

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Herman

INVOCATION: Pastor Jose "Paddy" Padilla Jr., United Methodist 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

1. Mayor Waldman presented Certificates of Recognition to Larry Baldwin and Lori Rake for completing the California State University - Fullerton

Leadership Development for Public Sector Employees Certificate Program.

2. Mayor Waldman presented a plaque to Outgoing Traffic Safety Committee Member Jay Goldberg.
3. Chor-Swang Ngin, Ph.D., representing the Orange County Human Relations Council and Commission, presented a Certificate of Recognition to the City of La Palma for promoting a safe, inclusive community in collaboration with the Orange County Human Relations in 2007-08.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Christine Payette, 8222 El Pescador Lane, an Ambassador for the American Cancer Society, addressed the City Council regarding the American Cancer Society's campaign against smoking and tobacco, and seeking representation from the City at a joint meeting on May 21, 2009, with the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and the American Heart Association.

Fran Wright, 5532 Conifer Drive, an Ambassador for the American Cancer Society, addressed the City Council regarding being in favor of placing restrictions on smoking in public places.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:24 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2009, and February 17, 2009, Regular Meetings of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

- B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2009-06 approving the Register of Demands for March 3, 2009.

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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:25 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2009, and February 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

Commission Member Rodriguez 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 RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:26 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances

Approve the 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 February 3, 2009, and February 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2009-10 approving the Register of Demands for March 3, 2009.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1,2, and 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

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Rodriguez requested that Agenda Item 4 be pulled to clarify the City's actions on the item.

4. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) - Go Local Step 2

Approve the recommendation to discontinue participation in the "Go Local" Program with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to direct staff to discontinue participation in the Go Local Program – Step 2 with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

5. Amendment to Council Policy 24 - Guidelines for the Award of Memorial Plaques and Placement in the Community Commemorative Area

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson gave the staff report.

Public Input

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council requesting that the City establish an area where residents who have lost their lives in war can be recognized.

City Manager Lazzaretto responded by noting that the Eternal Flame and Memorial Wall in front of City Hall serve that purpose.

Council Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the tentative presentation date if the item is approved; giving family members informal approval of wording; alternative

names for the "Community Commemorative Area"; the location of the bronze plaque, honoring Duane Schuster, versus the placement of future memorial stones; structural issues regarding the removal of the current concrete slab; and the size of the dedicated area and the ability to expand it if necessary.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Amendment to Council Policy 24 - Guidelines for the Award of Memorial Plaques and Placement in the Community Commemorative Area as described as presented.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan attended the Neighborhood Watch Awards; the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards; and the AB1234 Ethics training. He reported that he plans to attend the upcoming Orange County League of California Cities (OCLOCC) General Meeting.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Neighborhood Watch Awards and the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards. He commented on a flyer sent to certain residents regarding residential paint colors and the recent political issues in Los Alamitos. He announced that he will attend Luther Elementary School's "Read Across America" Day and thanked staff for their involvement. He closed by explaining the factors that led to Luther Elementary School receiving a bronze award from the Orange County Register in recognition of the school's performance. He requested that the City Council adjourn in memory of Laguna Woods Councilmember Brenda Ross.

Councilmember Herman attended the Anaheim YMCA fundraising campaign rally; the Neighborhood Watch Awards; the Orange County Vector Control District meeting; and the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards. He commented on the Senior Newsletter; commended staff for deciding not to hire a part-time code enforcement officer; commented on the *The Source* newsletter; and commented on the need for water conservation. He reported on the HBO documentary "*Taking Chance*" and the status of the wars in Iraq and Afganistan.

Councilmember Charoen attended the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards and the Neighborhood Watch Awards.

Mayor Waldman attended the Continental Little League Opening Day ceremonies; the OCLOCC Board meeting; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) general meeting and steering committee; the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards; and the Orange Council of Governments (OCCOG) meeting. He closed by reporting on the conditions of the State's water reservoirs.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reminded the City Council about the March 5 Special Meeting regarding goal setting and the March 5 Special Meeting regarding house colors. He informed the City Council that due to the March 5 meetings, there will be no Friday Report.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg reminded the City Council about the form 700 filing deadline and commented on the new FPPC regulations regarding reporting meals at committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 8:14 p.m. in memory of Laguna Woods Councilmember Brenda Ross.

/s/

Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk