

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

September 18, 2001

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council met in Closed Session at 6:15 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  
La Palma Professional Employees Association

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 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

Pastor Herbert Carson of Faith Fellowship gave the Invocation and led the audience in the singing of "God Bless America."

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  
Ed Ethell, Police Captain  
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  
Jeffrey Goldfarb, Deputy City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aragona presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steven Clark for his success on the Grizzly's Traveling Tournament Baseball Team.

Mayor Aragona presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Fred Bristow for his work as an umpire in the Little League World Series 2001 and years of dedicated service to Continental Little League.

Mayor Aragona announced that Proclamations will be presented to the appropriate agencies in recognition of the Cypress Community College 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, National Rehabilitation Awareness Week, and Ride Share Week.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Rudy Starowitz, 5801 San Simeon, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding the condition of the trees and vines along La Palma Avenue. He stated he had a list, which he would present to the Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh.

Mr. Wallace Yelle, 7461 Puerto Rico Drive, addressed the Council to state his concerns regarding the condition of Puerto Rico Drive in front of 7452 Puerto Rico Drive. In addition he complained that requests for graffiti removal are not accomplished within 72 hours. He also complained about the fee for the removal of graffiti.

#### RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:29 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

#### RECONVENING

Mayor Aragona reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:35 p.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-44 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,508.88 TO FORTEL TRAFFIC, INC. FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF LIGHT EMITTING DIODES (L.E.D.) UNITS FOR THE CITY-WIDE  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-247

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-45 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
WORKS/CITY ENGINEER TO CERTIFY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PROJECTS RECEIVING  
FEDERAL FUNDING

APPROVED THE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

APPROPRIATED \$1,643.65 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PAY FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002 LAFCO COSTS

The motion as seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Catherine Standiford announced that there would be a Study Session regarding the Utility User's Tax on Monday, September 24, 2001 at 7 p.m.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Aragona reported that she attended the school year kick-off at John F. Kennedy High School and stated that Dr. Shelton has requested that on Fridays the City Council, the City and the Police Department wear green and gold. She added that she attended their first game and it was an excellent game lost in the last few seconds.

Mayor Aragona stated that on September 11<sup>th</sup> the City Council and some City staff were scheduled to attend the California League of Cities Annual Convention. Due to the tragedy of events the convention was cancelled. However, since they were only an hour and a half south of Sacramento, they continued on to Sacramento and met with many of the city's legislators and attended the memorial ceremonies at the State Capital.

Mayor Aragona stated that on September 13<sup>th</sup> Public Works employee Tom Javorik retired and she appreciated being included in his retirement luncheon. She also reported that she attended the recent Gospel Concert in the Park and commended Pastor Heer on doing an excellent job.

Councilmember Blake announced the Kiwanis Installation, which will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Aragona announced that there will be a car show on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Central Park from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Lions Club sells the food and donates the proceeds to the Police Department's Explorer Scout program.

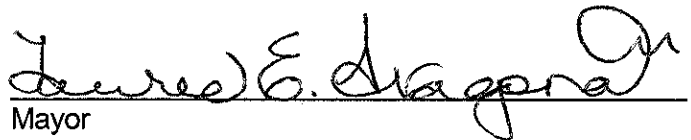
Councilmember Barnes stated that it was very eerie to be in the State Capital building knowing that it could be a terrorist target but added that the Memorial Ceremony was a very moving experience. She also reported that Dr. Billing's Secretary, Denis Gowen's brother-in-law was in the tower and also the pilot of Flight 77 was an alumni of Anaheim High School, Class of 1967.

Mayor Aragona passed to the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Walker who read a poem that he wrote in tribute to the Firefighters and Policemen who lost their lives at the World Trade Center.

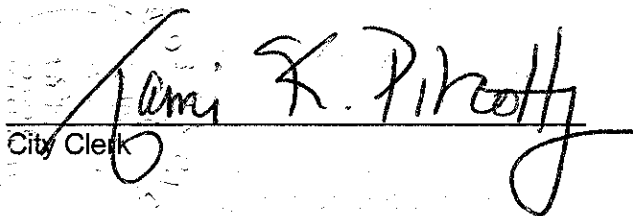
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. in memory of those that lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attack on our nation, including the employees of the World Trade Center and Pentagon, those in the four airliners, and the brave public safety workers who risked their lives saving our fellow Americans.

The City Council adjourned to an Adjourned Meeting on Monday, September 24, 2001 for the purpose of conducting a Study Session on the Utility User's Tax at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. A Closed Session will be conducted immediately prior to the Adjourned Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION; Utility User's Tax.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk