

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2003

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Walker led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor Sandra Heer, with A Fountain of Living Water, 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 K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECESS

Mayor Barnes recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:10 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Barnes reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE JULY 1, 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-33 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JULY 15 AND AUGUST 5, 2003

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-34 REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004

RECEIVED AND FILED THE ACCOMPANYING INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-35 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF FILES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1990, 1991 AND 1997

APPROVED THE ATTENDANCE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2003 IN SACRAMENTO: MAYOR BARNES, MAYOR PRO TEM DUKE, COUNCILMEMBER BLAKE, AND COUNCILMEMBER WALKER; AND DESIGNATED MAYOR BARNES AS THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR PRO TEM DUKE AS THE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE

APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE MARQUARDT AVENUE/WALKER STREET FROM COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL TO 183RD STREET, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-249

AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,100.00 TO BRAVO SIGN & DESIGN, INC., AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MONUMENT SIGNS IN THE STREET MEDIANS ON ORANGETHORPE AVENUE AT CENTERPOINTE DRIVE, ORANGETHORPE AVENUE AT SOMMERSET CIRCLE AND MOODY STREET AT HOUSTON AVENUE, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-233

APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,420 FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREET REHABILITATION OF WALKER STREET FROM COYOTE CREEK TO 183RD STREET AND MOODY STREET FROM SOUTH CITY LIMITS TO MALAGA DRIVE AND CRESCENT AVENUE FROM MOODY STREET TO WEST CITY LIMITS, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-258

ACCEPTED THE WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR THE RESTRIPIPING OF CITY ARTERIAL STREETS, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-258

APPROVED THE TERMS OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY 800 MHZ COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE TWO COPIES OF THE JOINT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR PROCESSING THROUGH THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO PURCHASE A 210S, JCB TRACTOR BACKHOE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,256.57 AND A TC40 UTILITY DRIVE TRACTOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,453.03 FROM COOK EQUIPMENT OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

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

REGULAR ITEMS

13. PERS Contract Amendments

Councilmember Walker made a motion to introduce by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the City Council of the City of La Palma and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System. 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 Walker attended the Orange County Sanitation District meeting. They discussed the rate increase and passed the 15% increase, to take place over 3-5 years.

Councilmember Herman asked how the alternative transportation turned out for Mr. Miller who spoke at the previous meeting.

Jan Hobson stated that Nancy Brewer has been talking to individuals as they call or come into the center. As of right now, the City has received eight calls. Mr. Miller no longer lives in the community and has moved to the City of Bellflower.

Mayor Barnes asked if staff has contacted Sunrise Assisted Living for the possible use of their van. Jan stated that their van is being used specifically for the residents at Sunrise and staff will follow up again to see if they would be willing to help with other residents in La Palma.

Councilmember Herman asked Jan Hobson how the Fourth of July Walk/Run turned out as far as participation. She stated that details will be in this week's Friday Report and it went well considering the lower volume of participants.

Councilmember Herman asked City Manager Standiford if anyone has expressed interest in the former Chili's location in Centerpointe. Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto, stated that the property is no longer being sold and has recently been put up for lease. The real estate agent has been working on this location for two weeks now and had an open house on Thursday, July 31st. Fifteen walk-ins had visited the facility.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke stated that the next SCAG meeting is in August. The CEHD Committee brought up the proposed SB18. This Senate Bill has to do with the developments of land that was former Indian sites. She explained that with the way the Bill is being proposed, it can seriously impact any chance of development, whether it was a former grave site or a place of gathering, due to any future Indian-tribes seeing the need for use of this location. She stated that SCAG went on record opposing SB18. Mayor Pro Tem Duke mentioned that she has been attending the Concerts in the Park.

Councilmember Blake attended the Orange County Fire Authority Special Meeting held at Station 52 located at the former El Toro Marine Base. At this location, they house special equipment for search and rescue. He stated that Station 13 in La Palma will be receiving a Ford F550 for back-up support and EMS. OCFA is also going to receive money for a new hazmat vehicle. OCFA also approved the amended budget which includes an employee wellness program. Councilmember Blake stated that he will remain as Vice Chair of the OCFA and the benefit to La Palma is that the City will have a seat on the executive committee for the next four years. There will be a new equity study and La Palma may have to pay \$450,000 per year for fire service in addition to the property tax currently paid. Councilmember Blake asked what the progress is for

the old Mobil Station at Valley View and La Palma since it is looking pretty shabby. He asked if there was any enforcement the City can do to improve the appearance.

Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto, stated that the company taking care of the remediation of this site is expecting sign off on its remediation efforts at anytime. He stated that he has called three times in the last month and hasn't received any response. Mr. Lazzaretto stated that he will make another call and stated that the Code Enforcement Officer can contact the property owner if there are any site hazards.

Mayor Barnes asked staff about the Crescent/Moody vacant lot and if there is going to be anything built on it or not.

City Manager Standiford stated that Mr. Adamian was looking into office spaces, but she hasn't heard anything else in awhile. Staff periodically contacts him when the weeds are excessive.

Mayor Barnes asked if the La Palma water table issue, and resulting costs, were considered in construction of the Community Center project.

Recreation Director, Jan Hobson, stated that the Architect had a Geo Technical Service completed. She stated that the Water Table will be fine.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford stated that the Governor signed the proposed bill adopting of the FY 2003/2004 State Budget. She mentioned that the Vehicle License Fee backfill from June 20 through September 30 will be loaned to the State, when it will be repaid in August 2006. The City will lose approximately \$185,000 for this three month period, which will be a one time hit. She stated that the City can offset this amount with strong revenues in other categories or reserves. She stated that the Sales Tax/Property Tax proposal will not go into effect until FY 2004/2005.

The item of concern for La Palma is the redevelopment hit to the Community Development Commission. She stated that the Governor was unable to sign this Bill due to the adopting versions that the Senate and the Assembly bills conflict. The Senate will return on August 18, 2003 for some concurrence. The potential impact on the Senate version is \$254,635 and the Assembly version \$137,640. She stated that the Senate and Assembly need to reconcile the shift of redevelopment funds to the State Education Revenue Augmentation Fund. She explained that the irony is that, assuming the State takes money from redevelopment and places it in the Augmentation Fund, they are proposing to pay the City back in the loss of 50% sales tax from the Education Revenue Augmentation Fund. The other impact of the State Budget, which will not impact La Palma, is the California Law Enforcement Equipment Program which was cut from the State's budget. La Palma never anticipates getting this money so it was not placed in our budget.

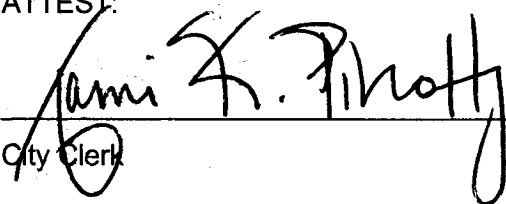
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Esparza Lagmay.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk