

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 2003

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Duke led the pledge of allegiance.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Orange County Supervisor James Silva, designated the La Palma Days Parade as the County's annual Veterans Day event. Director of Recreation & Community Services, Jan Hobson, introduced the members of the Coordinating Committee.

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.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the Community Development Commission to convene as the Planning Commission at 7:12 p.m. (See separate Planning Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Barnes reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:15 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE OCTOBER 21, 2003 CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-46 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2003

APPROVED THE COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICANA AWARDS, AND AUTHORIZED THE EXPENDITURE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A TABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.

RECEIVED AND FILED THE FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-47 APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002; AND, ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-48 APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002; AND DEPOSIT THE FUNDS INTO THE PARK GRANT FUND FOR ALLOCATION AT A FUTURE DATE.

APPROVED STEVE LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLACK OUT THE UNNECESSARY PAINTED STRIPES IN THE AREA, INSTALL NEW LANE LINE STRIPING AND LEGENDS BY PAINTING A RIGHT TURN AND A LEFT TURN ARROW, AND PAINT THE CURB RED IN THE

"NO PARKING" AREA; AND AUTHORIZED THE CITY TO PAINT THE WESTERLY CURB OF REDFORD LANE FROM BEGINNING OF THE CURB RETURN TO 15' SOUTHERLY; AND APPROVED THE CITY TO INSTALL, FACING NORTH, THE NECESSARY SIGN COMPATIBLE WITH THE ABOVE LEGENDS AND INSTALL A "DO NOT ENTER" SIGN FACING SOUTH.

AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$211,112.65 TO THE LOW RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, DMA GREENCARE CONTRACTING, INC., OF TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR TREE REPLACEMENTS AND VINE INSTALLATIONS ON LA PALMA AVENUE BETWEEN WALKER STREET AND DENNI STREET, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-243; AND AUTHORIZED THE TRANSFER OF \$38,600 FROM THE MOODY STREET MEDIAN INSTALLATION PROJECT (ACCOUNT NO. 035-900-871) TO THE VINE INSTALLATION PROJECT (ACCOUNT NO. 035-900-869).

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

7. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for Street Rehabilitation

Councilmember Walker made a motion to accept 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 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 Nos. ST-249 & ST-237. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Duke, Herman, Walker
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Blake

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Sale of City Owned Surplus Swager Well Site

Director of Public Works, Ismile Noorbaksh, stated that in July 2002, the City Council authorized abandoning the Swager Well on the east side of Moody Street, south of La Luna Drive. On August 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the disposition of the well site and declaring the land surplus. Section 54222 of the Government Code requires the city to provide written offers to sell the surplus land to other local agencies for the development of new and moderate income homes, recreation open space purposes, or for school purposes. The well size is 510 sq. ft. and is non developable. As it is less than 5,000 sq. ft., the city is exempt from sending such offers.

On September 2, 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring it's intention to sell the surplus land and established a time, place, and date of public hearing. Subsequently, staff posted and published the Notice of Public Hearing.

Staff is recommending the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the sale of the property and directing publishing the Notice of Sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke asked Mr. Noorbaksh if the revenue of the sale goes into the water budget.

City Manager Standiford responded positively.

Jacqueline Henry, 5001 Sausalito Circle, explained that the well currently forms part of the boundaries of her backyard. She requested that the City Council approve the sale of the well so she can start renovation of her backyard. She also stated that it currently is very unattractive with the metal gate and weeds. Ms. Henry stated that she would be happy to place a bid on this land if necessary so she can start renovation.

Commissionmember Blake made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissionmember Walker and carried unanimously.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2003-49 approving the Sale of City Owned Swager Well Site and Directing the Publishing of Notice of Said Sale. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Blake

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Walker stated that Councilmember Herman will be giving the report and his next meeting is October 5, 2003. Councilmember Walker asked if the upcoming Leadership Conference will still be held at the Lake Arrowhead location.

City Manager Standiford responded positively.

Councilmember Herman stated that he attended the Sanitation District meeting as Councilmember Walker's alternate. Councilmember Herman stated that it was nice to see Supervisor Silva this evening at the Council Meeting and mentioned that Supervisor Silva and his fellow board members approved the money for the Orange County Fire Ant Program to continue until mid January and have allocated \$570,000 from their General Fund. Councilmember Herman stated that hopefully by then Orange County Officials will be able to find some long term funding. He asked if the La Palma Chamber of Commerce did any independent audits of their organization.

Mayor Barnes stated they have a treasurer who maintains their books and they haven't been audited for awhile, but can look into having it done.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke stated that it was very rewarding to read a letter from a community member commenting on actions by one of the City's Police Officers and their caring attitude. She stated that the Miss La Palma Pageant went very well. Jennifer, the Mayor's daughter, did an excellent job and the City of La Palma has a beautiful court and a beautiful Miss La Palma.

Councilmember Blake attended the Orange County Fire Authority meeting where one of the topics discussed was the Regional Fire Operations Training Center. It is on schedule and should be completed by September 2004. Hopefully, the first board meeting will be held in January 2004 in building A. He stated that the board seating will be done by date of incorporation of the member cities and La Palma will get the second chair. He enjoyed going to the Miss La Palma Pageant and stated fortunately he is not a judge since this is another year he picked the wrong girl. He stated that volunteers are needed for the parade this weekend for staging, band review and staging along the route. He stated that interested parties can contact Jan Hobson in the Recreation Department.

Mayor Barnes attended the Miss La Palma Pageant and wouldn't want to be a judge, as it was tough to choose. She also attended the Oxford Academy ground breaking for the building of their facilities. She commented on an editorial that Councilmember Herman passed out to all of the City Council in regards to the D.A.R.E. program. She stated that she disagrees with the Author who believed D.A.R.E. doesn't work. She stated that it is hard to prove the negative when people are not involved with taking drugs. The article did state that D.A.R.E. does increase a child's self esteem, and Mayor Barnes feels that this editorial was very contradicting. She also stated that she is still at a loss that the City doesn't provide this program anymore and is hoping that someday the City can reinstate the program.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford commented on the seat that La Palma has at the Orange County Fire Authority dais and she has had the privilege to get a tour of the facility. At the entrance of the main building, they have arranged to have an etching of every city seal that is a member. The placement of the seals was dictated by the incorporation of the city and the City of La Palma is top, front and center.

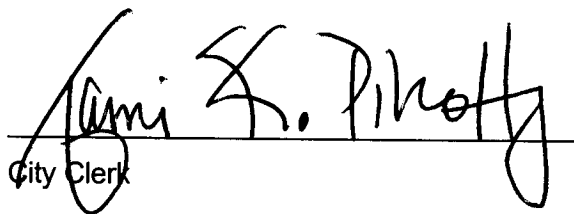
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk