

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

October 21, 2003

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Blake led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Walker 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
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Jeff Kirkpatrick, Police Captain
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Coordinator, Noel Munivez, and C.A.B. Chair, Jennifer Fullerton, introduced the 2003 Miss La Palma contestants.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Duane Schuster, 8272 El Pescador, addressed the Council to request support for the Cypress College Foundation's Americana Awards Program, noting that this year's honoree is Herb Carson.

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 recessed the Community Development Commission to convene as the Planning Commission at 7:11 p.m. (See separate Planning Commission Minutes.)

RECESS

Mayor Barnes recessed the Planning Commission to convene as the City Council at 7:25 p.m.

RECONVENING

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE OCTOBER 7, 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,267.80 TO THE LOW RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, AMERICAN ASPHALT SOUTH, INC., OF FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEALING OF VARIOUS CITY 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

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

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-43 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR OCTOBER 21, 2003

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

AYES: Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Barnes

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

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-44 AMENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES IN RECOGNITION OF HER PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST YEAR

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker

NOES: Herman

ABSENT: None

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

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STREET CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR THE ANNUAL LA PALMA DAYS PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2003 AND CHANGING THE START TIME TO 7:30 A.M. FOR DALLAS DRIVE

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duke 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 Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District Meeting and they are currently interviewing for an Interim District Manager. Councilmember Herman and his wife are attending the "Take a Stand Against Breast Cancer" event at Universal City Walk. He stated that La Palma is the only Orange County city being represented at this event. Councilmember Herman thanked staff for the 500 foot buffer maps to be used at future Planning Commission meetings. He congratulated Mr. Noorbaksh for his appointment to the City Engineers Flood Control Advisory Committee. He thanked Crystal Wilkerson for organizing and making the Red Ribbon event a successful event, and apologized for not making the Red Ribbon Challenge on Saturday. Councilmember Herman stated that he passed out an editorial on the D.A.R.E. Program and he stated that the City has definitely made the right decision in freezing the program until it can be funded again. He stated that there are some other opportunities that the City can look into for future D.A.R.E. events when finances permit it.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke touched on the letter that the La Palma Police Department received from Buena Park Police Department. In their letter, they thanked the Police Department for covering the Buena Park Station while their employees attended the funeral of one of their fallen officers,

Officer Tyler Pinchot. They described La Palma as "a city with a heart". She thanked the Chief for these courteous gestures to the surrounding cities.

Councilmember Blake stated that he is still looking for convertibles for the parade. He stated that he went to the fire on Lynn Circle and he stressed the importance of informing residents about the importance and dangers of having metal roofs over existing shingle roofs. He stated that it appears this is what caused the fatality at this residence. The heat was contained in the home and they didn't have any smoke detectors.

Councilmember Walker explained that this is a common practice for contractors to place a metal roof over existing shingles. Apparently, they inform the occupant that it gives the home more insulation. He mentioned that now is a good time to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

City Manager Standiford stated that staff has been working on an article for the next Recreation Brochure, where the "City News" is now published, talking about the importance of getting proper permits for roofs, making sure smoke detectors are working properly, and some of the dangers involved with metal roofs.

Councilmember Walker mentioned that smoke detectors are free for the elderly and low income families, through the Fire Authority and requested that this be added to the article.

Mayor Barnes mentioned that she has a report on the Facilities Committee for Measure Z on the bond issue for Anaheim Union High School District. She stated that she passed out a handout regarding the construction schedule and, because of delays with the Department of State Architecture, the projects are about six months behind. The Kennedy Auditorium project is expected to complete around June, 2005 due to this setback. She also passed out a letter from Gordon Getchel that states there is approximately \$111 million dollars available for the first wave of construction before the money comes from the State. The original budget for the entire project had a \$9 million dollar reserve, but now it appears that they have an additional \$10 million savings of income from the project which equates to \$19 million dollar reserve. On October 16, Mayor Barnes attended the West Orange County Cities Association meeting where they discussed

various transportation matters. Mr. Kirk Brochkey, Principal Transportation Analyst for OCTA, discussed the light rail guideway stopping at Cypress College, and perhaps in the future going to Los Angeles. There is also a North Orange County Feasibility Study for Brea, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia and Yorba Linda. At this meeting they also discussed the Proposition 40 park money. The Orange County Supervisors will be voting on how to allocate the money at the October 28th meeting. Mayor Barnes also attended the JPIA conference along with City Manager Standiford. Cement grinders were recommended to even out pavement. At another session, they spoke on how to reduce liability exposure from comments made out in the public by councilmembers in regards to City conditions or the lack of them. Finally, she attended a session on how not to hire "Chester the Molester". Mayor Barnes thanked Crystal Wilkerson for coordinating the Red Ribbon Week Challenge. She stated that she went to Miller School where Officer Morales was talking to the children, along with Hugs the Bear. She then attended Luther Elementary School with the Fire truck, but unfortunately they had to leave for a call.

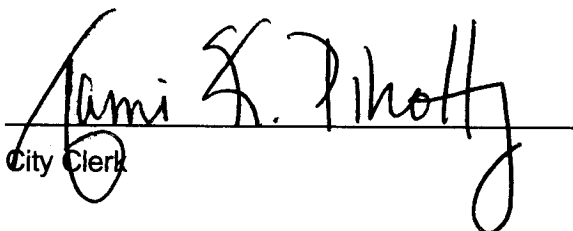
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk