

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 6, 2005

Mayor Blake called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Sandra Heer with A Fountain of Living Water gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine M. Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Larry A. Herman,
Ralph D. Rodriguez, Mark I. Waldman

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Steve Klotzsche, Interim Director of Finance
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Eric Nunez, Police Captain
Crystal Wilkerson, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh introduced the newest member of the Public Works Department, Maintenance Worker, Jerry Hutchison.

City Manager Standiford introduced the Interim Finance Director, Steve Klotzsche.

Mayor Blake, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation to Batalion Chief, Michael Moore, designating the week of October 9 through October 15, 2005, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of La Palma.

Recreation Supervisor, Janet Cates introduced the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award, on behalf of the Community Activities and Beautification Committee. They awarded Elizabeth and Harrison Gravit with a lawn ornament located at 7525 Kevin Lane.

Director of Recreation and Community Services, Jan Hobson, along with Recreation Specialist, Cindy Robinson recognized the 2005 Volunteens and presented them with stipends and certificates.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Sandy Heer, 8111 Walker Street, Pastor at A Fountain of Living Water invited the City Council to a September 11th remembrance at Central Park starting at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Blake recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:35 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENE

Mayor Blake reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:40 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. APPROVED THE JUNE 21, AUGUST 2, 2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2. ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2005-05 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

3. ACCEPTED THE WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR THE RE-STRIPING OF CITY ARTERIAL AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-265
4. AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A 4-YARD DUMP TRUCK (LP-14)
5. ACCEPTED THE WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE ICTY YARD AND WALKER STREET RESERVOIRS, CITY PROJECT NO. 04-WTR-06
6. APPROVED THE ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILMEMBER WALDMAN AT THE ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 26-28, 2005 IN LONG BEACH

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

7. Annual Renewal of Animal Control and Shelter Services Agreement

City Manager Standiford explained that the City contracts with the County of Orange for animal control services and it is renewed annually. The charges paid are for actual services provided based upon the number of calls received from La Palma residents and the number of animals impounded from the City of La Palma. The County also receives pet licensing fees from the residents for their pets and the fees offset the other services that are rendered. The contract

costs due fluctuate from year to year. The contract generally calls for a provisional payment and sometimes when less services are used the City receives a credit. With the proposed budget for 2005/2006 the City allotted \$26,000 and were invoiced for the provisional payment of \$29,485. Staff is recommending that the contract be renewed and that \$3,500 be allocated from unallocated general funds to cover the additional costs of the contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked how the County determines the number of calls and animals picked up in La Palma.

Ms. Standiford stated that the City receives a quarterly or semi-annual report and on an annual basis the City receives a detailed report that identifies all the numbers and costs for the different categories of service.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked if Council could get a copy. Staff replied affirmatively. He then asked if staff has looked at any other agencies for animal service.

Ms. Standiford stated that La Palma has looked into the City of Long Beach as an alternative before. In addition, the City of Buena Park had looked at developing an alternative shelter, but it was not pursued. She explained the challenge is the capital cost for the animal shelter and finding a veterinarian or animal hospital that would be willing to receive pets that are picked up.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked if staff could look for other services that might be available to La Palma.

City Manager Standiford explained that a six-month notice needs to be given to Orange County Animal Control by December 31, 2005 if the City does not choose to extend the contract for the following year. She asked for clarification as to what services was the Council looking to change.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman stated just shelter services.

Councilmember Rodriguez concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked if the City of Long beach could be contacted again.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the agreement for Animal Control and shelter Services with the County of Orange, and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement, and approve an allocation and additional expenditure in the amount of \$3,500 to the Community Promotions/Intergovernmental Program Budget for the increase in animal care services for FY 2005/2006. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

8. **Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Regulations for Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Objects to Include Regulations for Parking on Driveways and Making Related Modifications to the City Code**

Mayor Pro Tem Herman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2005-03 amending Regulations for Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Objects to Include Regulations for Parking on Driveways and Making Related Modifications to the City Code. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Blake, Herman, Rodriguez

NOES: Barnes, Waldman

9. **Coyote Creek Channel Emergency Reconstruction of Levee and Channel Invert at the Walker Well Site Under Section 2-46 of the City Code, City Project No. 05-WTR-02**

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh stated that on February 14th staff noticed that water was protruding from the channel walls from the Walker Well site. Staff found an area where Nextel had drilled a hole in the PVC pipeline.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to ratify the execution of an agreement by the City Manager between the City and Mike Prlich and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$404,086.00 for Coyote Creek Channel Emergency Reconstruction of Levee and Channel Invert at the Walker Well site under the City Code, Section 2-46, "Exception to Bidding Procedures – Emergencies."

AYES: Barnes, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

ABSENT: Blake

10. **Approval of Professional Engineering Services/Project Manager Agreement with Khorin Salmassian for Coyote Creek Channel Emergency Reconstruction of Levee and Channel Invert at Walker Well Site, City Project No. 05-WTR-02**

Mayor Pro Tem Herman made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute Agreement not-to-exceed \$31,500.00 with Khorin Salmassian, P.E., for Professional Engineering Services/Project Manager for Coyote Creek Channel Emergency Reconstruction of Levee and Channel Invert at the Walker Well Site, Project No. 05-WTR-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

11. **Citywide Traffic Speed Zone Survey and Engineering Study**

City Manager Standiford stated that this item was requested by the City Council to be continued from a month ago for further study.

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh stated that on August 2, 2005 the City Council requested that additional information on the accident rate and how it is calculated be researched and then brought back to them. Enclosed in the staff report is a sheet reflecting these calculations with the old and new accident rates.

Roger Czenski, 5541 Fir, stated that the speed limit on Walker Street north of Houston was set at 40 mph years ago. Common sense says 35 mph might be more reasonable. When it was 40 mph there weren't as many traffic signals and the two gas stations weren't there. He asked where the survey was conducted.

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh stated that it is somewhere within the middle of stretch of intersections that the survey is being conducted.

Chief of Police, Ed Ethell stated that the survey was conducted in four different places on Walker Street specifically one between Houston and Orangethorpe.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman made a motion to approve the Citywide Traffic Speed Zone Survey and Engineering Study with a reduction of the speed limit for southbound traffic on Valley View Street from North City Limits to Orangethorpe Avenue to 45 mph from 50 mph and a reduction of the speed limit on Walker Street between Houston and Orangethorpe to 35 mph. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

12. **Red Ribbon Week**

City Manager Standiford stated that \$3,000 is allocated in the budget for this event including the supplies provided to the schools, costs associated with the Red Ribbon Week Challenge and a

reception honoring the participants. In past years, the City Council has participated by attending the school's events. Staff is asking who is interested this year to serve as the liaisons and if there are any further requests or suggestions that the Council might have for the 2005 event.

Councilmember Barnes requested to serve as the liaison for Stephen Luther Elementary and the Recreation Tiny Tots.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked how come some schools recognize red ribbon week at a different time than the City of La Palma.

City Manager Standiford the main conflict is with the Cypress School District and explained that they prefer not to celebrate it the same week as the rest of the County.

Executive Assistant, Crystal Wilkerson stated that this year both districts are celebrating on the same dates October 24–28, 2005.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that he would support Los Coyotes Elementary.

Councilmember Waldman stated he would be the liaison for Miller Elementary.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked when the first coordinating meeting would be held.

Ms. Wilkerson stated Wednesday, September 14, 2005 in the City Council Chambers at 4:00pm.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes attended the Orange County Council of Governments where Ed Royce gave an update on Federal Funding. Art Brown gave an update on transportation and Measure M. She stated that a couple of residents talked to her about the street resurfacing and quality of work on Suffield and on Barbi where some trees have been vandalized and if they could be removed or replaced.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated that he plans on replacing these trees and will provide her with a time frame. The resurfacing issue will be dealt with shortly.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman attended Orange County Vector Control Board meeting and passed out a report. He asked what the status was on the Walker Jr. High driveway.

City Manager Standiford stated that there were some delays with the contractor but the Anaheim Union High School District is hoping it will be done mid October.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman stated that when Code Enforcement is reviewed he would like to include backyard discharge drains for discussion. He asked if there are any other locations that developers are looking at for homes to build like the project approved tonight.

Mr. Lazzaretto stated that there is a developer looking at the southeast corner of Crescent and Moody and will be brought to the Council Meeting September 20, 2005 as a closed session item.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked if the City was going to accept the inheritance of two streets east of Walker Street on La Palma Avenue.

City Manager Standiford stated that the City will not accept the streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman asked for status on Stepping Stones Preschool addition.

Mr. Lazzaretto stated that the framing is almost complete. The ten houses on Partridge Circle have finished the framing and the roofing has started.

Councilmember Rodriguez will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Casino Night and the intercoastal clean up day. He asked when the bus benches will be replaced that impact the students.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated that they are in the process of ordering all of the benches at one time and will have staff look at the ones on La Palma and change them out immediately if they are in poor condition.

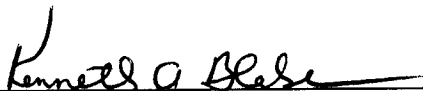
Councilmember Rodriguez expressed his concern at water testing being conducted while students were walking to school.

Councilmember Waldman attended the General Meeting of the Orange County Sanitation District where they discussed continuing efforts to bring some accountability to the General Manager's Position.

Mayor Blake attended the Executive Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority where they discussed routine items. He also attended the Orange County Library Advisory Board meeting and they approved a new proposal for the funding allocations that addresses equity and has been blessed by the City Managers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting in the memory of City of Stanton Mayor Harry Dodson at 10:15 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk