

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2004

Mayor Duke called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Darrell Yarbrough 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
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Tami Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney

RECESS

Mayor Duke recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:06 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Duke reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:07 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 16, 2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR DECEMBER 7, 2004

APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION BY THE COUNCIL SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR CITY COMMITTEES THAT THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BE MADE TO THE CITY'S THREE CITIZEN COMMITTEES, FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2008:

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- CLIFF ISHII
- TERRY GOEN

CAB COMMITTEE

- JANE RIPPEE
- SHARON GUTJAHR

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- JAY GOLDBERG
- RICHARD MAURICE

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman pulled Item No. 4, Plans and Specifications for Re-Striping of City Arterial and Residential Streets. Councilmember Herman suggested that the "speed limit" for sections of arterial streets be painted on arterial streets as part of this re-striping project. The intent is to slow down those who are not necessarily familiar with the City's speed limits as they travel through La Palma trying to get to the freeways.

City Manager Standiford asked Councilmember Herman whether he wanted this agenda item to be held pending this cost analysis, to which Councilmember Herman responded that it could come back at a later date. City Manager Standiford expressed concern about the number of changes that would have to be made up and down the arterial streets to reflect the changes in speed limits, and that most people are used to following the speed limit posted on the permanent signs. City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh confirmed the speed limits change frequently on these arterial streets, and there would be increases in overall and ongoing striping costs if the arterials had speed limits painted on them.

Ralph Rodriguez, 4621 Amberwood Avenue, stated he believed that this idea could work in the residential areas, where speed bumps are not desired.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve the Plans and Specifications, and authorize the Director of Public Works to solicit competitive bids for Re-striping of City Arterial and Residential Streets, City Project No. ST-265. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman requested that staff bring back costs for painting speed limits on arterial streets, asking that this work be done within the next quarter.

REGULAR ITEM

4. **Status of Certification of Municipal Election**

City Manager Standiford explained that, historically, the City Council has certified the results of municipal elections at the first meeting in December. The purpose of this report is to provide the status of the certification of the 2004 Municipal Election results to keep the City Council and La Palma citizenry informed of recent actions affecting the Council's ability to certify the results. A recount request was submitted by Council Candidate Henry Charoen, thereby postponing the certification of the results until the recount is completed.

Pursuant to the California Elections Code, following the completion of the official canvass, any voter may, within five days, file a request for a recount. The Registrar certified the election results on Monday, November 29, 2004. Mr. Charoen filed his written request with the Orange County Registrar of Voters on Tuesday, November 30, 2004.

The City Attorney has rendered an opinion that the most prudent course of action is to wait until the recount is completed, then certify the election results and swear in the new council members. The existing City Council will continue to hold office until the new Council is sworn in. The recount will commence on Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 A.M. at the Orange County Registrar of Voters in Santa Ana.

City Manager Standiford also reviewed recent legislation which has been enacted requiring that the Council conduct its reorganization of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem seats at a meeting after the certification of the election results, and not at the same meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes attended the La Palma Christian Center event and mentioned the recent delivery of her grandson.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake attended the OCFA Executive Committee and Board Meetings, where they agreed to continue backfilling the salary of reservists and discussed campaign contributions and disclosure issues.

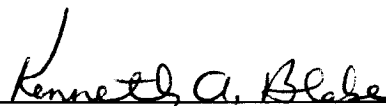
Councilmember Herman attended the first Orange County Vector Control District Legislative Symposium.

Mayor Duke attended a Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Blake suggested that the Council hold an Adjourned meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 21, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting for the purpose of certifying the election results and swearing in newly elected Council members, to which there was unanimous consent.

Mayor Duke adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M. to an Adjourned Meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, and adjourned the meeting in the memory of Rose Holman.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk