

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 2, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Charoen called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Waldman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jose Padilla Jr., United Methodist Church

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
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

POST ELECTION MATTERS:

1. Resolution Declaring Result of the November 4, 2008, General Municipal Election
 - a) Adopt a Resolution reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2008, and declaring the result.

Resolution No. 2008-52 approving the recital of the facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2008 and declaring the result.

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-52 reciting the facts of the General Municipal Election held on November 4, 2008, and declaring the result.

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

b) Presentations to outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Christine Barnes.

Cynthia Determan, District Director for Senator Tom Harmon and representing Assemblyman Jim Silva's office, presented Mayor Pro Tem Barnes with a Resolution honoring her for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

City of Cypress Mayor Pro Tem Leroy Mills presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes a Certificate of Recognition for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

Councilmember Rodriguez, on behalf of the Orange County Library Advisory Board, presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes with a Certificate of Recognition for her eight years of service as a Library Advisory Board member.

Jennifer Fullerton, representing the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes with a plaque recognizing her for eight years of service as an advisory board member.

Mayor Charoen presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes a Proclamation from the Orange County Board of Supervisors for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

Mayor Charoen presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes a Proclamation from the City of Costa Mesa, honoring her for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

Mayor Charoen presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes with a Certificate of Recognition from the Orange County Division of the Southern California Association of Governments in recognition for her eight years of service as an advisory board member.

Mayor Charoen, on behalf of the La Palma City Council, presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes in recognition of her eight years of dedicated service on the La Palma City Council.

Young Kim, representing Congressman Ed Royce's office, presented a Certificate of Recognition to outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

Outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes gave a closing speech thanking family, friends, mentors, and fellow Councilmembers for their support over the past eight years.

City of Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Barrows presented outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Barnes with a Plaque for her eight years of service to the City of La Palma.

- c) City Clerk's administration of the official Oath of Office and Induction of Ralph D. Rodriguez, Steve Shanahan, and Mark Waldman.

City Clerk Murray administered the official Oath of Office and Induction to Councilmember Ralph Rodriguez.

City Clerk Murray administered the official Oath of Office and Induction to Councilmember Shanahan.

City Clerk Murray administered the official Oath of Office and Induction to Councilmember Waldman.

2. City Council Reorganization

City Manager Lazzaretto read a letter from Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, in regards to the reorganization of the City Council.

Mayor Charoen asked City Clerk Murray to conduct the election for Mayor.

City Clerk Murray entertained nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Herman nominated Councilmember Rodriguez for Mayor.

Councilmember Charoen nominated Councilmember Waldman for Mayor.

Councilmember Rodriguez nominated Councilmember Herman for Mayor.

Councilmember Herman declined the nomination for Mayor.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to close the nominations.

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

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Shanahan and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

The nomination for Ralph Rodriguez as Mayor failed on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Herman and Councilmember Rodriguez

NOES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

The nomination for Mark Waldman as Mayor carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: Councilmember Herman and Councilmember Rodriguez

Mayor Waldman conducted the election for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Shanahan nominated Councilmember Rodriguez for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Rodriguez declined the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Charoen nominated Councilmember Shanahan for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Shanahan declined the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Waldman again entertained nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Seeing there were no other nominations, Councilmember Shanahan retracted his declination and accepted the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shanahan and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez, Councilmember Shanahan, and Mayor Waldman

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman made a motion to declare Councilmember Shanahan as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Charoen seconded the motion. The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Shanahan, and Mayor Waldman

NOES: Councilmember Rodriguez

Mayor Waldman presented outgoing Mayor Charoen with a plaque representing his outstanding service and dedication to the La Palma Community as Mayor for 2008.

Councilmember Charoen expressed his gratitude to the City Council, staff, his family, and the community for their support during the past year.

Mayor Waldman recessed the meeting for a short break at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Waldman reconvened the meeting with all members present at 8:19 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Chief Ethell introduced Police Records Clerk Cheryl Whitney.
2. Chief Ethell introduced Police Officer Ryan Hutton.

3. Chief Ethell introduced Police Officer Scott Flynn.
4. Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson presented Certificates of Appreciation to the La Palma Days volunteers.
5. Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson introduced Alta Duke who presented the La Palma Pageant Court.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 8:39 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the November 18, 2008, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

- B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2008-26 approving the Register of Demands for December 2, 2008.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND
CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 8:39 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the November 18, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 8:41 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 November 18, 2008, Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2.

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

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

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2008-53 approving the Register of Demands for December 2, 2008.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.

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

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

NOES: None

4. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 13 and 26 of the City Code Pertaining to Compliance with City, State, and Federal Laws and Regulations

Ordinance No. 2008-05 amending Chapters 13 and 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to compliance with City, State, and Federal laws and regulations.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma amending Chapters 13 and 26 of the La Palma City Code pertaining to compliance with City, State, and Federal Laws and Regulations

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

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

Councilmember Charoen had nothing to report.

Councilmember Herman congratulated Mayor Waldman and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan. He reported his attendance at the Cypress College Americana Awards kick-off event and the Buena Park Prayer Breakfast. He reported he plans to attend the upcoming La Palma Holiday Tree Lighting event; the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for George Mast's Son; the 24th Annual Employee Recognition Luncheon; and the Orange County Vector Control District Holiday Event. He reported that he voted in favor of salary increases for the Orange County Vector District employees. He asked staff for an update on the

applications received for the Advisory Committees and noted he would like the City to participate in "A Day Without a Bag" event. He closed by asking staff for an update on prior public comment regarding areas requiring improvement within La Palma.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the We Give Thanks event at the Honda Center; the Buena Park Prayer Breakfast; the Cypress College Americana Awards kick-off event; and the Relay for Life team kick-off meeting. He closed by announcing the upcoming Holiday Home Decorating Contest by the Kiwanis Club and asked staff about lighting of the new La Palma median sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan reported that as Councilmember elect, he met with City Staff and the Orange County Fire Authority; attended the Buena Park Prayer Breakfast; the Denni Street Pocket Park dedication ceremony; and the We Give Thanks event at the Honda Center. He announced he will be attending the upcoming Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Mayor Waldman attended the Orange County Sanitation District general meeting; the Buena Park Prayer Breakfast; and the Denni Street Pocket Park dedication ceremony.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto had nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg congratulated new Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan, reelected Councilmember Rodriguez and Mayor Waldman, and to Councilmember Charoen on his tenure as Mayor.

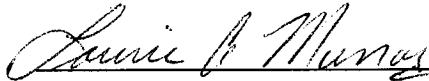
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:56 p.m. in memory of former Reserve Police Officer, Paul Edholm.



Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk