

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION one case.

RECONVENING

The City Council reconvened in regular session at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Simon Kim of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Lauree Aragona, Christine Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke, Paul F. Walker

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Len Wood, Interim City Manager
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police
Jeff Kirkpatrick, Police Captain
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aragona announced that a Proclamation designating April as Blue Ribbon Month and April 16 as Shine the Light on Child Abuse Day would be forwarded to Supervisor Cynthia Coad.

The City Council presented a Proclamation recognizing the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Program to La Palma Volunteers Larry and Ulla Herman.

Mr. Nick Arhontes of the Orange County Sanitation District gave a visual presentation on the CMOM Program.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, La Palma, addressed the Council in inquire on the status of preparations for the 5K/10K Run.

City Manager Len Wood responded that everything is on schedule.

RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:30 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Aragona reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:37 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED THE MARCH 6, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-13 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS MARCH 20, 2001

APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE DETAILING THE CITY OF LA PALMA'S CONTRIBUTION OF \$40,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LA PALMA BRANCH LIBRARY

Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, La Palma, addressed the Council to inquire how the money flows into the Library.

Assistant to the City Manager Tami Piscotty responded that on February 6, 2001 the Council reviewed the County Librarian's recommended improvements to be made with the budgeted \$40,000. These suggested improvements are:

- Three additional carrels to match existing carrels for the new workstations;
- Improvement of lighting over the adult fiction and non-fiction area;
- Replace the broken rear entry doors; and
- Construct a ramp at the rear delivery doors.

Councilmember Blake added that, while the \$40,000 essentially goes into the General Fund, County Librarian John Adams has always used the entire amount for improvements to the La Palma Library.

Councilmember Duke stated that this money is budgeted every year and the City has been very fortunate that Mr. Adams has put the money back into the La Palma Library. She added that last year the money was used to purchase computers.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Aragona, Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes stated that she attended a meeting of the Anaheim Union High School Facility Use Task Force with city representative Brian O'Neal. She explained that as an alternate she felt she should become familiar with the Committee and gather information.

Councilmember Barnes stated that she attended the Mayor's Breakfast in Garden Grove where the star of "Biography of Rudy" from the movie Fame was the guest speaker and it was very enjoyable. She added that she also attended a breakfast with Assemblyman Tom Harman where the subject was ERAF, the League of California Cities meeting where Michael Josephson from the Josephson Institute was the guest speaker and the Rail Symposium in Huntington Beach which gave an overview of all types of rail from rapid to MAGLEV.

Councilmember Barnes stated that this coming Thursday she will be attending the Orange County Fire Authority as well as the Anaheim Union High School District's Administrator's Dinner. She invited everyone to attend the Ribbon Cutting and Chamber Mixer at Café Latte Da.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker stated that he attended the Sanitation District meeting where they also had a presentation on CMOM. Biosolids were also discussed and it was pointed out that the District would need to start producing Biosolids A. The District will be purchasing 20 acres to produce the composting mixture. He also highlighted the various other topics discussed at the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker reported that the Cable TV Ad Hoc Committee met with City Attorney Joel Kuperberg, Assistant to the City Manager Tami Piscotty, and Bill Marticorena and he felt the meeting went very well. He stated that the same concerns seem to be heard in the other cities serviced by AT&T.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker reported that he also attended the Garden Grove Mayor's Prayer breakfast and commented that La Palma was once again the only City whose entire Council was in attendance.

Mayor Aragona stated that the topic at the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast she attended was energy, both electric and gas, and the problems with product delivery. She also reported on Assemblyman Tom Harman's Breakfast and the Orange County League Meeting.

Mayor Aragona commented that Bill Bailey of Senator Johnson's Office spoke very highly of his dealings with Assistant to the City Manager Tami Piscotty and her professionalism.

Mayor Aragona also reported on the Rail Symposium in Huntington Beach and MAGLEV.

Mayor Aragona stated that a homeowner adjacent to Ralph's had shared with her the personal interaction provided by Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh in dealing with a problem she had been experiencing and she commended Mr. Noorbaksh.

Councilmember Blake reported on the Regional Fire Training and Operations Center Ad Hoc Meeting and the Garden Grove Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. He also reported that he had been invited to attend the Metropolitan Water District Survey of Water Facilities, which he found very interesting.

Councilmember Blake reported that there are some lights in the green belt that are burned out and need to be replaced.

Councilmember Blake congratulated Captain Jeff Kirkpatrick on being appointed "Principal for a Day" at Los Coyotes.

Mayor Aragona welcomed Finance Director Robbeyn Bird back after her recent surgery.

Councilmember Duke reported on her attendance at the California Parks & Recreation Society Annual Conference in Sacramento. She commented that she was very pleased to see the City of La Palma included during the awards presentation.

Councilmember Blake commented that La Palma is included on the list for the Helen Putnam Award and he sits on the Community Services Committee that will be judging the applicants.

Anaheim Union High School Facilities Task Force Representative Brian O'Neal stated he was fortunate to be selected "Principal for a Day" at Kennedy High School. He reported that graphics are being painted on the buildings as part of the school beautification. He also reported that the

grounds are being maintained nicely and the air conditioning installation is 98% complete. He then presented a detailed report on the most recent Task Force Meeting.

Vector Control Representative Larry Herman provided a draft letter on the Wild Vertebrate Animals Education Program. He also reported that 3.5 million dollars in funding has been approved for the Red Imported Fire Ant Program but this still needs to be approved by Governor Davis. Mr. Herman also provided the Council with copies of two Los Angeles Times articles about the fire ants.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

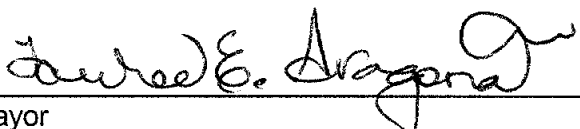
Mr. Wood reported that Jerry Dominguez of Southern California Edison had provided the City with an agreement for the development of the El Rancho Verde right-of-way. He stated that the City Attorney would review the agreement before being presented to the Council for consideration. Mr. Wood commended Ismile Noorbaksh for his efforts and tenacity in bringing the project to this conclusion.

Mr. Wood also reported that the City Manager position has been advertised in five sources and the brochure is complete. To date, 16 applications have been received, which is a good indication that there will be a good applicant pool to select from. He stated the position will close on April 17th and within two to three weeks, 10 to 12 applicants will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Mr. Wood commended Principal Planner Joan Hoesterey and her staff for all their hard work in completing the preparation of the General Plan that has now been distributed to the Council.

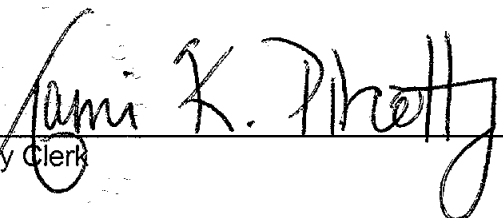
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk