

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2006

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Tony Robles with La Palma Christian Center gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine M. Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Larry A. Herman,
Ralph D. Rodriguez

Councilmembers absent: Mark I. Waldman

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Dominic Lazzaretto, Assistant 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
Steve Klotzsche, Interim Finance Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney

PRESENTATIONS

Community Activities and Beautification Committee Chair, Noella Lew, presented residents Don and Jennifer Wood, 5791 Calaveras, with the Home Spotlight Award.

Jennifer Philips, Director of Orange County Animal Care Services, gave a presentation on the services that are provided to the City of La Palma.

Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community Services, introduced two newly appointed Recreation Coordinators, Sylvia Hinojosa and Cynthia Robinson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Duane Schuster, 8272 El Pescador, invited the City Council to attend the Neighborhood Watch banquet on February 16, 2006. He also asked for support to attend the Cypress Americana Awards Banquet held on February 25, 2006.

RECESS

Mayor Barnes recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:49 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Barnes reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:58 p.m.

Mayor Barnes stated that it has been requested that Items 1, 3, and 4 be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the following item on the Consent Calendar:

2. APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04 AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR THE DEPOSIT, INVESTMENT AND PAYMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Waldman

1. **Approval of Register of Demands**

Councilmember Rodriguez asked staff to clarify a few items on the Register of Demands. He asked about Item# 84864, in the amount of \$312 for *Jobs Available Inc.* and asked who the publication was.

Catherine Standiford, City Manager replied that *Jobs Available Incorporated* is a publication that comes out every two weeks. She stated it is a comprehensive job listing of a wide variety of local government and municipal jobs in California and other western states; and that it is widely regarded as a major resource for those who are seeking employment in local government.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if it was a private, county, or state publication.

City Manager Standiford answered that *Jobs Available* is a private publication that operates out of Modesto. She stated it is similar to *Western City* which is a publication of the League of California Cities. She stated that *Jobs Available's* niche markets local government jobs.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked staff if the City subscribes to this publication.

City Manager Standiford answered affirmatively. She stated a copy of *Jobs Available* is available at the front counter of City Hall for anyone to look at.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if staff kept track of the success rate from the publications that were used.

City Manager Standiford replied that staff does not ask applicants how they have learned about the positions and do not keep tabulations on how the job was inquired about. She stated the City tries to provide many different ways for people to learn about employment opportunities.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked Staff to explain Item# 84962, League of Cities, on *Ethics Resources Administration*.

City Manager Standiford replied that the Administration Department ordered copies of the *Ethics Resources* and that it was a new publication that the League of Cities had produced related to ethics for City staff and Council to review.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked Staff to clarify Item# 84711, Orange County Register, for an ad insert for La Palma Days in the amount of \$3,724.12 and inquired if it was the total amount for the publication.

Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community Services, answered that this amount was the remaining total for the tabloid.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked for the full amount spent on the La Palma Days ads.

Ms. Hobson replied that there were three advertising inserts for La Palma Days which came to an approximate total of \$4,000.00.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked to clarify Item# 84745, Traffic Control Service, to replace an arrow board and asked if it was going to be on Redford and La Palma or somewhere else in the City.

Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works, answered that it was an arrow board replacement on a City employee's truck.

Councilmember Herman asked staff to clarify Item# 84677, Department of Health Services, annual water service fee and asked if it is an annual service.

Mr. Noorbaksh answered that it was an annual fee of documented services provided by the Department of Health Services on City Well inspections.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01 approving a Register of Demands for January 3, 2006. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Waldman

3. **Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005**

Councilmember Rodriguez asked how much of the CAFR and additional financial report was a public versus confidential document.

Catherine Standiford, City Manager replied the entire CAFR report was public information and additional copies were made for the public, other government agencies and bond agencies if ever requested.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the City of La Palma for fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Waldman

4. **Destruction of Tapes of the City Council Meetings**

Councilmember Rodriguez asked to continue the item for destruction of tapes for 30 days to further review the minutes.

Councilmember Blake asked if this item was approved tonight, does City staff destroy them the next day. He stated that if they are not destroyed in a quick turnaround it would give Councilmember Rodriguez enough time to review the minutes of the 2002 meetings.

Catherine Standiford, City Manager, replied no. She stated the destruction of tapes is fit into staff's work load.

Mayor Barnes asked if the true record was the actual printed minutes.

City Attorney, Joel Kuperberg, answered that the official record is the minutes and the tapes are used as an aid in preparing the minutes which is why the City does not retain them. He stated that Council should continue this item rather than approve it, so the minutes could be reviewed before tape destruction.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated he wanted 30 days to review the minutes from 2002.

City Manager Standiford replied that staff would make copies of the minutes or tapes if any Councilmember would like to review them within the next 30 days.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if all the 2002 minutes were online.

City Manager Standiford stated that the minutes on the City website start in the middle of 2003, so the minutes would not be available.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that he would like to see the agendas before pulling the minutes to review.

City Manager Standiford stated staff would provide copies of the 2002 agenda to the entire Council.

Mayor Barnes stated she did not want copies of the minutes.

Councilmember Blake also stated he did not want copies of the minutes.

Councilmember Herman requested a copy of the last tapes from the Council meeting on December 20, 2005.

Mayor Barnes requested a motion.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to review the agendas and minutes of 2002 before destruction of City Council tapes and bring the item back in 30 days to a February City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Waldman

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Rodriguez stated he will be attending the Orange County Marathon, a Walk/Run with City Officials at the Irvine Spectrum. He stated he will be at the League of Cities later in the week. He mentioned the Tiger Woods Center would launch on February 10, 2006. He commented on the Council biographies being updated on the City's website, and would like an easy button attached for residents to email Council directly.

City Manager Standiford replied that a button is currently available for the public to send email to Council as a whole. She stated that it is possible to put individual buttons on the City's webpage to receive email from the public individually, but she would need concurrence from the Council if that is something they wanted.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that he would like an individual button rather than a general Council email button and would like to discuss it at a later meeting. He commented on the Recreation publication and how it explained about street sweeping in the City. He stated he would like the City's website to periodically update information on street sweeping.

Councilmember Herman stated he could not attend the Los Alamitos State of the City and the Cypress State of the City due to being recognized by the American Cancer Society. He asked staff if City Hall's roof leaked a great deal from the rain.

Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works, answered that the roof leaked in one tiny spot by the employee's restroom but was an internal leak, not from the outside.

Councilmember Herman stated the Plexiglas display case outside of City Hall had a huge crack in it. He stated that he will be attending the League of Cities Thursday, January 12, 2006. He commented on the tempered glass at the Recreation Department. He stated that very little was occurring at the Orange County Vector Control, except for getting new officers, and that he was part of the nominating committee.

Councilmember Blake reported that the Fire Authority meeting was cancelled, but he attended the Academy 29 graduation on December 22, 2005. He stated that he will be attending the League of Cities on Thursday, January 12, 2006. He commended the La Palma Police Department on Project Safe Streets.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked for a follow-up on the signs throughout La Palma and was surprised that many were put on light standards. He stated that he liked them on the light standards opposed to putting the signs on new poles throughout the City. He asked staff how many signs were put up in the City.

Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development, answered he was not certain of the exact number of signs between light standards and poles, but stated there were 127 locations. He stated that the number of signs on light standards versus poles was more than expected, but after looking at locations where poles would be installed, it made more sense to just keep signs on light standards than install a new pole.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if the Ordinances on the signs were being enforced and if there was a lot of feedback from residents.

Chief of Police, Ed Ethell, answered affirmatively. He stated the Police Department is getting a lot of inquiries on the new Ordinance, last night was the first night receiving calls they are directed through Sergeant Wilkerson and no permits have been requested to date.

Mayor Barnes informed the Council that she would like to keep the Committee Appointments the same and, if Council would not like to serve on a particular committee, to let her know. She stated she would be attending a Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2006. She stated that on Sunday, January 8, 2006, there will be a change in command at the Joint Forces Training Base; General Poan is the new Commander of the 40th Infantry.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney, commented on AB 1234, a new legislation for 2006 which requires ethics training for City Councilmembers and a brief verbal report on any meeting that a Councilmember has attended for which the Councilmember will be reimbursed by the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher M. Barnes", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia R. Wickerson", is written over a horizontal line.

Deputy City Clerk