

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2003

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Polk of the La Palma Christian Center 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
Dominic Lazzaretto, Community Development Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Edna Ethington, 8211 Suffield, thanked Tami K. Piscotty for publishing the Youth 20/20 bookmark design contest winners, illustrating the theme "American Heroes and Heroines", in the City's "La Palman". She also thanked La Palma's Community Activities and Beautification Committee for their help and support of this program.

Mr. Ralph Rodriguez, 4621 Amberwood, spoke of his concerns on the Centralia School District passing the development of a Kitchen Warehouse/Distribution center on the campus of Los Coyotes Elementary School. He thanked La Palma staff for recognizing the necessity to approve the project under City Code guidelines. He was happy that this gives the La Palma residents an opportunity to express their feelings in regards to this project passing City approval.

Mr. Rodriguez also invited the City Council to join him in a community meeting on Friday, January 10, 2003 if they would like to hear the concerns the community in regards of the development of this project.

Mr. Andy Hilbert, 4812 El Rancho Verde Drive, informed City Council that he has requested to place the Community Center project on the next City Council Agenda, January 21, 2003. He is asking Council to halt the Community Center expansion based on several reasons that he elaborated on from his letter addressed to the City Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE DECEMBER 17, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-01 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JANUARY 7, 2003

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-02 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF TAPE RECORDING S OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FORM JANUARY 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

ACCEPTED AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR REAHBILITATION OF ORAGETHORPE AVENUE FROM MOODY STREET TO COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-230

ACCEPTED AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE CITY'S EXISTING WATER TELEMETRY SYSTEM WITH SCADA IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 98-WTR-01 – PHASE II

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2003-03 ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AND THE LA PALMA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Blake had no meetings since they cancelled the Fire Authority meeting. He wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke OCOG had a special meeting to approve the forecast numbers for Orange County and they were approved and forwarded to the next level of research. Duke also stated she didn't know how far the research was going to go since there was a lack of funding.

Councilmember Herman attended a Vector Control district meeting and the fire ant funding is still in limbo depending on what the State does. He will also be attending a Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California Conference, January 12 through the 15, so he will be out of town. Councilmember Herman asked a question to Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh, about what is the current status of the Moody Street median.

Mr. Noorbaksh responded that a contract has been awarded. The staff was having a pre-construction meeting on January 8, 2003 to discuss when they will start the work and any issues the contractor might have. Councilmember Herman asked Mr. Noorbaksh if he expected something to happen in the first quarter of this year and Mr. Noorbaksh replied "yes".

Councilmember Herman asked Mr. Noorbaksh if he has scheduled a Traffic Safety Committee meeting and Mr. Noorbaksh stated he had not scheduled any meetings since there were not any items to discuss at this time.

Councilmember Walker discussed the Joint Groundwater Replenishment System and there should be a ground breaking this year, either in the first or second quarter. Councilmember Walker also stated that he will be working with Mr. Noorbaksh on the CMOM since he expected the City to be impacted and he is waiting for more information that is being forwarded to him before addressing it to staff. Councilmember Walker asked Mr. Noorbaksh about a sign "NO FIREWORKS" that sits in front of the signal. He stated that one could not see the signal if they were in the number two lane if you were stopped at the signal and asked if the sign could be relocated. Mr. Noorbaksh said he would have staff look at it. Councilmember Walker asked the Chief of Police, Vince Giampa, if the Motor Officers were back on the street, and if they were, could they monitor the traffic closer on Moody? Councilmember Walker stated that since the bridge was widened he has noticed more speeders. Chief Giampa responded by stating he would have them keep an eye on that street. Councilmember Walker concluded with wishing everyone a happy New Year.


Mayor Barnes said her MAGLEV meeting was canceled. She said that she attended the Senior Pot Luck and said it was very nice and she enjoyed it.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager, Catherine Standiford, wished everyone a happy New Year and may all your resolutions be easy to achieve."

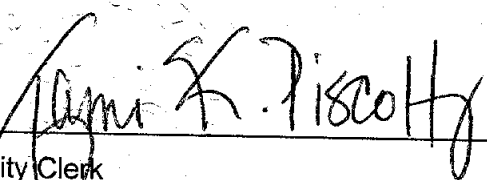
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk