

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Waldman recessed the City Council to a closed session at 5:30 p.m.

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

Position Title: City Manager

Mayor Waldman recessed the Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Waldman reconvened the City Council in open session at 7:05 p.m. with no reportable actions and all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Herman

INVOCATION: Councilmember Rodriguez

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan, and Mayor 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  
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City  
Engineer  
Keith Neves, Finance Director  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/  
City Clerk  
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

### PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Waldman presented a proclamation, City Tile, and a cash award to Susan Baker, in recognition of being named the 2008 Employee of the Year.
2. Mayor Waldman presented a proclamation, City Tile, and a cash award to Chet Corbin, in recognition of being named the 2008 Supervisor/Professional Employee of the Year.
3. Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson introduced Lori Whalen as the City's new Senior Office Assistant.
4. Wendy Huang, Chairperson of the La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Home Spotlight Subcommittee presented Joe and Karen Kingston with the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award for their home at 5092 Bransford Drive.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Raul Alvarez, President of the Cypress College Americana Awards, addressed the City Council regarding the 2009 Americana Award ceremony and its winners.

Gail Taylor, Cypress College Americana Awards Coordinator, recognized Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan as a Cypress College alumni.

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, introduced Mayor Dean Gross from the City of Los Alamitos. He also addressed the City Council regarding animal control service options.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:28 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 16, 2008, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2009-01 approving the Register of Demands for January 6, 2009.

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

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Charoen 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.

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:29 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 16, 2008, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

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

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 PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:30 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 December 2, 2008, and the December 16, 2008, Regular Meetings of the City Council.
5. Authorization for Councilmembers to Attend League of California Cities Meetings in Sacramento
  - a) Authorize the attendance of Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan at the League of California Cities 2009 New Mayors and Council

Members Academy, January 21-23, 2009, in Sacramento;

- b) Authorize the attendance of Councilmember Rodriguez at the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee meeting, January 22, 2009, and any associated meetings in Sacramento.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, and 5.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Shanahan 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. 2009-01 approving the Register of January 6, 2009.

Councilmember Herman requested that the item be pulled to ask for clarification.

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

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

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

NOES: None

4. Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Building Department Services with Melad and Associates.

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Building Department Services between the City of La Palma and Melad and Associates.

Councilmember Herman requested that the item be pulled to ask for clarification.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Building Department Services with Melad and Associates.

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

##### 6. Appointments to Citizen Committees

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the staff report.

The members of the City Council expressed their gratitude to those who have been appointed to their positions on the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to approve the appointments to the CAB Committee.

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

7. Revision to Council Policy 30 - Council Norms

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the staff report.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the revisions to Council Policy 30 - Council Norms.

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

8. Appointments to External Committees and Internal Subcommittees

Discussion ensued regarding the current format and schedule required for each Committee and Subcommittee and Councilmembers discussed their interest in being appointed to select Committees.

During the discussion, both Councilmember Charoen and Councilmember Rodriguez indicated an interest in serving as the City's representative to the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).

Mayor Waldman called for a vote for the first nominee, Councilmember Charoen.

The motion carried on the following vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Herman

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the remaining appointments to the Committees as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan as the California Joint Power Insurance representative and Councilmember Herman as the alternate.

Councilmember Rodriguez as the alternate to the OCFA.

Councilmember Rodriguez as the Orange County Library Advisory Board representative and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan as the alternate.

Mayor Waldman as the Orange County Sanitation District representative and Councilmember Charoen as the alternate.

Mayor Waldman and Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan as the Student Recognition Awards representatives.

Table the appointment of a Public School Liaison and remove the Council Policy Committee.

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

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

**Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan** attended the Community Activities and Beautification (CAB) Committee Appointments meeting and wished the City Council and staff a Happy New Year.

**Councilmember Rodriguez** attended the CAB Committee Appointments meeting; the Holiday Home Decorating Contest; the Chamber of Commerce holiday event; the HOPE Food Bank holiday food and gift distribution event; and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life meeting. He recognized Costco for their participation in the HOPE Food Bank event and closed by wishing Council and Staff a Happy New Year.

**Councilmember Herman** attended the La Palma Senior luncheon; the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) meeting; the HOPE Food Bank holiday food and gift distribution event; the Kiwanis Club holiday breakfast event. He announced he will attend the Anaheim YMCA board meeting and a mosquito/vector control district conference. He inquired about the Ralph's shopping center and reported on sales tax within La Palma.

**Councilmember Charoen** wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the new CAB Committee members. He announced that he plans to attend the



Orange County League of California Cities event and the Cypress State of the City Address.

**Mayor Waldman** attended the La Palma Senior Luncheon; the HOPE Food Bank holiday food and gift distribution event; and an Orange County Sanitation District general meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

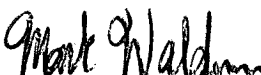
**City Manager Lazzaretto** wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded the City Council to adjourn to the Special Meeting on January 7, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

**City Attorney Kuperberg** reminded the City Council of new FPPC regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:05 p.m.

  
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Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk