

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEES

October 11, 2005

Mayor Blake called the adjourned meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmembers absent: Christine M. Barnes

Traffic Safety Committee present: Rick Maurice, Dallas Binger, Jay Goldberg, Naresh Patel

Traffic Safety Committee absent Richard Lutz

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Eric Nunez, Police Captain

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no members from the public wishing to speak.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members

Mayor Blake welcomed the members of the Traffic Safety Committee.

2. Discussion of Traffic Concerns in Residential Areas

Chief Ethell gave a detailed presentation on traffic speed in residential neighborhoods, and provided information on education, enforcement and engineering options for addressing this issue.

After reviewing and discussing the options, it was the consensus of both the City Council and the Traffic Safety Committee to direct staff as follows:

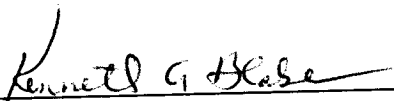
- Develop and implement a comprehensive education plan, designed to raise public awareness of the need to observe speed limits in residential areas.
- Continue to apply concentrated enforcement measures in areas reporting speeding problems.
- Explore the feasibility of posting speed limit signs (25 mph) on longer residential streets.
- Continue to make recommendations for addressing residential locations having habitual speeding problems, once identified.
- Engineering solutions to traffic calming should be considered as a last resort, although there was no consensus on the type of process citizens should go through to request engineering solutions to traffic concerns.
- Place copies of the San Jose Traffic Calming Program in the Mayor's Conference Room for the City Council's information and review.

Councilmember Rodriguez suggested that additional research be conducted on approval processes for installing engineering solutions to traffic calming. He also expressed an interest in having staff identify which of the engineering traffic calming measures presented could be applied in La Palma, and which are not feasible for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman suggested that the issue of speeding on arterial streets be brought back to the City Council for discussion in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk