

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Waldman called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:50 p.m. on September 4, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Waldman recessed to a Closed Session at 6:51 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957  
POSITION TITLE: City Manager

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:03 p.m. with no reportable actions.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Herman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jose "Paddy" Padilla Jr., A Fountain of Living Water  
Methodist Church.

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/Executive Director

Ed Ethell, Chief of Police  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community  
Services  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City  
Engineer  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City  
Clerk  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Crystal Wilkerson, Minutes Clerk  
Jan Davey, Minutes Clerk

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Noella Lew, La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Committee Home Spotlight Committee, recognized the home of Jim and Toni Dossi at 4981 Berton Circle.
2. Relay for Life Co-Chairs Sylvia Woodside and Peter Chow reported on the success of the fourth annual Relay for Life event.
3. Director of Recreation and Community Services Hobson recognized the 2007 Volunteens and presented them with their stipends.
4. Director of Recreation and Community Services Hobson introduced Anthony Kim as the new Recreation Specialist.
5. City Manager Lazzaretto introduced David Morgan as the new Account Clerk.
6. Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer Ché Hill was continued to the September 18 City Council meeting.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Walker, 7812 Kelly Circle, congratulated staff for moving forward with the new Community Center improvements and commented that he hoped to see all Councilmembers attend community events in the future.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:37 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

August 21, 2007, Minutes of the Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

CDC Resolution 2007-18 approving the Register of Demands for September 4, 2007.

Commission Member Herman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

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

AYES: Commission Member Barnes, Vice Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Chairperson Waldman

NOES: None

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS PLANNING COMMISSION: 7:38 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

August 21, 2007, Minutes of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Barnes 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: Commission Member Barnes, Vice Chairperson Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Rodriguez, and Chairperson Waldman

NOES: None

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL:  
7:39 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.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2007-31 approving the Register of Demands for September 4, 2007.

5. Resolution Approving the California Public Employees' Retirement System  
Pre-Tax Payroll Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases

Resolution No. 2007-32 approving the California Public Employees' Retirement System Pre-Tax Payroll Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 3, and 5.

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

2. Approval of Council Minutes

August 21, 2007, Minutes of the City Council.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to continue Item No. 2 to the September 18 City Council meeting.

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

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-280

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve a 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-280.

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

REGULAR ITEMS

6. Conceptual Approval of Replacement of Street Name Signs

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the conceptual design for replacement of the existing street name signs with the new white legend on a background color to be determined and add the project to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a substitute motion to approve the conceptual design for replacement of the existing street name signs with the new white legend on a blue background and add the project to the Capital Improvement Plan.

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

AYES: Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
and Mayor Waldman

NOES: Councilmember Barnes, and Mayor Pro Tem Charoen

## 7. Appointments to Citizen Committees

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the appointments of Norma Roberts to the Community Activities Beautification (CAB) Committee and Robert Singer to the Traffic Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Charoen.

Councilmember Rodriguez requested that the ten questions listed on the Committee Member Interview Question Sheet be received and made a part of the permanent record.

Mayor Waldman recessed the City Council meeting for a short break at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Waldman reconvened the City Council meeting at 8:27 p.m. with all members present.

Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk Murray distributed copies of the "Committee Member Interview Questions" document.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a substitute motion to approve the appointment of Norma Roberts to the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee to complete the term vacated by Mayor Pro Tem Henry Charoen, whose term expires December 2007.

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

AYES: Councilmember Herman, and Councilmember Rodriguez.

NOES: Councilmember Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, and Mayor Waldman.

Councilmember Rodriguez congratulated Norma Roberts on her appointment but indicated that he would not be able to support the motion on the floor because it is combined with the nomination for the Traffic Safety Committee.

Councilmember Herman stated that he could not support the motion because the process needs to be modified.

The original motion made by Councilmember Barnes carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Herman, and Councilmember  
Rodriguez

8. Councilmember Request to Establish a City Council Task Force or Subcommittee Regarding the Orangeline Mag-Lev Proposal

Councilmember Rodriguez spoke regarding forming a City Council Task Force or Subcommittee to give La Palma residents and local businesses a forum to offer opinions on the Orangeline Mag-Lev proposal.

Roy Reynolds, 16129 Challis Street, Fountain Valley, owner of PRT Strategy Consulting Firm, spoke regarding Personal Rapid Transit Transportation Technology as a more effective alternative for the use of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) right-of-way (formerly known as the Pacific-Electric right-of-way). Mr. Reynolds distributed a slide presentation on the topic.

Councilmember Rodriguez withdrew Item No. 8 and no further action was taken.

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

**Mayor Pro Tem Charoen** had nothing to report.

**Councilmember Herman** attended the Orange County Control Board Meeting, the Concert in the Park event; and the Korean-American Chamber of Commerce event.

**Councilmember Rodriguez** attended the Korean-American Chamber of Commerce event and the Concert in the Park event.

**Councilmember Barnes** attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Policy subcommittee meeting, the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee meeting; and the SCAG Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) meeting.

**Mayor Waldman** attended the OCCOG meeting; an Orange County Sanitation District interview board for lobbyists; and the Community Center Ground Breaking Ceremony.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

**City Manager Lazzaretto** announced that he and the City Council will be out of town September 5 through 8, attending the League of California Cities (LOCC)

annual conference in Sacramento and that Police Chief Ethell will be Acting City Manager in his absence.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** announced that he will also be attending the LOCC conference.

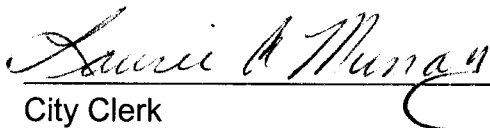
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:21 p.m.



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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk