held

on November 4, 2008, with the Statewide General Election to be held on the date pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code.

- c) Resolution No. CC 2008-25 adopting regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

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

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

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. Approval of Plans and Specifications, and Authorization to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM) Overlay and Rubberized Slurry Seal, City Project No. ST-279

Approve the Plans and Specifications and authorize the Director of Public Works to solicit competitive bids for the pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix Overlay and Rubberized Slurry Seal, City Project No. ST-279.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve Plans and Specifications, and authorize the Director of Public Works to Solicit Competitive Bids for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM) Overlay and Rubberized Slurry Seal, City Project No. ST-279.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

7. Study Session: Review of Council Policy 15 - Travel and Meetings

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding funds for new Councilmembers' attendance at the League of California Cities (LOCC) Mayors and Councilmembers Academy, a separate line item for LOCC Orange County Division meetings; the procedure for transferring unused Councilmember funds; the active involvement of Council in local groups and committees to ensure the City is properly served by their local government; concerns about use of public funds for charity events; and increasing the mayoral budget.

Council directed staff to schedule a Council Policy Committee meeting to review and address these concerns and return with a recommendation.

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 8:06 p.m. with all members present.

RECONVENE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:06 P.M.

REGULAR ITEMS

8. Open Discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget

Discussion ensued regarding the opportunity to make amendments to the budget after it is adopted; the projected amount of the General Fund

balance; review and adjustment of the Utility Users Tax; the results of the ongoing tax audit; the possibility of adding a budgeted line item labeled Community Investment Fund; and the State's anticipated acquisition of City funds.

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 8:39 P.M.

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

Councilmember Waldman attended the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) monthly meeting; the Special meeting of the Orange County League of California Cities (OCLOCC) Board of Directors; the City's Memorial Day Ceremony; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) general meeting; the Orange County Leaders Prayer Breakfast; and the John F. Kennedy High School Senior Recognition Awards.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Orange County Leaders Prayer Breakfast; the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Open House; the Police Interaction with Youth (PIY) graduation ceremony at Luther Elementary School; the Love Thy Neighbor outreach program kickoff meeting in Cypress; the King Elementary Flag Day Celebration; and the City's Memorial Day Ceremony. He closed by thanking the La Palma Police Department for their support at the Luther Elementary Graduation ceremony.

Councilmember Herman attended the City's Memorial Day Ceremony; the King Elementary Flag Day Celebration; and the Yogurt Time Grand Opening. He announced that he would attend the upcoming Tiny Tots Graduation. He reminded everyone about the Relay for Life Event in Buena Park on June 7 and 8, and noted satisfaction with the City's new recycling programs. He closed by deferring his comments on the status of the war in Iraq in honor of Duane Schuster who was a proud Korean War Veteran.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes attended the OCFA budget meeting; the OCCOG meeting; and the Annual Regional Housing Summit.

Mayor Charoen attended the City's Memorial Day Ceremony.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reported that Duane Schuster had been the author of the Senior Newsletter. He also reported he will be out on vacation June 5 through

June 9. He closed by requesting, on behalf of the Schuster family, that a Councilmember speak at Mr. Schuster's funeral service.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Todd Litfin had nothing to report.

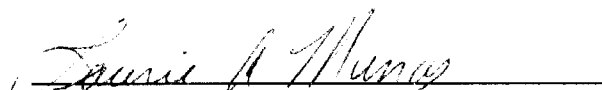
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:59 p.m. in memory of Duane Schuster.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk