

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

July 17, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

High Priest Robert Powers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmembers absent: Kenneth A. Blake

City Officials present: Len Wood, Interim City Manager  
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Director of Recreation & Community Services Jan Hobson introduced new Recreation Coordinator Guiseppe G. Vera.

RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:05 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE JULY 3, 2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. CDC 2001-35 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JULY 17, 2001

RECEIVED AND FILED THE INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2001

AUTHORIZED THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF "CODE BLUE" EMERGENCY CALL BOXES IN THE EDISON RIGHT-OF-WAY, FROM VALLEY VIEW STREET TO MOODY STREET, CITY PROJECT NO. 01-PRK-01

APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH NORRIS REPKE, INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,485.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STREET REHABILITATION OF ORANGETHORPE AVENUE FROM MOODY STREET TO COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-230

APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH PSOMAS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$14,790.00 FOR THE PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES FOR UPGRADE OF CITY'S EXISTING WATER TELEMTRY SYSTEM WITH SCADA IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 98-WTR-01-PHASE II

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

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

REGULAR ITEMS

PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL ZONE, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND LAND USE DESIGNATION

Interim City Manager Len Wood stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance, which implements the General Plan by extending the Institutional Use.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2001-04, an Ordinance of the City of La Palma Amending Chapter 26 of the Municipal Code by Adding New Provisions for the Public/Institutional Zoning Standards and Changing the Land Use Designations for Certain Properties to Public/Institutional. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CLAIMS ORDINANCE

Interim City Manager Len Wood stated that this is the second reading of the ordinance establishing a local claims procedure.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2001-05, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, California, Adding a New Article IX to Chapter 2 of the La Palma Municipal Code to Establish a Local Claims Procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duke and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CITY-WIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-247

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh stated that as a result of the energy crisis and threat of rolling blackouts, the City needs to start conserving energy. He added that one of the critical facilities that would be impacted by rolling blackouts would be the traffic signals. Mr. Noorbaksh explained that each traffic signal consumes 1,500 to 1,900 kilowatt-hours of electrical energy per month. Presently, a technique for conserving electrical energy is to install Light Emitting Diodes in the traffic signal heads to replace the existing incandescent bulbs, which reduces electrical energy by approximately 90%. The LED's use about 15 to 20 watts of energy compared to 135 watts for the incandescent lamp and have a 10-year service life as compared to 1-2 year service life for an installed incandescent light bulb in the traffic signal. Mr. Noorbaksh stated that if implemented, this project will result in two significant benefits:

- First, the installation of LED will decrease the energy use by the traffic signals and reflect a positive effort by the City to conserve energy, and
- Second, save the City approximately \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00 per year in cost of electricity.

Mr. Noorbaksh stated there are twenty traffic signals in the City and the estimated cost to convert these signals from incandescent to LED would be approximately \$72,000.00. The rate of return on the investment of \$72,000.00 to install the LED's is 4 years. Funds for the installation of LED's were not appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2001/02 Budget, this is an unforeseen expenditure; however, staff is recommending that the Council take \$72,000.00 from the \$100,000.00 budgeted for a proposed traffic signal on Valley View Street and Fresca Drive from the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund and appropriate those \$72,000.00 for the LED Installation project. The balance of \$28,000.00 would be used to complete the plans, specifications, and contract documents and be ready to install the traffic signal in the next fiscal year budget.

Mayor Aragona commented that these LED lights are a different brightness and suggested it would be wise to do some type of citizen education regarding the use of these lights.

Councilmember Barnes asked when staff expects to complete the conversion. Mr. Noorbaksh responded that they can be installed in the next four months.

Councilmember Duke commented they have these lights in the City she is employed by and there haven't been any problems associated with the brightness of the lights.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2001-36 authorizing Traffic Signal Modification Work at Various Locations within the City of La Palma, and approving appropriations for City-wide Traffic Signal Energy Conservation Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CONSIDERATION OF DARK MEETING

Interim City Manager Len Wood stated that in past years the Council has canceled one or two meetings in August. This item has been placed on the Agenda to allow Council to determine if they wish to cancel the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Wood added that staff has been polled to ensure that no projects are delayed if this meeting is canceled.

Councilmember Barnes commented that it was her understanding that the Acacia facility was going to make a presentation at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Aragona stated she feels the City has enough business and issues that the Council should not cancel meetings. In addition, this is the first meeting for the new City Manager, and stated she would encourage a no vote on this item. In addition, she commented that Councilmembers have arranged their vacations so that they would not conflict with the scheduled Council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to cancel the regular meeting of August 7, 2001. The motion died for lack of a second.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES /COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes thanked the Recreation Department for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and stated she was pleased with the turnout. She announced the Chamber Mixer on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Jo Guthrie's Mortgage on Valley View. She reported that she attended the Open House at Assemblyman Tom Harman's office in Huntington Beach.

Mayor Aragona reported she attended a Legislative Mixer regarding Redistricting at the County level and stated it looks like there is not much change with the Supervisor's redistricting. She stated that she attended the seniors meeting and reported that they have picked up new members, they appreciate the CAT bus, and they are planning a picnic later this summer. Mayor Aragona reported she also attended the Open House at Assemblyman Tom Harman's office. She

reported that she and Councilmember Barnes attended a program on the Episcopal Alliance Outreach, which provides financial and physical support to people in need. She also reported that she participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> event and stated she felt it was really a great sense of community. She added that she attended the Concert in the Park and encouraged everyone to attend the Concerts. She reported that retired Lieutenant Colonel Lassiter is working on a project to get a flag that has flown on the USS John F. Kennedy which he will present to Dr. Shelton which he hopes will be hoisted at Kennedy High School whenever they win a sporting event. She announced that Development Committee member Henry Huang's son, Derek, was chosen to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Organization sponsored by Congressman Royce.

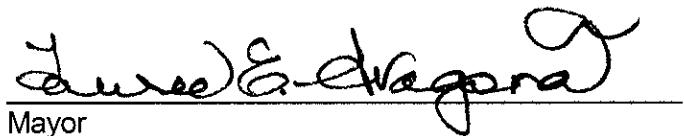
CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Interim City Manager Len Wood stated that staff did a great job of pulling the run together. There were twelve other runs competing in Southern California that day so he was very pleased to see the numbers. He reported that in 1999 there were 692 participants and in 2001 there were 717 and \$11,521.00 was raised. He also reported that this year timing was done by the placement of a chip on the runners shoe which allows the times to be posted much quicker. Another new concept this year was that the runners were able to register on-line. He concluded by stating that overall it was a tremendous success and Kiwanis reported they had their highest pancake breakfast sales ever.

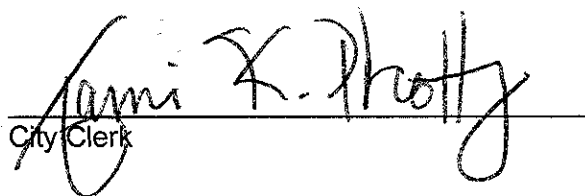
City Attorney Joel Kuperberg expressed his appreciation and good luck to Len Wood as he moves on to other communities in Southern California.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk