

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

August 21, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cub Scout Pack 650 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Mayor Aragona then introduced each of the Cub Scouts and their adult leaders.

INVOCATION

Pastor Michael Heher 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: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Paul Pitts, Director of Building & Safety
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brian O'Neal, 5042 Cartagena Circle, addressed the Council to state that the monument sign on La Palma Avenue is difficult for motorists passing by to read and encouraged the Council to look at re-doing the monument signs before any more are installed. He also referred to the vines on La Palma Avenue and suggested staff look at a residence on Centralia Street at Acacia in Lakewood that planted vines at approximately the same time as the city, but those vines are growing more rapidly. He stated he has received complaints from citizens about dirty sidewalks and asked what the schedule is for blowing the sidewalks.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh responded that they blow the sidewalks the last week of the month on the day before the street sweeper comes.

Mayor Aragona referred Mr. O'Neal's concerns about the vines and monument signs to staff.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bob Anthony of Kennedy High School presented the City Council a marble plaque in appreciation for the City's support as a Gold Medal sponsor for the band's recent trip to the Olympics in Australia.

RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:15 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Aragona reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:16 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that Staff is pulling Item 3 from the Agency to allow the City Attorney time to work on the language in the agreement.

Councilmember Blake pulled Item No. 6 for discussion.

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

APPROVED THE AUGUST 7, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-39 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR AUGUST 21, 2001

AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4-YARD DUMP TRUCK (LP-22)

APPROVED A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$14,000 TO S. A. ASSOCIATES FOR THE DESIGN TO DEMOLISH SWAGER WELL, AND REPLACE THE CITY YARD WATER PIPELINE AT THE CITY YARD, CITY PROJECT NOS. 01-WTR-02 AND 01-WTR-03

ADOPTED THE REVISED COUNCIL POLICY NO. 20 RELATING TO TRAVEL AND MEETINGS

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-40 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-66 PERTAINING TO AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPOSIT, INVESTMENT AND PAYMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-41 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS URBAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000, PROPOSITION 12 (AB 18)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-42 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

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

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

ROLLER HOCKEY AGREEMENT

Councilmember Blake stated that there was a section in the original agreement that allowed the high schools to use the rink during the day for practice and questioned why that was not included in this agreement.

City Manager Catherine Standiford responded that Kennedy High School is currently being allowed to use the rink although it is not on a regularly scheduled basis.

Director of Recreation & Community Services Jan Hobson explained that staff would continue to honor the promise made to the high schools regarding the use of the facility. There is a clause in the contract that provides that city programs have first priority for the youth leagues and then the adult leagues. The schools would be able to use the rink in the afternoons, the league's programs do not start until 5 p.m.

Councilmember Duke stated the agreement states youth leagues and suggested that perhaps the intent is that includes school and non-school leagues.

Councilmember Blake suggested the agreement be amended to read "youth leagues and high schools".

Recreation Supervisor Janet Cates addressed the Council to state that this contract is between the Cities of La Palma and Cypress and the California Street Hockey Association to provide recreational roller hockey to youth and adult recreation leagues. The contract doesn't address high school because it is not youth and adult recreational leagues. She added that there are mechanisms in place for the high schools to schedule practices in the afternoons and that doesn't really affect the contract. She stated that the Youth and Adult Leagues are held on Monday through Friday from 5 to 10 p.m.

Councilmember Barnes asked if the school district needs to negotiate for separately.

Ms. Cates responded that the City of Cypress and Anaheim Union High School District have a joint use agreement that does cover the roller hockey rink already in place so all Kennedy has to do is go through the application process and it would be granted.

Councilmember Blake made a motion to approve a five (5) year lease agreement between the Cities of La Palma, Cypress and California Street Hockey Association. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Walker and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR ITEMS

DESIGNATE TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO SERVE ON OCTA POLICY COMMITTEE

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that the Orange County Transportation Authority has been working with the West Orange County Cities Association to look at high capacity transit system options for the western part of the County and they have asked that the City appoint two Councilmembers to serve on a Project Definitions Study Policy Committee which would consist of elected officials from the Western Orange County Cities. She added that in addition there is a task force of City Managers from those same communities who are communicating with OCTA on a different level.

Mayor Aragona stated it is her recommendation she and Mayor Pro Tem Walker serve on this committee.

Councilmember Duke made a motion that Mayor Aragona and Mayor Pro Tem Walker serve on the OCTA Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Aragona, Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR ACACIA ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES NORTHWEST SITE, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER DUKE

Councilmember Duke stated that a request has come from Mayor Mike McGill, that the City consider funding for the Acacia Adult Day Care Services Northwest Site. She explained that Cypress has committed to \$50,000 and Los Alamitos is considering the request, but at a much smaller dollar amount. She stated the bottom line is that the three cities involved show support in some financial way that would enhance their fund raising efforts to complete this project as far as a financial budget is concerned.

Councilmember Blake stated he feels this site is something that is needed and he would be in favor of a token amount to support this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker concurred with Councilmember Blake and asked staff to bring back some numbers and where the funds would come from.

Councilmember Barnes agreed with the suggestion to look into the budgetary impact. She asked if the project was fully funded at this point and Mayor Aragona and Councilmember Duke responded negatively.

Mayor Aragona stated she believes this is an appropriate request that should be directed to the La Palma Community Foundation. She added that the City has unknown budgetary constraints and in her opinion the City needs to focus on the unknowns that are facing it.

Councilmember Duke suggested that staff contact the Foundation on behalf of Acacia Day Care Services and perhaps open some doors for them. She suggested this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councilmember Barnes commented that she attended the League of Cities Orange County Division meeting and reported that the speaker addressed SB 975 regarding prevailing wages. She stated she also attended the Legislative Mixer, which was very well attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker stated that one concern around the County right now regarding the Sanitation District is the 301H waiver for the secondary treatment of the effluent and stated he has distributed brochures on this subject to Councilmembers and staff.

Mayor Aragona thanked the Council for their willingness to step in at times and represent her at events she is unable to attend. She reported that at the Legislative Meeting quite a bit of time was spent on the redistricting issue and added that there may be a little bit of confusion for a while. She stated one of the bills discussed that she found interesting deals with Workers Compensation issues. She stated that the Business Retention & Attraction Subcommittee met with Hawkins Advertising and reported that the ADP request for sick childcare is going forward with La Palma Hospital. In addition the status of some of the open areas in the industrial section of the City were discussed. Following that meeting the subcommittee met with the Chamber of Commerce Business Retention Committee and the childcare issue also came up in that meeting. The Neighborhood Watch Welcome packets were discussed and reported that EDCO will be providing a color-coded map involving street sweeping and trash pickup which will be included in the packets. She added that possibly there will also be coupons for the school students. She also reported that several things that were discussed were the "Holiday Shop La Palma" and the "Health Fair Business Expo". Mayor Aragona reported that at the Legislative Mixer the Mayor's and Federal and State Legislators were invited to a smaller group along with City Managers at which she received a packet from the California Office of Emergency Services which she feels is invaluable and stated she would leave it for the staff who deal with emergency services. She also reported that there were several speakers dealing with base closures and urging support to keep the Los Alamitos base open. Mayor Aragona reported that a Red Ribbon Meeting was held with the Anaheim Union High School District and information on Red Ribbon Week will be presented at the September 4th City Council Meeting.

Mayor Aragona announced that she has been appointed by the California State League of Cities to the committee that oversees the Elected Officials Leadership Academy. She stated she had received comments from some of the residents of Bellhaven Street commending Code Enforcement's efforts in the successful removal of boats from the driveways and streets. She also stated she had received some calls concerning the train that runs across the southwest end of the City and asked Mr. Noorbaksh for a status report on when the tracks are going to be removed.

Mr. Noorbaksh responded that removal of the tracks has been delayed because of the train tracks they are building in Torrance. He added he will contact the Railroad Company and their consultant for current information.

Councilmember Blake stated he attended the Orange County Fire Authority meeting and reported that the bonds for the Regional Operations and Training Center were put out early in August and they were put out at a lower rate than anticipated. He added that it appears they will be getting some additional federal and state funding for the center and ground breaking will hopefully be in

November or early December. He announced that he has been nominated in District 2 to the Resolutions Committee. He asked everyone to review the proposed resolutions and report any comments. Councilmember Blake commended the Police and Recreation Departments for their quick actions during the recent incident at Miller School that resulted in a car chase.

Chief Giampa added that the department is pleased they were able to apprehend the individual without any injuries to any innocent bystanders or police officers.

Councilmember Duke stated she attended the West Orange County Cities Association and reported that a grant of \$500,000 has been given to the Orange County League from HCD for a partnership with western Riverside to address a housing/jobs imbalance. She added ACA 4 regarding transportation monies will be on the March ballot and explained it would make it a constitutional amendment to protect the transportation monies. She reported SB 910 was also discussed. It has been amended, but it is still not a good bill and cities are being requested to encourage Tom Harman, Lynn Daucher and Lou Correa to vote no on this bill. Councilmember Duke also reported that prior to the WOCCA meeting there was a group called the West Orange County Cities Economic Development Strategy Action Plan Partnership and called upon Principal Planner Joan Hoesterey to present an update on that meeting.

Ms. Hoesterey explained that this group was formed as a subdivision of West Orange County Cities in order to address what they feel is a lack of recognition of this particular portion of the County and what they have to offer. She stated that La Palma agreed to be a part of this subdivision and pay an assessed amount of \$2,000. She added that at this time this is a one-time assessment to fund the group. She reported that they are putting together a brochure to promote this part of the County, which she will bring to Council when it is available.

Councilmember Duke announced that the next West Orange County Cities meeting will be held in Cypress on November 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Aragona asked staff if they have recently sent any letters of opposition to SB 910. Ms. Standiford responded negatively.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to a Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

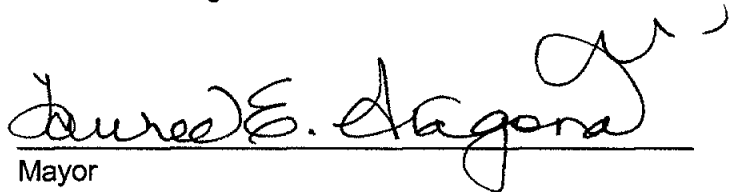
Agency Negotiators: Steve Filarsky and Tami K. Piscotty

La Palma General Employees Association

La Palma Police Association

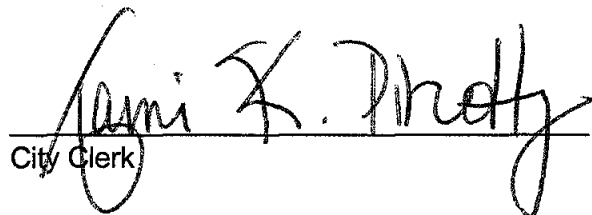
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened and adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in memory of Gloria Scanlon, a long-time La Palma resident, boardmember of the Central School District and Council-appointee to the La Palma Community Foundation and "Slim" Tarrell, Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Union High School District and former principal at Walker Junior High School.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk