

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, in the Council Chamber of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Charoen recessed to a Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

CS-1. Conference with Labor Negotiators

The City Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Designated Steve Filarsky, Filarsky & Watt
Representatives: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
 Laurie Murray, Administrative Services
 Manager

Employee Organization: La Palma Police Association
 La Palma General Employees Association
 La Palma Professional Employees Association

Unrepresented Executive Management
Employees:

CS-2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

The City Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Position: City Manager

The City Council reconvened at 7:07 p.m. with all members present and with no reportable actions.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kenneth Teru Kano, Eagle Scout

INVOCATION: Kenneth Teru Kano, Eagle Scout

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

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

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/ Executive Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
John Di Mario, Community Development Director
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services
Director
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Ismile Noorbaksh, Public Works Director/ City
Engineer
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City
Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Charoen presented Kenneth Teru Kano with a proclamation in honor of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. Mayor Charoen presented Sergeant Raul Morales of the La Palma Police Department with a Proclamation declaring the City's support for National Night Out 2008.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION AT 7:15 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of July 15, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2008-19 approving the Register of Demands for August 5, 2008.

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

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Waldman and carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS
THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:16 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the July 15, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:16
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.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Minutes of the July 15, 2008, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council and the July 22, 2008, Special Meeting of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2008-33 approving the Register of Demands for August 5, 2008.

4. Authorization for Purchase and Installation of Seven (7) Police In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems

Authorize the purchase and installation of seven (7) Police In-Car Mobile Video Recording Systems to replace outdated in-car video equipment.

5. Purchase of Three (3) Replacement Fleet Vehicles for the Police Department

Resolution No. 2008-34 authorizing the purchase of three (3) replacement vehicles for the Police Department.

7. Amendment to the Agreement with General Pump Company for the Emergency Repair and Rehabilitation for the City Yard Well, under Section 2-46 of the City Code, City Project No. 07-WTR-02

- a) Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with General Pump Company, in the amount of \$33,070.73, for the Emergency Repair and Rehabilitation of the City Yard Well, under City Code Section 2-46, "Exception to Bidding Procedures - Emergencies."

- b) Authorize the appropriation of funds, in the amount of \$33,070.73 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund.

8. Award of Contract to GMC Engineering for the Installation of Landscaped Median Islands and Monument Sign on La Palma Avenue from Denni Street to 240 Feet West of Moody Street, City Project No. ST-285, Federal Project No. RPSTPLE 5319(011)

Award a contract in the amount of \$380,380.65 to the low responsible bidder, GMC Engineering, of Tustin, California, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Installation of Landscaped Median Islands and Monument Sign on La Palma Avenue from Denni Street to 240 feet west of Moody Street, City Project No. ST-285, Federal Project No. RPSTPLE 5319 (011).

9. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Construction Inspection and Administration Services for the Installation of Sodium Hypochlorite Generation Systems at the Walker Well and City Yard Well Sites, City Project No. 03-WTR-02

Approve and authorize the Mayor to amend the Professional Services Agreement with S. A. Associates to raise the not-to-exceed fee of \$65,000 to \$83,000, for Construction Inspection and Administration Services for the

Installation of On-Site Sodium Hypochlorite Generating Systems at the Walker Well and City Yard Well sites, City Project No. 03-WTR-02.

11. Authorization for Councilmembers to Attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Designation of Voting Delegates
 - a) Approve the attendance of the following Councilmembers at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 24-27, 2008, in Long Beach: Mayor Henry Charoen, Mayor Pro Tem Christine Barnes, and Councilmembers Larry Herman, Ralph Rodriguez, and Mark Waldman.
 - b) Designate Mayor Henry Charoen as the City of La Palma's Voting Delegate at the League's Annual Conference, and Mayor Pro Tem Christine Barnes as the Alternate Voting Delegate.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

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

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

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Award of Contract to All American Asphalt for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (ARHM) Overlay and Rubberized Slurry Seal, City Project No. ST-279

Award a contract in the amount of \$666,666 to the low responsible bidder, All American Asphalt, of Corona, California, and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets with Asphalt Rubber Hot Mix (AHRM) and Rubberized Slurry Seal, City Project No. ST-279.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to continue Consent Calendar Item 6 to the August 19, 2008, City Council Meeting to allow the proposed vendor to respond to the Council's concerns with the Agreement.

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

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

NOES: None

10. Approval of Water System Master Plan - City Project No. 05-WTR-05

Approve the Water System Master Plan and direct the Public Works Director/City Engineer to develop a schedule and a plan of implementation to complete the Capital Improvement Projects.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the Water System Master Plan and direct the Public Works Director/City Engineer to develop a schedule and a plan of implementation to complete the Capital Improvement Projects.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

12. 2008 Update of the City's Housing Element

- a) Community Development Director Di Mario updated the City Council on the status of the Housing Element.

John Douglas of Conexus gave a detailed presentation.

b) Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak.

c) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding available public/institutional zones where emergency shelters could be located; types of required emergency and transitional housing and what the City's obligation is to ensure they materialize; the success rate of the current moderate income townhomes; an update on the 16 homes in the moderate income level; the status of the Residential Code Enforcement Relief Program; arrangements between nonprofit agencies and hotel operations to accommodate emergency shelter needs; the multi-jurisdictional option for La Palma and two adjacent cities; the possibility of conducting outreach to other institutions who are already addressing the need for emergency shelters; and the potential utilization of CDBG funds.

d) Authorize Staff to submit the updated Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve and authorize staff to submit the updated Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review.

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

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

NOES: None

Mayor Charoen called for a short recess at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Charoen reconvened the City Council at 8:15 p.m. will all members present.

13. Proposed Renaming for the Community Center and its Rooms

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson gave the staff report.

Council Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the length of the names, the replacement of the word "Palmetto" with "Palm", and keeping the facility named the La Palma Community Center.

Council directed staff to simplify the name of the rooms to traditional palm tree names as follows: King Palm Room, Queen Palm Room, Sago Palm Room, Fan Palm Room, and Pygmy Date Palm Room. Council also directed staff to keep the "Community Center" name, but allow marketing materials to utilize "The Palms at Central Park" concept.

14. Resolution Establishing a Sister City Relationship with the City of Hanam, Korea

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the staff report.

- a) Adopt a Resolution formally establishing a Sister City relationship with the City of Hanam, Korea.

Resolution No. 2008-35 formally establishing a Sister City Relationship with the City of Hanam, Korea.

- b) Approve a Proclamation, which will be forwarded to the Sister City Foundation for presentation to the City of Hanam, Korea.

Mayor Charoen made a motion to adopt Resolution No 2008-35 formally establishing a Sister City Relationship with the City of Hanam, Korea, and approving a proclamation to be forwarded to the Sister City Foundation for presentation to the City of Hanam, Korea.

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

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

NOES: None

15. Mid-Term Review of the City Council's Goals for 2008

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the staff report.

Council Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding color swatches for the Community Center; dates for the color scheme review; concerns regarding the Community Center rehabilitation project not being completed on time; the strength of the structure for the reader board; new summer recreation programming; the need for regular updating of the City's Website; and communication challenges with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Charoen appointed Mayor Pro Tem Barnes and Councilmember Rodriguez to a subcommittee to review color swatches for the Community Center with the architect.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes reported she will be out of town on August 9 and will not be able to attend the National Night Out event.

Councilmember Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District meeting; an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Charles Linn, grandson of former Mayor, Wally Linn; and the Green Expo and Concert in the Park. He inquired about the status of the modifications to the Zoning Code that would allow artificial turf; the status of the Southern California Edison Underground Utility District project; and he asked staff to provide more information on the Appellate Court ruling on the use of medical marijuana. He updated staff on the status of AB97; noted support for the Clean Energy Act; and reported on the status of costs and troop related issues of the Iraq War.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended a special meeting of the Orange County Library Advisory Board and attended Janet Cates' farewell event. He commented on concerns regarding the Los Coyotes School project and how it may be impacting traffic. He wished a speedy recovery to volunteer, Rosemary Sicilone. He reminded staff that the City Council would be roasting hot dogs at the August 23 Concert in the Park. He also noted that a famous skateboarder, Ryan Sheckler, was born in La Palma.

Councilmember Waldman attended the Orange County Sanitation District meeting; the Orange County League of California Cities Advocacy meeting; Janet Cates' farewell party; and the Concert in the Park. He reported on the status of Senate Bills 375 and 323.

Mayor Charoen attended the Orange County Fire Authority meeting; the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority annual meeting where the City of La Palma won an award for Best Overall Performance-General Liability Program; and the Concert in the Park.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

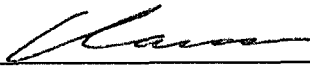
City Manager Lazzaretto proposed two dates for the Community Center Grand Reopening. As neither date was acceptable, he indicated that staff would work with Council to determine a new date. He reported that he will be on vacation from Wednesday, August 6 through Monday, August 11 and that Community Development Director Di Mario will be Acting City Manager in his absence. He closed by inviting up to two members of the City Council to join the Management Team on a tour of the Williamson home in Cerritos on Friday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg invited the City Council to join him for dinner on Thursday, September 25, during the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charoen adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 9:45 p.m.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk