

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2007

Mayor Waldman called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Herman

INVOCATION: Pastor Sandra Heer, A Fountain of Living Water Methodist Church

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, Interim City Manager/Director of Community Development
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Lynnae Sisemore, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Waldman introduced the Home Spotlight Chair of the Communities Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee, Noella Lew, who presented the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award to Ronald

and Cecilia Maus of 7512 Los Trancos, La Palma.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:13 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes
February 20, 2007 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Community Development Commission
- B. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution Number CDC 2007-05
- C. Professional Services Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group for Interim Community Development Director Services

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A, B, and C.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Charoen and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION: 7:13 p.m.

PL-1 Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the February 20, 2007 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Planning Commission.

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

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

NOES: None

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL:
7:13 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances
- 3. Approval of Register of Demands
Resolution Number 2007-06
- 4. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for the Removal and Replacement of Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk on Various City Streets, City Project No. ST-276
- 5. Professional Services Agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group for Interim Community Development Director Services

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 3, 4, and 5.

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

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

NOES: None

- 2. Approval of Council Minutes

Councilmember Herman requested to pull this item and referred to page 10 in the minutes on whether Pacific Electric has a graffiti policy and if staff has had time to check into it.

Mayor Waldman stated that the minutes are intended to reflect what transpired at that meeting not if staff has completed requests.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if the minutes accurately reflected the discussion that took place at the February 6 meeting in regards to whether the discussion was on the Pacific Electric or the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) right-of-way.

~~ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL.~~

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto replied that it was understood that it was OCTA right-of-way being discussed and that it was formally known as the Pacific Electric right-of-way. He stated that he was not certain if the term "Pacific Electric" was used repeatedly, but Council could decide whether it wants the minutes modified.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested to have the minutes reviewed.

All Councilmembers were in consensus to pull the minutes to review.

REGULAR ITEMS

6. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 18-7.8 Related to Graffiti Removal Along Public Rights of Way

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance which modifies the City Code to enable the City to conduct graffiti removal services along certain rights-of-way.

Mayor Waldman asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

No one from the public wished to speak.

Councilmember Herman referred to page four in the staff report regarding the long term solutions to graffiti removal at the former railroad right-of-way and asked staff to investigate if there are possibilities in doing something long term in that area.

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto replied that long-term solutions will be reviewed once the ordinance is adopted and stated that he has not had an opportunity to investigate

whether OCTA has a formal graffiti removal policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 2007-03 in amending Section 18-7.8 related to graffiti removal along public Rights-of-Ways.

Mayor Waldman asked when the \$54 graffiti abatement fee will be discussed.

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto replied it will be scheduled for the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if there is language in the Ordinance regarding the \$54 graffiti abatement fee.

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto replied that it was in a staff report item and not reflected in the Ordinance itself. He stated that if the fee is removed at the next meeting the action would also apply to this Ordinance.

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

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

NOES: None

7. Resolution Expressing Opposition to the Development of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for Transit Purposes Where it Abuts the City of La Palma

Mayor Waldman asked for a brief introduction of the agenda item.

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director gave a brief introduction of the staff report re-introducing the resolution opposing the use of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for transit purposes.

All Councilmembers were generally in consensus of the resolution opposing the use of the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for transit purposes and a discussion ensued on their thoughts

and comments.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2007-07 expressing opposition to the development of the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way for transit purposes where it abuts the City of La Palma.

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

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

NOES: None

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

Councilmember Barnes attended the Southern California Association of Governments(SCAG) meeting and the Continental Little League Baseball First Pitch Season Opening.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen attended the Continental Little League First Pitch Season Opening and the Cypress College Americana Awards Banquet.

Councilmember Herman attended the Cypress College Americana Awards Banquet and the Orange County Vector Control District meeting. He asked Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto if Council is required to have National Incident Management System (NIMS) training.

Police Chief Ethell replied that NIMS training is mandated for anyone that might respond, and that all La Palma employees have been trained. He stated that executive training has not conducted yet, which would include the Council and additional staff.

Councilmember Herman commended Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk Laurie Murray and Administrative Secretary Lynnae Sisemore on developing the 2007 City Council and Committees Schedule. He asked what the status was on the proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Valley View Street and Fresca Drive.

Public Works Director Noorbaksh replied that he had spoken with the Buena Park Public Works Director regarding the intersection, who had no information at this time on the status of the City's progress.

Councilmember Herman asked if the painting of the block wall on Crescent Avenue has been completed.

Public Works Director Noorbaksh answered affirmatively.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Cypress College Americana Awards Banquet; the Director of the Orange County Library System, John Adams retirement event; the Dr. Seuss read-in at Luther Elementary Reading with wife Diana Rodriguez and certified therapy dog Sherry. He commended the Public Works Department on the City's beautification efforts.

Waldman attended the Continental Little League Baseball First Pitch Season Opening; the Cypress College Americana Awards Banquet; the Dr. Seuss read-in at Miller Elementary School; the Orange County Sanitation District meeting; and invited residents to The Meet the Mayor event at La Capilla Restaurant on the March 13, 2007 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Interim City Manager/Community Development Director Lazzaretto commended the Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief Bruce Hunt on his 40 years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg reminded Council that the Statements of Economic Interests, Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Disclosure forms for annual reporting are due by April 1, 2007. He stated that he will not be attending the next two Council meetings but will have a replacement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurie A. Murray", is written over a solid horizontal line.

City Clerk