

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Rodriguez

INVOCATION: Pastor Matthew Mitchell, Faith Fellowship Church

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

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:03 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the January 6, 2009, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2009-02 approving the Register of Demands for January 20, 2009.

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

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Rodriguez 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 7:04 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the January 20, 2009, 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 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 7:05 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 ready by title only.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Minutes of the January 6, 2009, Regular Meeting of the City Council and the December 23, 2008, and January 7, 2009, Special Meetings of the City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2009-02 approving the Register of Demands for January 20, 2009.

4. Destruction of Tapes - City Council Meetings

Resolution No. 2009-03 authorizing the destruction of tape recordings of the January 2004 through December 2005 City Council meetings.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4.

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

5. Appointments to Citizen Committees

a) Appoint Y. Henry Huang, Brian Johnson, and Ismile Noorbaksh to the Development Committee; all with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2012; and

b) Appoint John Alvis and Richard Lutz to the Traffic Safety Committee; both with four-year terms expiring December 31, 2012.

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 Development Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan made a motion to approve the appointments to the Development Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee.

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

6. Adoption of an Update to the Economic Development Plan

Community Development Director Di Mario gave the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding ownership of various lots at the Ralphs Center; the responsible party for maintenance of the Ralphs Center parking lot; the status of the City's abandoned well site at the Hanam Center and any other City-owned abandoned well sites; parking issues at the Hanam Center; the condition and ownership of the alley behind the Hanam Center; code enforcement issues at the Hanam Center; suggestions on how to redevelop the Hanam Center; the vacancy rate of both commercial centers; the interest levels of the landlords to invest in improving their properties; and that certain property owners are involved with the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce.

Ismile Noorbaksh, 7541 Trabuco Lane, addressed the City Council regarding the history of the abandoned well site at the Hanam Center and recommended that the City preserve the site for future use.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Wachovia site and their conditional use permit status; the rationale behind replacing the Support Your Hometown Campaign with a business attraction and development effort program; involvement of the City's Chamber of Commerce; frequency of reports to the City Council; the current format of reaching new business owners; the cost, delivery, and format of the Support Your Hometown Campaign; the marketing plan to reach and

retain commercial businesses; and the schedule of reporting back to the City Council on the progress of the development plan.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the 2009 Update to the Economic Development Plan as amended to provide quarterly updates in conjunction with Chamber of Commerce updates; and direct staff to implement its programs and policies.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan 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

Councilmember Charoen attended the Orange County League of California Cities (OCLOCC) meeting. He announced that he plans to attend the Cypress State of the City Address and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) meeting.

Councilmember Herman attended the Anaheim YMCA Board meeting; the OCLOCC meeting; and the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) meeting. He reported on the upcoming opening of the YMCA's Healthy Lifestyle facility (YMCA West) for older adults, the new reader board installation at the Community Center, and on the status of West Nile Virus in Orange County. He closed by commenting on the Presidential inauguration and the upcoming goal setting session. He thanked Community Development Director Di Mario and Public Works Director Moneda for following through on issues he brought to their attention and commented on his upcoming attendance at the Mosquito Abatement Conference.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Orange County Library Advisory Board "State of the Library" meeting; the OCLOCC meeting; and a League of California Cities (LOCC) Policy Committee pre-meeting. He reported that he will be unable to attend the upcoming OCFA meeting. He closed by commenting on the Presidential inauguration and the February 4 book signing by the Mac Ivers at the La Palma Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan attended the La Palma Police Department Swat exercise. He announced he will attend the LOCC New Mayor and

Councilmember Academy in Sacramento and the upcoming Cypress State of the City Address. He closed by commenting on the Presidential inauguration.

Mayor Waldman attended the OCLOCC meeting and the OCLOCC Advocacy Committee meeting. He announced that he has been appointed as the second supervisory district representative to the LOCC Board of Directors.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reported on his attendance at OCFA ambulance contract review meetings and advised the City Council that they may be contacted by the two companies who are lobbying for the City's contract. He updated the City Council on the status of the Duane Schuster Memorial; the Community Center project, including the installation of the readerboard; planned repairs to the parking lot; and on the City Hall Landscaping project, which is currently underway.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Waldman recessed the City Council to Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (b): One Case

Section 54956.95: LIABILITY CLAIMS

Claimant: Norma Alicia Cortez-Gomez and Teresa Cortez


Agency Claimed Against: City of La Palma

Mayor Waldman reconvened the City Council in Open Session at 8:40 p.m. in open session with all members present.

City Attorney Kuperberg reported that the City Council voted unanimously to reject the claim submitted by Norma Alicia Cortez-Gomez and Teresa Cortez.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:41 p.m.



Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk