

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 20, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss La Palma Karen Tzong led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Sandra Heer of the Fountain of Living Waters Methodist 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  
Jeff Kirkpatrick, 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  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aragona read a Proclamation recognizing the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> as National Family Week.

Mayor Aragona stated that La Palma is known as a "Volunteer Connection City" and tonight she wanted to honor a gentleman who is a member of the La Palma Lions Club who doesn't even reside in La Palma and every time the Recreation Department needed someone to judge the Easter Bonnets or the Halloween Carnival Costumes, you always saw this gentleman in La Palma serving as a volunteer. She called Geneva Harrod to the podium to accept a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of her husband, Bill Harrod, who is suffering from a major illness. She also called up the members of the Lions Club that were present to share in this recognition.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Jan Hobson presented Certificates of Appreciation to the sub-committees, volunteers and sponsors of the La Palma Days Parade.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no one who wished to address the Council at this time.

RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:43 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Aragona reconvened the City Council at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of a joint public hearing.

INSPECTION OF MASSAGE PARLORS

Mayor/Chairman Aragona opened the Public Hearing and called upon City Manager Catherine Standiford to present the staff report.

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated this item is an introduction of an ordinance relating to the inspection of massage parlors and authorizing the Orange County Health Care Agency to inspect the premises of massage establishments in the City of La Palma. The ordinance is identical to an ordinance the City Council adopted on an urgency basis two weeks ago. She explained that the City's zoning ordinance does not currently allow for the procedures for the inspection of massage establishments. The City has recently experienced an increase in the number of applications and inquiries of establishment of such businesses, and this ordinance would require the Chief of Police, or his or her agent, the City Planner, the City Building Official, the Fire Marshal, and/or the Orange County Health Care Agency, or its successor agency, to conduct at least two unannounced inspections of each massage establishment in the City. She stated the purpose of these inspections is to confirm that the businesses are operating in consistency with the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Municipal Code. Effective enforcement of this Chapter would ensure that the premises are following appropriate procedures with regard to cleanliness and screening and things like that.

There being no one in the audience who wished to address the Commission/Council on this item, Councilmember/Commissionmember Duke made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember/Commissionmember Blake and carried unanimously.

Councilmember/Commissionmember Walker made a motion to:

Adopt Resolution 2001-22PC, a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of La Palma, recommending that the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration and an Ordinance Amending Section 15-11 of the La Palma Municipal Code Relating to the Inspection of Massage Parlors and

Authorizing the Orange County Health Care Agency to inspect the Premises of Massage Establishments for Compliance with Applicable Laws; and

Adopt Resolution 2001-62, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of La Palma, adopting a Negative Declaration for an Ordinance Amending Section 15-11 of the La Palma Municipal Code Relating to the Inspection of Massage Parlors and Authorizing the Orange County Health Care Agency to inspect the Premises of Massage Establishments for Compliance with Applicable Laws; and

Introduce by title only, waiving further reading, of Ordinance 2001-10, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, Amending Section 15-11 of the La Palma Municipal Code Relating to the Inspection of Massage Parlors and Authorizing the Orange County Health Care Agency to Inspect the Premises of Massage Establishments for Compliance with Applicable Laws.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 6, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-61 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS NOVEMBER 20, 2001

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

REGULAR ITEMS

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR MARCH 5, 2002 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Manager Catherine Standiford explained that this is a continuation of the discussion that was initiated earlier in the work session. She summarized the suggestions made in the work session:

- 1) Adding language in all four sections of the draft ordinance that pertain to the utilities on which the utility users tax is charged adding language to clarify that the taxes to be imposed are on utility usage and not on fees or charges levied by County, State, or Federal agencies
- 2) There's been a suggestion to consider modifying the exemption for businesses which contribute \$25,000 in sales tax per year
- 3) There's been a suggestion, similar to the language mentioned a moment ago, that you clarify the definition of the service on which the tax is to be imposed to say something to the effect "actual service as used"
- 4) There's been a suggestion to consider whether or not you want to try to find an opportunity to make modifications to accommodate increases in utility tax revenue that results from rate changes by outside agencies
- 5) There was a suggestion to consider an option that would provide for a variable tax where the Council would have the opportunity to lower the tax, potentially on a temporary basis and added that she has distributed draft language to each Councilmember, which would do essentially that. She added that the Council could conceptually, under that temporary structure, reduce it to some increment. The draft language does not technically accomplish that.

Mayor Aragona asked for additional clarification on the suggestion dealing with increases in utility tax revenue.

Ms. Standiford responded that there was a comment made during the work session of concern that the City's revenue potentially goes up in response to rises in utility rates imposed by electricity, gas, telephone or cable and whether or not the City should be able to take advantage of the revenue that comes from those rate increases. She stated she and Mr. Nelson have had several conversations about the philosophy of that. Where we haven't been able to come to any solution is a practical mechanism for determining what constitutes an arbitrary or capricious rate increase as opposed to a natural increase in costs due to inflation.

Councilmember Duke stated she thinks the draft language is fine but asked Ms. Standiford if what she was saying is that she would do some word smithing to make it incremental.

Ms. Standiford responded that it was pointed out during one of the breaks that during the work session she talked about a concept of the ability of the Council to temporarily reduce the tax on a twelve month basis and in describing that concept to the Council, she described it from the standpoint that the Council might be able to reduce it in some range, it could be 4.9%, or 4.7%, she merely wanted to point out that the draft language provided the Council does not have words that would allow the Council to make the reduction to those level of increments. The language would need to be modified to include the opportunity for some increment other than 1%.

Councilmember Blake commented that Mr. Nelson brought up an interesting concept with the rate increases. The problem is if there is a temporary rate increase and the City drops the tax, at what point in time if the rate drops down does the City increase the tax. He suggested that the better way to go is to have a floating scale on the basic utility tax, even though it may be 1%. On the question of the \$25,000 exemption, he stated he was not sure that question could ever be answered and would prefer to leave it as it has been.

Mayor Aragona stated she has a question, if, for example, the utility tax is lowered when the budget is approved in June of 2002, and six months into the year or less, one of the largest sales tax producers leaves the City, would the City have to wait until the end of the year to increase the tax back to 5%.

Ms. Standiford responded that the way the wording is currently drafted that would be correct.

Mayor Aragona stated that if the City has approved certain programs and if one of those eight top sales producers were to leave the City, the Council would possibly have to stop programs right then, freeze hiring, or dip into reserves, all of which greatly concern her. She added that because the resident survey indicated they are comfortable with what they currently pay she is a little uncomfortable with playing with the numbers. She added that a few years ago there were eleven top sales tax producers and now there are eight and that represents a lot of dollars. She suggested the City Attorney provide wording that would allow the Council to increase the percentage due to forces unforeseen. She concurred with Councilmember Blake that she prefers to leave the \$25,000 exemption as it currently is.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker referred to Proposition 218 and asked if the Council does lower the tax what are the legal ramifications to the Council raising the tax back up.

Mr. Kuperberg responded that as the ordinance is currently drafted, the Council could not do that. The initiative ordinance could be modified to allow the Council, after voting to reduce the rate of the tax from 5% to some point not below 4%, to then raise it back up to 5% before the end of that next year if the Council determines that the impact on the budget requires it. If that were the case then it would be okay under Proposition 218.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker stated he agreed with Mr. Nelson and Mr. O'Neal, that it shows good faith to the citizens. He added that according to the survey and what the Council has seen, the survey polls have shown there is strong support for the 5%. He asked what is going to happen if the rate is dropped down to 4%, there are a lot of unanswered and open-ended questions down the line.

Ms. Standiford clarified that the language before the Council would allow for a temporary reduction of the rate, the Council would not be obligated to reduce the rate unless it was something warranted according to the annual budget review.

Mr. Kuperberg added it might be helpful to explain what the proposal in front of the Council is and how it's going to be modified. He stated the proposal in front of the Council indicates that if, during its budget review in the spring, the City Council determines that the projected financial condition of the City won't be adversely affected in the upcoming fiscal year the City Council may

reduce the rate of the utility users tax from 5% to 4%. That rate reduction applies only for that fiscal year and automatically reverts to 5% at the end of that fiscal year unless the Council takes action in the subsequent spring. That can be modified to include the following ideas:

- The Council, if it made a determination that there would be no adverse impact to the City's budget in the upcoming fiscal year, could modify the rate from 5% to a lower rate, so long as that lower rate didn't go below 4%. That gives the Council the ability to float increments.
- In addition, a section could be added to that proposed amendment to provide that in the event the City Council had acted to reduce the utility users tax for a year and subsequently determined that there were impacts to the City's financial conditions, the City Council could then increase the tax back up to an amount not to exceed 5%.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker commented that a 1% drop on a \$100 bill, would only be \$1.00 and asked if it would be noticed that much.

Councilmember Blake commented he feels the actual dollar amount is immaterial; it's the perception and the percentage.

Councilmember Barnes stated she supports the suggestion to change the language in each of the utilities so that the tax is imposed on actual usage only. She also stated she supports keeping the \$25,000 exemption at status quo. In response to the question on windfall rate increases, she responded that when rates also go down she feels it will balance out. She stated she supports the concept of incremental drops in the tax. She also supports the concept of having the ability to raise the tax and not having to wait a full year.

Mayor Aragona commented that with the addendums, as the City Attorney has explained, he has overcome her concern about the full 1%, he has overcome her concern about being able to bring it back on if needed. There are just so many unknowns and she is concerned that the next outcomes of the legislative session in Sacramento are going to hit the cities very hard financially, particularly with the VLF.

Councilmember Blake commented that there is another cost to the City that is looming out there, and that's on the City's fire protection. He explained that right now the City is being subsidized approximately \$200,000 a year under the equity issue, which is only a ten-year agreement. There could be a hit to the General Fund in another eight and a half years if that equity issue is not extended.

Mayor Aragona stated there are also other issues, such as urban runoff, that have potential exposure for municipalities and also sanitation issues.

Mr. Brian O'Neal, 5042 Cartagena Circle, La Palma, addressed the Council to address the question of the annual review and stated the original ordinance called for a mid-year review every six months. He stated he would hate to see the situation where the City reacted very quickly every time it loses a business when a business might come into the City the next month. He

recommended keeping in the provision of the six-month review. He also stated that he feels the ordinance should be worded so that if the City gets a windfall the tax can go down as well as up.

Mayor Aragona responded she thought the City Attorney's draft language included that provision.

Mr. Kuperberg stated the way the ordinance is drafted the tax can go down; it would automatically go back up. In response to the Council's question he has drafted language that would make provisions to allow the City Council, if it lowered the tax during the fiscal year, to raise it back up to the 5%, or some amount up to 5%. He hadn't provided mid-year reduction.

Mr. Keith Nelson, 5311 La Luna, La Palma, addressed the Council to state that decisions made in haste are revisited and added that he does not feel this decision can be made this evening. This has to be nailed down before the issue can be voted on and he feels the Council needs to hold another meeting, they need to see something and sleep on it and read it two or three times.

Mayor Aragona asked if the Council needs to meet on this one item, and if so how quickly can this be done, and what restrictions will this place on staff to get this to the Registrar of Voters on time.

Ms. Standiford responded that whether or not the Council needs to meet on this item really relates to whether or not there is a consensus that an ability to temporarily reduce and then potentially raise back up the utility users tax is something the Council wants to pursue as content for the ordinance that goes before the voters. If there's a feeling that this is something the Council wants included, then the staff is at the Council's disposal. The practical impact is if the Council does not make a decision tonight, then a minimum number of days still needs to be allowed for the filing of ballot arguments once the decision is made. From a practical standpoint the Council could, in concept, call for the election contingent upon resolving the language issues related to the ordinance the Council wishes to place on the ballot, the Council could consider the second resolution, which would set priorities to filing written arguments. As part of that, based upon the concepts discussed tonight, authorize one or two Councilmembers to take the lead in writing ballot arguments on behalf of the entire City Council, and direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis, again based upon the concepts discussed in terms of the ordinance. And then the real decision becomes whether or not there is enough time to file for rebuttal arguments. Because of the number of days that must occur to allow for rebuttal arguments to be filed, it required ten days from the time the ballot arguments are received. Because of the County of Orange's December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline, if the Council does not take action tonight and establish the deadline for ballot arguments for a week from tonight, there would not be enough time to provide for rebuttal arguments.

Mayor Aragona stated she feels that the Council needs to vote on whether it wants to pursue the percentage going up or down.

Ms. Standiford clarified that there are a series of questions that the Council needs to vote on:

- 1) Whether or not the Council wants the flexibility of modifying the rate of the utility user tax within a 1% range

- 2) Whether or not the Council wants to change the exemptions
- 3) Whether or not the Council wants to add clarifying language to all of the utility categories to insure that the utility tax is being imposed only on the usage of utilities and not on fees and charges imposed by County, State, or Federal agencies.

Mayor Aragona called for a straw poll vote on whether it wants the flexibility to alter the range up or down, no more than 1%. The results were four Councilmembers in support and one opposed.

Mayor Aragona called for a straw poll vote on whether the Council was to change the exemption levels. The results were four Councilmembers opposed and one in support.

Mayor Aragona called for a straw poll vote on whether the Council wants to modify the exemption for businesses that contribute more than \$25,000 in sales tax. The results were five opposed.

Mayor Aragona called for a straw poll vote on whether the Council wants to clarify language to all of the utility categories to insure that the utility tax is being imposed only on the usage of utilities and not on fees and charges imposed by County, State, or Federal agencies.

Mr. Kuperberg stated that the same language that was developed for the telephone could be applied to the other utilities as well, and also add a definition of service as "service actually used".

The results of the straw poll were five in support with the wording recommended by the City Attorney.

Ms. Standiford stated that further action on this item really depends on whether or not the Council reaches a conclusion on the temporary reduction concept or not. If the Council is able to reach a conclusion on it the Council could conceivably adopt all resolutions and go forward. She suggested it might make more sense, from an initial starting point, to see if the Council can reach a conclusion on a temporary reduction. If not, that will affect the Council's ability to call for rebuttals, which is the third resolution before it, and it will affect whether or not there is a need for an additional meeting within the next week.

Mr. Kuperberg presented the following alternative language to subsection (b):

"Upon completion of the annual review required by subsection a) hereof, and after finding that the projected financial condition of the City, during the immediately succeeding fiscal year will not be adversely impacted the City Council shall have the discretion to reduce the rate of the utility user tax imposed by this ordinance from 5% to a lower rate, not lower than 4% for such immediately succeeding fiscal year."

Subsection (c) would read as follows:

"In the event that the City Council acts to reduce the rate of the utility users tax in accordance with this subsection (b), then, subject to subsection (d) hereof, such reduction shall only remain in effect for the one fiscal year for which the City Council approves the reduction. Upon the



conclusion of such fiscal year, the rate of the utility users tax shall automatically, and without further action of the City Council, revert from the reduced rate to five percent (5%), unless the City Council takes a separate action in accordance with subsection (b) hereof to reduce the rate of the utility users tax to a lower rate not lower than four percent (4%) for the next succeeding fiscal year.”

Then there would be a new subsection (d), which would read:

“In the event that the City Council acts to reduce the rate of the utility user tax in accordance with subsection (b), and the City Council subsequently determines that the tax rate reduction adversely impacts the City’s financial condition, the City Council shall have the discretion to increase the utility users tax for the remainder of the fiscal year to a rate not to exceed five percent (5%).”

Mayor Aragona commented that with these changes it does allow stability and latitude for this and future Councils.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2001-63 Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a Municipal Election be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, for the Submission to the Voters of the Approval and Maintenance of the City’s Existing Utility Users Tax, as amended. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2001-64 Setting Priorities for Filing Written Arguments Regarding a City Measure and Directing the City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis. 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

Councilmember Blake made a motion to appoint the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to draft a written argument in favor of the measure on behalf of the City Council. 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

Councilmember Duke made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2001-65 Providing for the Filing of Rebuttal Arguments for City Measures Submitted at Municipal Elections. 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

#### ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated this is the second reading and adoption of an ordinance adding sections to the Municipal Code finding the necessity and adopting a flood plain ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2001-09, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, California, Adding Section 26-176 through 26-179 to the Municipal Code Finding the Necessity and Adopting a Flood Plain Management Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duke 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 the Public Works Department has received the "2001 National Public Works Week of the Year" award. She also commended the employees for their outstanding participation in the recent United Way Campaign.

#### COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes reported that she attended the West Orange County Cities Meeting as well as the West Orange County Legislative Committee. She also reported that she and Councilmember Duke attended the SCAG Regional Economic Forecast Conference for Southern California, which highlighted the regional economic analysis of the 9/11 impacts on airport security, airlines, and airport finances. All of the speakers seemed to think that economic recovery would start to occur in the second quarter of 2002. She also stated that she attended

the Orange County Transportation Workshop with Mayor Aragona. She commented that at the Anaheim Union School Board Meeting they voted on whether to put their measure on the ballot and found it interesting because one of the Board members left before public input and never came back.

Mayor Pro Tem Walker asked when the clock in the Council Chambers would be fixed. He asked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh to contact CalTrans and report that there is a six to twelve inch divot in the pavement of the Orangethorpe eastbound on-ramp in the area of the signal. He also asked him to mention the traffic hazard that exists in the 91 HOV lane. He explained that the sign reads "I 5 Only" which causes cars to illegally cross the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic. He congratulated everyone on the parade and said he had a good time.

Mayor Aragona reported that at the last meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee they had an in-depth presentation from Dr. Wu who responded to the terrorist attacks in New York and also did some recovery work at the Pentagon. She also reported that they've done a risk assessment of the potential anthrax exposure and they've found that it's somewhat isolated and we do not need to be worried about it, as far as the general public. Dr. Wu did caution, however, that Sacramento and other state political areas should be watched. She added that according to Assemblyman Tom Harman and State Senator Ross Johnson, they have steps in place to screen mail.

Mayor Aragona also reported that she attended the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islanders Community Alliance and commented that La Palma is first in Orange County in the percentage of Asians and Pacific Islanders in our population with 45%. She added that it was good to hear that they are doing Voter Registration Outreach. She also stated that she was interviewed by the Korea Times, which gave her the opportunity to speak on the utility users tax issue. Mayor Aragona reported that she was also interviewed by the Luther Pride News at Luther School and touched on the utility users tax there too because the sixth graders are studying local government.

Mayor Aragona stated that she had a meeting with Huntington Beach Councilmember Ralph Bower who is the President of the Orange County League of Cities and reported that, as President, he wants to reach out to the 34 cities that are part of the Orange County League to see how they can better help us do our jobs. She added that at this meeting she brought up the Council's concerns on the subjects of taking educational programs that require expensive travel and registration fees out of the area and bringing them to Orange County, and the topic of mentoring. She stated they also discussed the VLF backfill issue that could significantly impact local government services.

Mayor Aragona reported that at the West Orange County Cities Association meeting there was a presentation from OCTA on rail concerns for West Orange County. She suggested it might be time to have Paul Rodriguez of OCTA come and do a presentation to the citizens of La Palma.

Mayor Aragona announced that she is serving on a committee for Assemblyman Tom Harman to serve as a judge for his "There Ought to be a Law" essay contest and from the essays she has read she stated it is going to be very difficult to select just one winner. The committee has

convinced Assemblyman Harman to have an overall grand winner and four semi finalists, who will be honored in Sacramento.

Councilmember Blake reported that at the Executive Board Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority they extended the external audit agreement with Moreland and Associates for one year. At the General Meeting they updated the investment policy and investment authorization, approved the financial statement for fiscal year ending June 2001 and had a fairly lengthy discussion on the response that has to be made to the Grand Jury on the report on residential fire sprinklers. He reported that after about two and a half hours of discussion they finally agreed to send out a letter to member cities informing them of the safety of using fire sprinklers. He explained that the original language recommended that all cities adopt ordinances requiring residential fire sprinklers in all new construction and all remodels that are greater than 50%. He also reported that they approved the development of a wellness and fitness program due to the fact that they are looking at going self-insured on their workers compensation. In closed session they evaluated the Fire Chief and on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> they had the ground breaking for the new Regional Training and Operation Center in Irvine. He stated that hopefully the bids will be coming back and they will be able to award a contract in January with a target date to have the facility completed by June 2003 with a final move-in by 2004.

Councilmember Blake commented that he was glad the parade was over and added that he was able to get 52 cars into Dallas Drive.

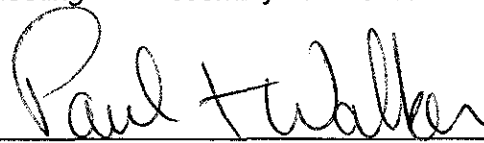
Councilmember Blake mentioned that the Mobil Station at Orangethorpe and Walker apparently is having monitoring equipment on site on a quarterly basis and asked if they have a problem that the City is not aware of.

Councilmember Duke reported that the senior apartments have their first move-in and they are expecting about 15 more, probably in December. They estimate that they may be at capacity by March. She reported that the Economic Forecast meeting was very interesting. She added that while some are predicting recovery as early as the second quarter in 2002, others are predicting the latter part of 2002 to 2003. She stated that the gentleman from the Inland Empire made an impassioned plea for the expansion of the Ontario Airport. She also reported that next month there will be a summit meeting in Los Angeles put on by SCAG.

Councilmember Duke stated she thought La Palma Days was a lot of fun and shared a comment made by a parent who enjoyed having these types of activities rather than the carnival rides.

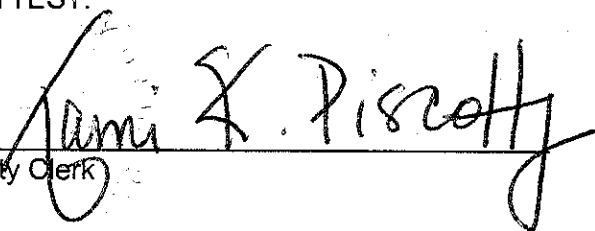
#### ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the La Palma Community Center for the purpose of meeting with Assemblyman Tom Harman.



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ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk