

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Camp Fire USA - Long Beach Area Council
Honeybees Group

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Michaela Mallari

INVOCATION: Amrit Singh, The Sikh Temple

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council/Commission Members present: Mayor/Chairperson Charoen, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Hwangbo, Council/Commission Member Rodriguez, Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and Council/Commission Member Waldman

Council/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
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Eric Nuñez, Police Chief
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Charoen presented Certificates of Recognition to the John F. Kennedy High School Frosh-Soph Girls Basketball Team on their achievement of being the Empire League Co-Champions.

Jackie Filbeck, representing Assembly Member Chris Norby, presented Proclamations to all members of the John F. Kennedy High School Frosh-Soph Girls Basketball Team on their achievement and gave a brief report on the status of two education Assembly Bills.

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 7:31 p.m. with all members present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

CONVENE AS THE CITY OF LA PALMA AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:32 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 21, 2012, Regular Meeting of the Successor Agency.

- B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC SA 2012-04 approving the Successor Agency Register of Demands for March 6, 2012.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION
AT 7:33 P.M.

City Manager Lazzaretto stated that, "The City Council will now recess the City of La Palma as the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission meeting, and convene as the Planning Commission. Members of the La Palma City Council receive no compensation or stipend as a result of convening or participating in this Planning Commission meeting, or otherwise as serving as members of the La Palma Planning Commission."

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 21, 2012, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

Commission Member Shanahan 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

PL-2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code Adding and Amending Certain Provisions to the Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) Zoning District

- a) Chairperson Charoen opened the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.
- b) Community Development Director Dumhart gave the Staff Report
- c) Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak
- d) Chairperson Charoen closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the challenge to find viable businesses for the subject small sites; retaining City Council approval for the 20% landscape requirement; whether the City will be protected with this zoning change; and that there are established planning guidelines that businesses would have to comply with.

City Attorney Kuperberg clarified that projects come forward as Precise Plans and the Commission will always have the ability to approve the designs.

- f) Resolution No. PC 2012-02 recommending that the City Council approve an Ordinance of the City of La Palma amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code adding and amending certain provisions to the Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) Zoning District.

Commission Member Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution No. PC 2012-02 recommending that the City Council adopt an Ordinance of the City of La Palma amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code adding and amending certain provisions to the Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) Zoning District.

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

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

NOES: None

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:47 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 February 21, 2012, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council and the February 27 and 28, 2012, Special Meetings of the City Council.
3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2012-16 approving the Register of Demands for March 6, 2012.
4. 2012 Street Closures for City Special Events

Resolution No. 2012-17 approving Street Closures for four (4) 2012 City Events: Arbor Day, Saturday, April 28; Memorial Day, Monday, May 28; Fitness Run for Fun, Wednesday, July 4; and La Palma Days, Saturday November 10, 2012.
5. Award of Contract to AES Water, Inc. for Installation of the Seismic Actuated Valve at the City Yard Reservoir, City Project No. 11-WTR-03

Award and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract in the amount of \$26,148 to AES Water, Inc. for the Installation of the Seismic Actuated Valve at the City Yard Reservoir, City Project No. 11-WTR-03.
6. Resolution Authorizing Signatories for the Deposit, Investment, and Payment of Public Funds

Resolution No. 2012-18 amending Resolution No. 2012-02 authorizing the deposit, investment, and payment of public funds.
7. Resolution Supporting an Amendment of Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation 18705.5 Regarding City Council Appointments to External Committees

Resolution No. 2012-19 supporting an amendment of Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Regulation 18705.5 regarding City Council appointments to external committees.

8. Interim City Manager Employment Agreement

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Employment Agreement with Terry S. Matz for Interim City Manager Services.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

9. Consideration of Traffic Improvements at Moody Street/Los Coyotes Elementary School North Driveway

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding problems being at the northern end of the parking lot versus the southern end of the parking lot; that the backup of vehicles occurs near the building at the north parking lot; use of parent volunteers to help clear traffic; that the parking lots are not equal in size; and that the south parking lot is used as a drop off zone, rather than parking for extended periods of time.

Approve the installation of a "Keep Clear" package at Moody Street/Los Coyotes Elementary School North Driveway and appropriate \$1,000 from the General Fund Reserves to fund the improvements.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo made a motion to approve the installation of a "Keep Clear" package at Moody Street/Los Coyotes Elementary School North Driveway and appropriate \$1,000 from the General Fund Reserve to fund the improvements.

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

10. Consideration of Traffic Improvements along Maroon Drive

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

City Manager Lazzaretto read a letter from Steven Maikowski into the record regarding his opposition to white striping along the narrow part of Maroon Drive; his opposition to the Traffic Safety Committee's proposed improvements; and support for installing a no parking zone along the narrow portion of Maroon Drive.

William Edwards, 7822 Trinity Lane, addressed the City Council regarding safety concerns; alternative recommendations for Maroon Drive, including 11 foot traffic lanes on Maroon Drive and installing three no parking signs along the curb that is red lined; and a petition of support for his proposal.

Murray Winston, 7832 Trinity Lane, addressed the City Council regarding his support for 11 foot traffic lanes on Maroon Drive.

Patrick Graham, 7812 Denni Street, addressed the City Council regarding his support for Staff's recommendations, including 10 foot traffic lanes and white striping.

Jane Edwards, 7822 Trinity Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to 10 foot traffic lanes.

Mark Marvray, 7842 Trinity Lane, addressed the City Council regarding safety concerns and support for 11 foot traffic lanes on Maroon Drive.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding improvements being requested due to speeding in the zone; that the speed survey showed that the 85th percentile speed was 28 miles per hour; that the concern is drivers not stopping at Denni Street and Maroon Drive and turning wide; that there are more stop sign violators than speeders; that La Palma's current standards are 36 feet in width for cul-de-sacs; that collector streets are 40 feet wide with 12 foot lanes; that the purpose of the line is to get vehicles away from the wall; that the Police Department has been monitoring the intersection; that vehicle safety is primary; a complete no parking zone at the narrow end of Maroon Drive next to the block wall; not installing white striping next to the block wall; that striping the street around the turn historically keeps drivers from speeding; that the Traffic Safety Committee approved a proposal to install 10 foot lanes at the narrow end of Maroon; that there was no car count during the speed survey; that the speed survey was conducted from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; that installing a no parking zone against the block wall on Maroon Drive would cause a loss of 8 to 10 parking spaces; that the City owns the wall along Maroon Drive; installing three no parking signs and painting the curb red; and the Traffic Committee's preference for 10 foot lanes. .

Mr. Edwards interjected that some members of the Traffic Safety Committee supported his proposal of installing 11 foot lanes along Maroon Drive.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Mr. Edwards's plan of installing a no parking zone along the narrow portion of Maroon Drive, installing no parking signs in the red zone, and widening the traffic lanes to 11 feet along Maroon Drive.

Further discussion ensued regarding Mr. Edwards's plans; the drive widths; the continuous white stripe; the modification to 11 foot lanes; the addition of 3 no parking signs and potential locations; and that the no parking signs would require an additional appropriation of approximately \$250.

Mr. Graham addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to Mr. Edward's proposal because it is not based on an engineer's study that meets State safety standards.

Mrs. Edwards addressed her opposition to Mr. Graham's making comments because his property is close to the street.

Further discussion ensued regarding 11 foot wide traffic lanes meeting the State's standards; that Public Works will work on the street to create a gradual change; that the proposal would make the double yellow line closer to the block wall; and that the Police Department does not have concerns with the center line being moved.

Council Member Waldman clarified his motion to allow for an 8 foot parking lane, two 11 foot traffic lanes, and a 4 foot no parking lane with the white stripe

continuous along the block wall, installation of three no parking signs, adjusting the double yellow line to make an easy transition, and to appropriate \$1,750 from the General Fund Reserve.

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

11. Consideration of Traffic Improvements at Rampart Lane and Bourbon Lane

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Shirley Summers, 7215 Rampart Lane, addressed the City Council regarding her opposition to the proposed stop sign, support for yellow striping, and commented that numerous stop signs desensitizes people to stop signs.

Robert Carruth, 7201 Monterey Lane, addressed the City Council regarding the busyness of the area, and that stop signs do slow people down even though some people do not stop for them.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding there being no legends at the intersection of Bourbon Lane and Rampart Lane; that installing turning legends on the street would be better observed than a stop sign; that installing a stop sign and removing it later could place the City under liability; that painted legends in the center are only for stop signs; that the City has installed turning legends that are productive; support for installing a turning legend and then if that does not work, then installing a stop sign; that drivers are supposed to yield at a "T" intersection; support for painting center yellow line striping; minimal support for the Traffic Safety Committee recommendation; that the majority of the City Council does not support the installation of a stop sign; and that Staff has the option to bring the item back to City Council if the installation of a turning legend does not work.

Approve the installation of a stop sign package at the intersection of Rampart Lane and Bourbon Lane and appropriate \$750 from General Fund Reserves to fund improvements.

Council Member Rodriguez made a motion to approve the installation of a striping package at Rampart Lane and Bourbon Lane and appropriate \$750 from the General Fund Reserve.

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

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

Council Member Waldman attended the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) general meeting; the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) meeting; and the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards.

Council Member Shanahan attended two Special Meetings for the Interim City Manager and City Manager recruitment; attended the "big rock" moving through the City; and closed by thanking outgoing City Manager Lazzaretto for his years of service.

Council Member Rodriguez attended the Continental Little League Opening Ceremony; the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards; the memorial service for Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) Trustee, Jan Harp Domene; was unable to attend the official signing of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Agreement with the City of Santa Ana; and he asked the City Manager to announce the designees for the Successor Agency.

City Manager Lazzaretto announced that the entire board has not been selected, but the County of County seats were given to Robert Carruth and Keith Nelson, the City Staff selection is Community Development Director Dumhart, the North Orange County Community College District selection is Claudette Darnes, the appointee from the North Orange County Community College District. He reported that the City is still waiting for the Mayor's selection, the OCSD representative, and the Department of Education representative.

Council Member Rodriguez continued by thanking Staff for setting up the lobby for the John F. Kennedy High School Frosh-Soph Girls Basketball Team reception; and thanked outgoing City Manager Lazzaretto for his years of service.

Mayor Pro Tem Hwangbo welcomed Interim City Manager Matz; attended the Continental Little League Opening Ceremony; the Cypress College

Foundation Americana Awards; the Cypress School District Measure M Oversight Committee meeting; a local Cub Scout event at Steven Luther Elementary School; the memorial service for AUHSD Trustee for Jan Harp Domene; and closed by thanking outgoing City Manager Lazzaretto for his years of service.

Mayor Charoen attended the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards; the two Special Meetings for the Interim City Manager and City Manager Recruitment; and announced that he plans to attend the upcoming Association of California Cities-Orange County (ACCOC) meeting, the Cerritos Mayoral Transition, and the Gazebo Dedication.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reported on the LACMA Rock moving through the City and how it affected the community; announced the upcoming March 13, 2012, Special Meeting; and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve as La Palma's City Manager. He closed by announcing that the La Palma Police Association donated \$500 to the Relay for Life.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg thanked City Manager Lazzaretto for his years of service and wished him well in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 9:27 p.m. in memory of AUHSD Trustee Jan Harp Domene.

G. Henry Charoen
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk