

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

February 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Waldman called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California, with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chairperson Shanahan

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

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

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

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
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
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/
City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the January 20, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

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

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 Mayor Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

PL-2. Study Session: Artificial Turf in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zone

- a) Community Development Director Di Mario gave the Staff Report
- b) Public Input

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council regarding his support of the ordinance and concerns regarding the expense of professional installation.

- c) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding existing properties with artificial turf already installed; preparation and installation requirements; rebates given for artificial turf; labor costs involved with installation; establishment of a permit system and inspection process for artificial turf; fee structure required to cover the inspection process; types of properties that would require infill prior to installation; the expense of having a certified contractor doing the installation; meeting the safety standards for installation; color restrictions for artificial turf; the lifespan of artificial turf; that the City doesn't regulate back yard landscaping; toxicity levels of artificial turf; current permits that require installation by professional contractors; potential problems with not having a licensed contractor do the installation; choosing lead free artificial turf; potential water runoff

