

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION
June 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Waldman called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:37 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

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
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
John Di Mario, Community Development Director
Jan Hobson, Recreation and Community Services Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

None Scheduled.

Chairperson Waldman called for a short recess at 7:37 p.m.

Chairperson Waldman reconvened the Community Development Commission at 7:44 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-1. Proposed Ordinance Amending the Residential Landscape Standards of the La Palma City Code Pertaining to Artificial Turf and Drought-Tolerant Plant Materials

- a) Chairperson Waldman opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Scott Hutter gave the Staff Report
- c) Receive Public Input
- d) No members of the public wished to speak.
Chairperson Waldman closed the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m.
- e) Planning Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding installing artificial turf on City Property; other cities that have utilized artificial turf; street medians utilizing artificial turf and utilizing it in areas where there is not heavy pedestrian traffic; feedback from neighboring cities on how they are preparing for artificial turf ordinances; the desire to see La Palma have a demonstrated project by installing artificial turf on City property; backyard installation not requiring inspections; timing being appropriate considering the current drought status of California; permit fees for artificial turf falling under the approved permit fee holiday; the requirement that artificial turf look like a thriving, green, live lawn; manufacturers reducing the use of toxic lead and utilizing silica in production; drainage issues; artificial turf being aesthetically pleasing and uniform; and the current status of rebates for artificial turf.

- f) Adopt a Resolution recommending adoption of an Ordinance amending the Chapters 17 and 26 of the City Code pertaining to artificial turf and drought-tolerant plant materials.

Vice Chairperson Shanahan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-02 PC recommending adoption of an Ordinance

amending Chapters 17 and 26 of the City Code pertaining to artificial turf and drought-tolerant plant materials.

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

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Waldman adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission at 8:08 p.m.

/s/

Mark I. Waldman, Chairperson

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk