

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 15, 2004

Mayor Duke called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

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

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine M. Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke,
Larry A. Herman, Paul F. Walker

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police
Tami Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Jeff Kirkpatrick, Police Captain
Ed Ethell, Police Captain
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

The City Council presented a proclamation and a check in the amount of \$500 to this year's Third Place Scholarship Award Winner, Scot Simpson.

The City Council presented a proclamation to Ray Williams, Steve Luther Elementary School, for receiving the Orange County Teacher of the Year Award.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to address the Council at this time.

RECESS

Mayor Duke recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:15 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Duke reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE JUNE 1, 2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-21 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JUNE 15, 2004

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-22 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE HELD BY COMCAST OF CYPRESS, INCORPORATED

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-23 ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE WHICH AMENDS THE LIST OF DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-24 CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-25 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON

NOVEMBER 2, 2004, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-26 ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

APPROVED THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FY 2004/2005 MEASURE M ELIGIBILITY PACKET TO THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

ACCEPTED THE WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEALING OF VARIOUS STREETS, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-261

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REGULAR ITEMS

5. ***Janitorial Maintenance Services***

Councilmember Walker pulled this item to discuss the detail of the contract. He wanted to make sure that the next janitors took special care in making sure the top of the cubicles are dusted at least once a month.

City Manager Standiford stated that one of things the City was able to do in this process, is tighten up and clarify the scope of work for the janitorial services to be provided.

Councilmember Walker made a motion to award a contract to the low responsible bidder, GRACE BUILDING MAINTENANCE CO., INC. of Los Angeles, California, for Janitorial Maintenance Services for City Hall, Police Department, Recreation & Community Services Department and city Yard Office Buildings, and Authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING (Convene Community Development Commission)

10. **Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Budget Adoption**

City Manager Standiford gave a staff report stating that this budget was originally presented to Council and the public on May 18, 2004 to allow a month for everyone to review the proposals in the document. The agenda packet contains some corrected changes due to numerical errors or new information that was received. There are little substantive changes and certainly not to the bottom line in terms of the budget. She stated that tonight she wants to touch on some key points and respond to any questions that Council or members of the public may have related to the budget before Council considers its adoption.

City Manager Standiford explained that the budget for this Fiscal Year is balanced and maintains all of the City core services. It is essentially a status quo budget and operational expenditures have been limited to levels that are at or below prior year expenditure levels. It does involve a reallocation of some existing resources to respond to needs identified in the organization and changing needs staff sees on the horizon.

The reallocations will allow the City to fully utilize the grant dollars and any other resources that are not in the general fund. The reallocation of resources will allow the City to address some

unfunded liabilities now, therefore minimizing their future impact on the general fund, thereby providing long-term financial stability. They also preserve the City's commitment in maintaining our infrastructure and continuing to aesthetically enhance the La Palma community. This reallocation also allows the City to respond better to evolving needs and preferences of the La Palma community and it ensures that the City can maintain our basic services in spite of the ongoing State budget uncertainty.

Staff is projecting General Fund revenues at \$8.6 million. Sales tax remains the largest revenue source at 35%, followed by property tax, vehicle license fees and the utility users tax. The distribution of revenues among the various sources has not changed and the City continues to have concerns over what the State will do to City revenues to address its own shortfalls. She explained that the LOCAL initiative has qualified for the November 2004 ballot. In addition, the "LOCAL Deal" with the Governor will be part of the State budget bill package which would involve an alternative initiative that would provide better protections of local revenues and protections against unfunded State mandates than the original LOCAL initiative. The alternative initiative is wrapped up in the budget deliberations and it is anticipated that the alternative initiative will be one of the budget trailer bills that the State legislature will have to adopt. The idea is that at the time the legislature approves the reductions of local government funding for the next Fiscal Year, they will also approve the placement of this deal on the November ballot. Today was the constitutional deadline for the legislature to approve a budget and, for the nineteenth year in a row, they have failed to do that.

The LOCAL initiative will remain on the November ballot as sort of an insurance policy, just in case the Governor's alternative is unsuccessful in getting through the legislature as part of the budget process. The budget conference committee has started to meet. These individuals consist of the Senate majority and minority leaders, the Assembly majority and minority leaders, and the Governor. One of the outcomes of last week's budget meeting was a request that the Legislative Analyst write another constitutional protection measure that would protect the aggregate amount of local government revenues. The plan is to combine sales tax, vehicle license fees, and property tax into one big pool, while still allowing the legislature to move money around between local government jurisdictions. It is not the deal that cities have agreed to with the Governor. So the bottom line is, aggregate protection doesn't do anything different than what

the State legislators can currently do today, and it is no protection in spite of what some the legislators might say. Consequently cities, counties and special districts need to continue to support and advocate the LOCAL deal with the Governor. City Manager Standiford stated that she sent a letter to Senator Ross Johnson, late last week, expressing the City's concerns about the aggregate protection approach and urging him, along with the other budget conference committee members, to abide by the deal that cities have made with the Governor and put that initiative on the ballot instead. The LOCAL deal means short-term pain for long-term gain. Under the deal the City's general fund would have a hit of \$195,000 per year for the next two years. In addition there would be an impact on the City's Community Development Commission in the amount of \$190,000 for each of the next two years. The good news is that the City of La Palma is well positioned to take the pain for the next two years without it affecting basic services or programs.

Revenue projections for next fiscal year include little or no growth in most revenue sources. Property tax has a 2% growth, vehicle license fees are projected to be about the same, fees for service have a slight increase and have been built into the budget for user fees. Revenues for licenses and permits are relatively flat. In most of the revenue sources, staff is not projecting much in the way of revenue growth. There have been some changes in how sales tax revenues are being reflected in the budget, in part because of the State "triple flip" which will take 25% of the City's sales tax to pay for the \$15 billion in bonds in return for property tax. The City needs to account for that drop in sales tax along with a commensurate increase in property tax. In addition, pursuant to the Council's policy change in February, the City is no longer making direct allocations of sales tax into the Capital Outlay Reserve, so all of the sales tax is being retained in the General Fund. Instead, there is a general fund allocation into the Capital Outlay Reserve.

Sales Tax does appear to be much higher, primarily because of the direction to stop making direct transfers from sales tax revenues into the Capital Outlay Reserve. There is very little increase projected for overall sales tax revenue, roughly \$30,000 in projected sales tax growth. The "triple flip" results in a downward \$725,000 adjustment in sales tax, and the addition of a line item entitled "Sales and Use Tax Compensation Revenue." In addition, the City has adjusted the sales tax numbers on the revenue side to reflect the loss of about \$150,000 for one business that has planned it's relocation for this summer. This company has been growing and the City has been

working with them over the last five years to identify alternative locations in town. Unfortunately, the City of La Palma does not have a big enough building to accommodate their needs and there isn't any undeveloped land where the City could develop such a building.

City Manager Standiford explained that, in January, the Governor issued a preliminary State budget that included a shift of property taxes to the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF). That amount was estimated to be \$115,000 and the actual impacts could be \$195,000. The City is also assuming full receipt of the vehicle license fee at \$900,000 compared to \$725,000 last year. The City didn't receive as much VLF this past fiscal year because the State borrowed it. That loan is supposed to be paid in Fiscal Year 2006/2007, assuming the Governor's alternative initiative passes. Interest income has been reduced to reflect the fact that interest rates are lower.

City Manager Standiford stated that each year it costs more to provide basic operations and services to the community. There are inflationary factors that affect the costs of supplies and equipment that the City must buy. Roughly 70% of the City's budget is people, and there is a need to take care of the employees when the City can in terms of salaries and benefits and remain competitive with other agencies in this regard. Fiscal Year 2004/2005 will be the fourth non-growth budget in a row. The City will retain its focus on services that are consistent with the "core mission" of a municipality. Public Safety is the City's highest priority and the budget continues to reflect that. In addition, the expenditures maintain an adherence to the City Council's important financial policy that City revenues meet or exceed the expenditures. Some modifications have been proposed to respond to changing community needs and interests.

In this proposed budget, staff is recommending elimination of four positions, but these will not result in any layoffs. In the General Fund this includes one Recreation Coordinator, one part-time Personnel Analyst, and one part-time Community Development Intern. All three of these positions are currently vacant. There is also one Records Clerk position in the Police Department that had been funded by a grant which can no longer cover the cost for the second Records Clerk position. The current records clerk has put herself through dispatch training and will be taking the position of one of the retiring dispatchers. In addition, staff is proposing to combine the Community Policing and Disaster Preparedness functions since they are both currently being performed by one person, to maximize economies of scale in training, office supplies, etc. Staff is also

proposing to complete the contracting out of the Youth Basketball program, and to eliminate Winter Day Camp due to low participation. The City is also recommending that the Teen Program be modified and the location and format be changed to increase participation. The City currently attracts about eight teens and staff would like to see 20 to 25 per day. The City hopes that by moving the program closer to Walker Jr. High and Kennedy High School, and has sharing the cost with the City of Cypress, the program can be made better for both communities. In most City departments, staff has reduced costs in the maintenance and operations areas again.

The budget proposes to reallocate \$112,000 to the Vehicle Replacement Fund that will enable the City to address some unfunded liabilities and allow it to budget for the normal costs related to replacing vehicles. Staff is also proposing to move \$139,000 in expenditures that have been charged to gas tax funds, back to the General Fund. In addition, staff is proposing to transfer \$145,000 from the General Fund into the Capital Outlay Reserve for capital improvement projects that are not able to be covered by grant or other funds. Staff is also proposing to set aside \$326,000 in a planned reserve. The City is expecting a large PERS bill next fiscal year so staff is trying to prepare for this large sum. Staff is recommending that \$150,000 be reserved so it is available to help pay for the PERS rate next year and that the remaining amount be left unallocated to ensure the City has capacity to respond to a variety of future needs.

The City Manager stated that the true test of leadership in government is to be able to use restraint when revenues exceed expenditures. Rather than "grow" the organization to meet revenues, the proposed Fiscal Year 2004/2005 budget creates the capacity for long-term stabilization of the General Fund, and maximizes flexibility to respond to future needs.

City Manager Standiford gave a summary of the General Fund Budget stating that projected revenues are expected to be at \$8,626,300, projected expenditures are at \$7,903,100, and the planned reserve would be at \$326,900, leaving a balance of zero.

City Manager Standiford stated that staff has completely evaluated the Capital Improvement Program list and feels it reflects realistic time frames for projects. They have been ranked. "A" priority projects will be completed in FY 2004/2005, "B" priority projects will be started in FY 2004/2005, but not necessarily completed within the fiscal year; and "C" priority projects will be

started if time or funding is available. High priority "A" projects include residential slurry sealing, curb and gutter replacement, the Walker Street tree replacements, NPDES catch basin filters, the Police Department parking lot rehabilitation, Police Department property and evidence storage area, water and sewer master plan, various water system improvements and La Luna Drive/Walker Street traffic signal modifications.

City Manager Standiford stated that the Community Development Commission budget is also status quo. It takes into account the anticipated State ERAF obligation of \$190,000. It still includes support for the Chamber of Commerce contract and it will continue to fund CIP projects in the project area with redevelopment bond proceeds.

She summarized by stating that the proposed General Fund budget is balanced and maintains core services. It reallocates some resources and realigns some services to better meet evolving needs of the community. It resists temptation to expand programs or services to provide greater flexibility to respond to future needs.

Staff recommendations for the budget are for City Council to confirm the Utility Users Tax at 5% for FY 2004/2005, increase all User Fees by 3.5% and approve a proposed budget which mirrors prior year spending levels, including a reallocation of resources to maintain service priorities, and a planned reserve, most of which is unallocated. Staff also recommends that the City continue its adherence to the 13 Financial Policy Statements, which includes a review of financial reports on a quarterly basis. Staff recommends that, if necessary, the City plan for mid-year budget adjustments to address State actions. Finally, it is recommended that the City Council take formal action by Resolution to adopt the City Budget including confirmation of the UUT, updated User Fee Schedule and Gann Limit and for the CDC to adopt their budget.

Councilmember Walker asked about the resurfacing of the Police Department and his concern was for the fire trucks being able to utilize the lot while under construction.

City Manager Standiford explained that the lot will actually have to be reconstructed. It is in really bad condition and can not be fixed with slurry seal.

Public Works Director, Ismile Noorbaksh explained that the reconstruction will be a fairly easy process and the fire engines should be able to drive over the dirt area without complications, and the City will be coordinating the work with them. The City only has 80% of the plan completed so the City hasn't sat down to discuss the details with the Fire Department yet.

Councilmember Walker complimented staff for the preparation of the budget.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Herman asked how many La Palma homes were covered under Prop 13.

City Manager Standiford stated that 10% or 11% of La Palma's homes are paying pre-Proposition 13 property tax rates.

Councilmember Herman asked if the City's current General Fund Reserves were 66%.

City Manager Standiford responded positively.

Councilmember Herman quoted City Manager Standiford's statement, "the Management Team is committed to improve efficiency and reduce operational costs and I am encouraging City employees to share ideas for providing the highest quality services of the lowest possible costs." He agreed that this was a great idea and wanted to know how the City employees can submit their ideas.

City Manager Standiford explained that they could submit their ideas any way they want. They could stop her in the hallway, email her or write her a memo. She stated that she didn't receive many suggestions by employees, but it did get them thinking about it.

Councilmember Herman stated that \$139,000 from the General Fund is being used for the seven year slurry seal program. He asked if this amount was part of the \$200,000 or in addition to that amount.

City Manager Standiford stated that it is in addition to the \$200,000 amount and the \$139,000 is not being used just for slurry sealing, but for other street maintenance projects.

Councilmember Herman asked what the cost of the tree replacement project on Walker Street came to.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated about \$140,000.

Councilmember Herman asked about the NPDES catch basin filters and asked if the City was committed to a certain amount.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated, yes, about 10 to 15.

Councilmember Herman asked how many have been installed this year.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated about 13.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake complimented staff for all the hard work related to the budget.

Councilmember Barnes stated that the reductions made do not impact the front line services which are important to the citizens. She commended everyone on keeping the expenditures low.

Mayor Duke explained that this was not a three-or-six month effort, putting together the budget. We actually started because we have very fine leadership with our City Manager who keeps abreast of what is happening with the State that would affect the City, either positively or adversely. The Management Team really went to work on this budget. The City still remains full service and provides a quality of life that is to be admired and envied by others.

City Manager Standiford made a comment, on behalf of the staff, thanking the City Council for the kind words, but she stated that this budget was not only the hard work of the staff. If it wasn't for the City Council's willingness to revisit some of the financial policies and make modifications to them that reflect the changing times, changing organization, and the changing organizational

needs, we would not be in this position today, but would be like some of the other cities in deep trouble. The leadership wasn't just from staff, it was also from the City Council so she echoed the Staff's appreciation back to the City Council.

Councilmember Herman asked the City Manager how confident she was with the Governor's initiative showing up on the ballot.

City Manager Standiford stated that everything looks good. The latest deliberations coming from Sacramento indicate that the Legislature and the Governor are really not very far apart. They are saying that the legislature will be ready within two weeks to adopt their budget and the City should know then whether the Governor's initiative is in place.

Councilmember Walker made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Palma approving and adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2004/2005, adopting a Resolution approving the City's appropriations limit for FY 2004/2005 and a revision of the annual appropriations limit for FY 2003/2004, and for the Community Development Commission to adopt a resolution approving and adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2004/2005. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REGULAR ITEMS

11. **OCFA Emergency Medical Transportation Agreement**

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to adopt, by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance establishing requirements for the operation of ambulance services within the City of La

Palma. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

12. **Ordinance to Extend the Life of the Redevelopment Plan**

Councilmember Walker made a motion to adopt, by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan for the La Palma Community Development Project pursuant to Senate Bill 1045 as codified in Health & Safety Code Section 33333.6(e)(2)(C). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

13. **Business License Code Changes**

City Manager Standiford explained that this Ordinance is being proposed to change the section of the Municipal Code governing business licenses. It changes the date on which the business licenses will become due. The current deadline date for renewal is the end of June which means the City receives receipts through the month of June, which causes the Finance Director to do a lot of transfers to book the revenue in the proper year. This change would move this date forward by one month to July, which will allow the City to get the revenue in the right fiscal year and save the Finance Director some work.

Councilmember Walker made a motion to introduce, by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance amending certain section of the La Palma Municipal Code relating to the payment of business license fees and period of validity for specific licenses and permits. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes attended the League of Cities dinner and the speaker spoke on ethics related to City Officials.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake attended the League of Cities dinner and the legislative meeting. The bill proposed by Darryl Steinberg will offset the Governor's proposal and LOCAL initiative trying to eliminate the Governor's proposal giving us aggregate funding which puts cities in the same position they are in now. Senator John Campbell has requested cities to write a letter against Darryl Steinberg's proposal. He went to the OCFA headquarters and worked with the artist in getting the night lighting for the Memorial and should be completed by September 23, 2004. He mentioned that several lights in the green belt are out and offered to wrap caution tape around the poles on his own time to prevent anyone hurting themselves since some areas are really dark. Public Works Director, Mr. Noorbaksh stated that staff will check which lights are out. Mayor Pro Tem Blake also requested if the Doggy Bag Stands could be added to the center and east end of the Edison Right of Way.

Councilmember Herman asked Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto, if there was anything being submitted for the property located east of Carl's Jr. on La Palma.

Mr. Lazzaretto stated that there has been an application submitted for twenty town homes that will accommodate the three lots. There is a meeting scheduled with the Development Committee on

June 28th. In order for them to meet this date, they will need to submit their completed packet Thursday, June 17th. The planning division has only reviewed preliminary drawings and information. The developer is the Mawhinney group who did the five single family homes on La Palma Avenue east of Walker Street.

Councilmember Herman asked about the Centralia School District Central Kitchen proposed project.

City Manager Standiford stated that the City sent a letter to them on May 20th advising them of what was still outstanding in their application and the City still hasn't heard anything. Until they complete the application, the project is going nowhere.

Councilmember Herman stated that he attended JPIA academy workshop. There was a speaker, Lee Wood, ex-police officer, who discussed the importance of having a Police Emergency Vehicle Operation Response and Pursuit policy. He asked the Chief Giampa what the City's policy is for being involved with pursuits.

Chief Giampa stated that the City's policy is one that has been adopted by the Orange County Chief of Police and Sheriff's Association and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code and approved by the City Attorney.

City Attorney, Joel Kuperberg, explained that State Law and the Vehicle Code specify the type of issues that need to be addressed in a Police Pursuit Regulation. The Law states that if a city has these items in the policy, if something shall go array during the pursuit, the City is immune from damages.

Councilmember Herman stated that there was also a guest who spoke on etiquette.

Councilmember Walker reported that the Orange County Sanitation District updated everyone on the FOG program. He asked when the City needed to be in compliance.

Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto stated that the City has until September of this current year. The City has an 80% drafted Ordinance and there is a procedural document that goes with it that is in a drafted form.

Councilmember Walker asked if the Director of Public Works received a letter from the Sanitation District about the bio solids that are available to the City.

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh stated, yes, and that he has spoke with the City staff members and plans to send a few of them to the District to see what the City can receive in small quantities.

Councilmember Walker stated that there was as speaker at the JPIA academy workshop that was in finance and she was very informative. He gave kudos to the City's Finance Director, Robbeyn Bird for all of her expertise.

Mayor Duke stated that she welcomed 2nd and 3rd graders from Luther and Miller Elementary Schools last week for an open house at City Hall where the students got to act as councilmembers. She attended the Kennedy Awards Program and presented Debi Thomas with her scholarship award for 1st place. She also attended the Buena Park Awards Program and presented the scholarship award to the 2nd place winner, Anthony Cortez.

Councilmember Herman asked about the motor scooters and asked if they were illegal to have on the streets and have we seen many on La Palma streets.

Chief Giampa stated the scooter that Councilmember Herman is talking about is called a pocket bikes in the industry. They are illegal to ride in the City.

Councilmember Barnes asked if the scooters can't be rode anywhere in the City, where are they able to be rode.

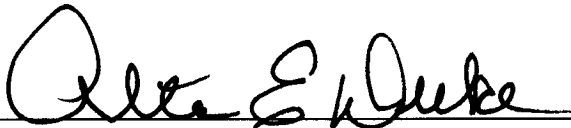
Chief Giampa explained that they are not intended for public use but can be used on private property.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford stated that the City has received ballots for the Orange County Vector Control related to the benefit assessment district for vector control services. Consideration of the ballots and how to vote on them will be on the next Council agenda. There have been some inaccuracies including not receiving ballots for all parcels, and receiving a ballot for an easement of which the City is not the property owner. She stated that there is an invitation from the Governor's office for anyone who is interested in signing a condolence book page in honor of former President Reagan. There is a page available in the Mayor's Conference Room, one out in the lobby of City Hall and one at Recreation, and they are available until Monday of next week.

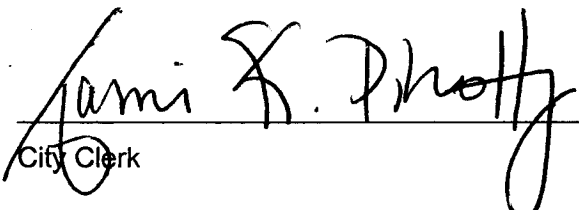
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Duke adjourned the meeting in memory of Gabriella Lyons, a former founder of Neighborhood Watch and resident of La Palma, at 8:35 until the next scheduled meeting of July 6, 2004.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk