

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

April 4, 2006

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Blake 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, Mark I. Waldman

Councilmembers absent: None

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
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Lynnae Sisemore, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Activities and Beautification Committee, Vice Chair, Henry Charoen, presented residents Glenn and Wilma Saul, 5181 Ivywood, La Palma, with the quarterly Home Spotlight Award.
2. City Manager Standiford introduced the new Administrative Service Manager/City Clerk, Laurie Murray.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak at this time.

RECESS

Mayor Barnes recessed the City Council and Planning Commission to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:11 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the Community Development Commission and convened as the Planning Commission at 7:12 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2006 MEETING OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice-Chair Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1. The motion was seconded by Commissionmember Blake and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Barnes adjourned the Planning Commission to reconvene as the City Council at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissionmember Herman made a motion to approve the following item:

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2006 AND MARCH 7, 2006 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The motion was seconded by Commissionmember Blake and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes**

Councilmember Rodriguez requested this item to be pulled to comment that the new minutes are nice and he requested that Councilmember AB1234 Reports be added back into the minutes.

Councilmember Herman requested that when a staff member responds to a Councilmember's question or comment, that the staff member's response also be noted in the minutes instead of a vague statement that a staff member responded.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that a resident asked him why minutes were not able to be reviewed on-line.

City Manager Standiford replied that staff has been placing the minutes that have been approved by the City Council or Commissions in a different folder on the website.

Councilmember Rodriguez clarified that he is specifically speaking about the draft minutes being reviewed the night of the meeting as well as the Register of Demands.

City Manager Standiford replied that staff can add a hyperlink on the website for draft minutes, but wasn't sure if the Register of Demands could be added since it was a different program and may not be compatible. She also stated that there hasn't been a demand to see the Warrant Register in the past.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

2. Approval of Register of Demands

Councilmember Herman requested this item to be pulled to discuss several items. Councilmember Herman asked if the Bank of America credit card was the only credit card that the City has.

Councilmember Herman commended staff for participating in United Way and was surprised about the amount being contributed considering the small number of staff. He stated that it is roughly \$7,000 per year.

City Manager Standiford explained that the City has three cards under this one account that covers City Council training/travel expenses, City Manager expenses and a City-wide card that employees may use to purchase certain things with the City Manager's approval. The other cards are gasoline cards.

Councilmember Herman asked about the Buena Park vehicle operations and asked what percentage of maintenance they perform on City vehicles.

Chief Ethell replied that Buena Park does most of the repairs on the City vehicles and things that they can't repair go to the dealer.

Councilmember Herman asked about the fee issued to the Museum of Tolerance and was wondering if this was a donation.

Chief Ethell stated that this was a training that the Police Department sent their volunteers to.

Councilmember Herman stated that due to the volume of money the City contributes to the *News Enterprise* with publications, he asked if they could expand their delivery service throughout the community.

City Manager Standiford replied that staff has had this conversation with them before but, she would talk with the *News Enterprise* again to see what it would cost to have a full delivery service distributed throughout the community.

Councilmember Herman asked what the payment was for and if it was a routine number.

City Manager Standiford stated the amount reflects how many legal ads were placed.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked how the City can legally use the News Enterprise for legal postings if the paper isn't delivered throughout the community.

City Attorney Joel Kuperberg stated that the newspaper has been judicated as a newspaper to use for legal postings throughout the community.

Councilmember Herman asked if gopher control was an issue in the City.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated that the gophers are under control and this fee is for a quarterly service to make sure there isn't a gopher problem.

Councilmember Blake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-15 of the Register of Demands for April 4, 2006. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

3. **Street Closures – City Special Events**

Councilmember Blake commented that he would like staff to be more firm with the residents on Dallas Drive for this year's Parade.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked about the fireworks display survey that was sent for community response if it would be incorporated with the Run for Fun event.

City Manager Standiford stated that there wasn't much of a response so there will only be the Fitness Run for Fun.

Councilmember Blake made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-16 approving Street Closures for three City special events to be held in 2006: Memorial Day, Monday May 29, Fitness Run for Fun, Tuesday, July 4 and La Palma Days, Saturday, November 11, 2006. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEM

4. **Award of Contract to Halcyon Electric, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Security Systems at Various City Facilities, City Project No. 06-WTR-01**

Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works, gave the staff report.

Councilmember Herman asked Mr. Noorbaksh what was the total number of cameras being installed for the security systems at various City facilities.

Mr. Noorbaksh answered there are 15 to 16 cameras being installed and there is coverage for additional cameras if needed.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if any other monitoring systems would be implemented besides just the park surveillance.

Chief Ethell replied that the City Hall complex and public safety building could be incorporated in the monitoring system but could not accommodate a camera to a wireless system.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked Mr. Noorbaksh for clarification on how the City finds bidders for projects and asked how many letters were sent out seeking responses.

Mr. Noorbaksh replied that staff advertises in the newspaper and that he did not have information regarding the number of letters mailed at that time.

Mayor Pro Tem Waldman made a motion to award the contract in the amount of \$226,000.00 to Halcyon Electric, Inc., and authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Purchase and Installation of Security Systems at Various City Facilities, City Project No. 06-WTR-01. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

5. **Consideration of Request for Legislative Action**

City Manager Standiford gave the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Waldman was in support of sending a letter to provide State funding for local street and road funding.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated he did not see language on the bond initiative proposed and needed more detail to support something with the City being involved and that the county had little responsibility of road maintenance.

Councilmember Herman asked if it was a bond proposal or a senate bill.

City Manager Standiford answered it was a bond proposal that would be launched by way of a senate bill.

City Attorney, Joel Kuperberg, stated the proposal would have to go to the voters as a bond measure for approval.

Councilmember Herman stated he was in support of improving street infrastructures.

Councilmember Blake stated he was in support of sending a letter for funds to maintain the streets.

Mayor Barnes asked how this letter fits into the Governor's proposal.

City Manager Standiford replied that the Governor's proposal is not active unless it is restored.

Councilmember Blake made a motion to recommend the City Council send a letter supporting a proposal to provide State funding for city and county streets and roads. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

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

Councilmember Herman had nothing to report regarding the Orange County Vector Control District; he commented that the location of 7002 Moody Street did not look like any improvements had been made to the landscaping; he reported that he attended the Korean American Coalition Awards Dinner; he asked Mr. Lazzaretto for a copy of the Community Center powerpoint presentation; he stated that Trabuco Lane was the only street in its region that has been resurfaced and suggested that the rest of the track be resurfaced to make the streets more uniform; and he inquired if there were any new developments with Nextel.

City Manager Standiford answered that a meeting is scheduled among staff to walk the site and a meeting with Nextel is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2006.

Councilmember Rodriguez reported that he attended the Korean American Coalition Dinner; the March 30 La Palma Community Center design charrette meeting and asked why residents that were on a request list had not been notified of the meeting, and wanted to know if sending letters to residents was a practice the City still executes.

Mr. Lazzaretto replied that City practice has been to send letters to 45-50 residents that had requested to be notified. These residents were sent letters prior to the event, however residents did not receive the letters.

Councilmember Rodriguez reported that he attended a session of the Tiny Tots reading program at the La Palma Community Center; he asked about the follow up of an item regarding smoking in the public park, questioning if enforcement or signage on the issue would be implemented, and asked for it to be placed on a future agenda, indicating that he would speak to the City Manager regarding the issue; and he asked what is the source of proceeds for the Run for Fun.

City Manager Standiford replied that this event is not a profitable event, the City actually funds it, and stated that there is no beneficiary for the Run for Fun.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if the City has been approached from any organization or agency to raise funds for the Run for Fun event.

Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community Services answered that in the past 6 ½ years the City has not been approached by anybody to co-sponsor or assist in the effort.

Councilmember Rodriguez would like to have a formal agenda item in relation to the Council's priorities from their goal setting retreat to discuss how the impact of their goals have been achieved.

Mayor Pro Tem Waldman reported that he had also attended the Korean American Coalition Awards Dinner.

Councilmember Blake reported that he attended the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Opportunity Knocks meeting; the OCFA Executive Board Meeting on March 23rd, where they discussed general matters; the OCFA General Board meeting, where they approved the Annual Strategic Plan, approved the deployment study, and the mid-year budget review; the retirement function for retiring OCFA Clerk of the Board, Nancy Forman; and on March 28th was Principal for the day at Los Coyotes Elementary School.

Mayor Barnes reported that she attended the 52nd Aviation Welcome Home on April 1st at the Joint Forces Training Base; she presented a proclamation to Eagle Scout, Daniel Zimmerman on April 2nd at El Rancho Country Club; and she attended the Anaheim Union High School District meeting, on bonds she gave all Councilmembers a summary and informed them that there is more information on the website.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Danny Martinez, 2871 West Coolidge, Anaheim, a Boy Scout from Troop 660 who was attending the La Palma City Council Meeting briefly spoke to the City Councilmembers informing them that he too is in the process of completing requirements for a communications merit badge that will make him eligible for his Eagle Scout Award.

Councilmember Herman asked staff to have the intersection of Orangethorpe and Walker Street reviewed.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Standiford stated that Mr. Noorbaksh has been reviewing the intersection of Orangethorpe and Walker and is waiting for accident reports from the Police Department. She stated that the State of the City is Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 11:45 a.m. and Mayor Barnes will be delivering the address. She reminded the Mayor to adjourn the meeting to a Joint Meeting of the Community Activities and Beautification Committee and City Council next Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

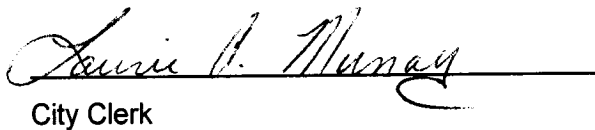
There was nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. to an adjourned meeting on Tuesday April 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk