

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 15, 2005

Mayor Blake called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

The Council immediately recessed into closed session pursuant to Government code Section 54957 for discussion related to the performance of the City Manager. There were no reportable actions taken.

Mayor Blake reconvened the regular meeting in Open Session at 7:02.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Tony Robles with La Palma Christian Center 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  
Dominic Lazzaretto, Assistant City Manager/Director of Community  
Development  
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Eric Nunez, Police Captain  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Blake, on behalf of the City Council, presented a certificate to Robert Reed, a of La Palma Firefighter/Paramedic, for his participation in the relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina.

The La Palma City Council presented certificates to the participants and the Challenge Winners of the Red Ribbon Week program.

Art Leahy, CEO of the Orange County Transportation Authority gave a presentation on the reauthorization of Measure M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to speak at this time.

RECESS

Mayor Blake recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:30 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Blake reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:31 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. APPROVED THE JULY 19, 2005 AND OCTOBER 11, 2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2. ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2005-46 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2005

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

3. **Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 26-27 of the City Code to Remove Conflicting Language and Clarify Existing Standards Pertaining to Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles and Objects**

Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager, Dominic Lazzaretto stated that this Ordinance was introduced on November 1, 2005 as a clean-up ordinance for an ordinance that was adopted in the summer for driveway regulations for parking of large vehicles. This Ordinance provides an additional definition for road operational vehicles and clarifies that other objects such as recreational objects are prohibited from being parked on the driveway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. He stated that the Ordinance incorporates modifications made by the Council on November 1, 2005.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2005-05 amending section 26-27 of the City Code to remove conflicting language and clarify existing standards pertaining to parking and storage of certain vehicles and objects. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Waldman attended the Orange County Sanitation District Review Committee.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Habitat for Humanity Open House. He commended City staff for a job well done in planning La Palma Days.

Councilmember Barnes reported that at Southern California Association of Governments meeting she received a plaque on behalf of the City. She also attended the Maglev Task Force meeting where they received an update on the Orange Line Authority. She will be attending the Anaheim Union High School District facilities meeting. She attended the Cypress College Annual Meeting relating to disaster preparedness. She thanked all City staff involved in making La Palma Days a successful event.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District legislators' gathering and they passed out an information video on the West Nile Virus. He asked Public Works Director, Ismile Noorbaksh about the status on painting the Crescent Avenue wall.

Mr. Noorbaksh responded that it will be brought to the Council for approval at a future meeting. He is working with Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto to coordinate with the Code Enforcement Officer because some of the walls need to be repaired.

Mr. Lazzaretto stated that this project is very involved since the walls are the responsibility of the homeowners. Before beginning, staff needed to do a thorough inventory on the walls and their condition. Staff discovered that a paint job wasn't all the walls needed, some needed to be repaired.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman thanked the Public Works and Recreation staff for fixing the electrical box in Central Park so quickly. He stated that a resident mentioned to him that a new sign is going to be installed at El Rancho Verde Park and asked what it pertained to.

City Manager Standiford explained that a former mayor approached staff expressing some interest in replacing the El Rancho Verde Park sign because it has termite and repair problems. Staff will propose that in mid-year, when there will be budget adjustments, the City Council consider modifying the Capital Improvement Program to add this project. Assuming that the

Council approves this project, the sign could be constructed by the end of the summer or early fall.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman reported that next Monday, Rubberized Asphalt Technology will be in the City giving a presentation. He thanked the City Manager for representing the City in court on a Worker's Compensation claim. He asked when the La Palma Bridge widening will be completed.

Ismile Noorbaksh stated maybe three to four years, contingent on funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman mentioned that at the December 20, 2005 meeting there will be a reorganization of the City Council. He stated that he is interested in the Mayor's position and asked for support of the City Council.

Mayor Blake attended the Cypress College Annual Meeting in relation to emergency preparedness. He also attended the Mid-cities' Korean American Chamber of Commerce installation. He thanked all City staff involved with putting together La Palma Days.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford thanked all City staff involved with La Palma Days.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Deputy City Clerk