

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 4, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

INVOCATION

Pastor Herbert Carson of Faith Fellowship gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assemblyman Tom Harman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

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
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aragona introduced Kennedy High School coaches Mitch Olson and Jack Jensen. She then presented framed certificates to representatives of the Kennedy High School Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh/Soph Football Teams as 2001 Empire League Champions.

Edna Ethington of Youth 20/20 presented Mayor Aragona and each Councilmember with a bookmark from the winning entries of the 2001 Bookmark Contest.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

City Clerk Tami Piscotty called for nominations for the Office of Mayor. Councilmember Blake nominated Mayor Pro Tem Walker. Mayor Aragona seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations, Councilmember Duke made a motion to close nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Walker was elected Mayor on the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Walker called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Aragona nominated Mayor Pro Tem Barnes for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Duke seconded the motion. As there were no further nominations, Councilmember Aragona made a motion to close nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Barnes was elected Mayor Pro Tem on the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Walker asked Councilmember Aragona to join him at the podium where he presented her with a plaque for her outstanding service and dedication to the community as Mayor for the year 2000-2001.

Councilmember Aragona stated it has been a very challenging year and she appreciated the support that Mayor Walker gave her in his role as Mayor Pro Tem. She presented both Mayor Walker and Assemblyman Harman with a white chocolate gavel as a small token of her appreciation.

Assemblyman Tom Harman presented Councilmember Aragona a Resolution from the California Assembly commending her on her leadership and commitment to civic duty.

Councilmember Duke stated that Councilmember Aragona has been an exceptional Mayor for the City of La Palma; she has attended everything and represented the City extremely well. Councilmember Blake and Mayor Pro Tem Barnes concurred.

Mayor Walker introduced his parents, his wife Lisa, and friend Scott Weimer. He also introduced Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief J. J. McMasters and former Mayors Charlene Hatakeyama and Larry Herman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vector Control Representative Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, La Palma, reported that fire ants have been discovered in the wetlands. He also presented the Council an interesting newspaper article on a New Mexico resident who keeps skunks on his property. He added that the skunks have not been de-scented.

Ms. Edna Ethington, 8211 Suffield Street, La Palma, announced that all of the winning bookmarks are on display in the Library. She also commended Councilmember Aragona for the outstanding job she has done for the City of La Palma and congratulated Mayor Walker.

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:28 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:30 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Blake made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 20, 2001 ADJOURNED MEETING MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 20, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-66 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS DECEMBER 4, 2001

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-67 ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA PALMA AND THE LA PALMA POLICE ASSOCIATION FOR THE POLICE ASSOCIATION UNIT AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-44

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

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

REGULAR ITEMS

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF MESSAGE PARLORS

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that this is the second reading and adoption of an ordinance relating to the inspection of massage parlors and authorizing the Orange County Health Care Agency to inspect such establishments in La Palma.

Councilmember Aragona made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2001-10 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 Commissionmember Duke and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES

Councilmember Aragona reported that she attended a meeting with Joseph Pak of Pac Bell and Tina Javid of the Gas Company which was a follow-up to the Asian and Pacific Islanders meeting she had attended earlier. She added that La Palma has the fastest growing Asian/Pacific Islander increase in population. She also reported on the changes that are being made in the Every 15 Minutes Program and announced that the program will be held on April 30th and May 1st, which is prior to the Prom. She also stated that the final numbers for Red Ribbon Week are in and she will distribute copies to each Councilmember. She reported that \$4,470.00 was raised and they did not touch the \$5,000.00 that was budgeted.

Councilmember Duke reported that the Housing Summit will be coming up this month and the SCAG meeting will be held on December 13th. She also announced that the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony would be held tomorrow night.

Councilmember Blake reported that the new Orange County Regional Training and Operations Center will have a "Fallen Firefighters Memorial" funded by private funds and he has been asked to serve on the Design Committee. He added that the fund was started by a donation from Supervisor Spitzer of \$25,000.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes announced that there is a community food basket drive sponsored by the Kiwanis, Lions, Youth 20/20 and Chamber of Commerce. She reported that all the banks in the City have collection boxes.

Mayor Walker reported that he attended the Sanitation District meeting and reported that because of the price of natural gas falling, the District now has a surplus of 1.7 million dollars.

COUNCIL REMARKS

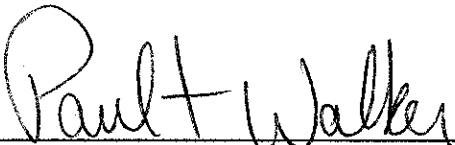
Councilmember Aragona reminded everyone that the La Palma Lions Club is sponsoring the Holiday Home Decorating Contest and encouraged everyone to submit applications. She reported that judging would be done on Monday, December 17th.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that the Recreation Department would have a collection box for the community food basket drive as well.

Mayor Walker asked the City Manager to schedule a workshop sometime during the first two weeks of January to go over Council norms and things they would like to see for 2002. He also stated that he would not personally be able to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony because he is scheduled to work and asked Mayor Pro Tem Barnes to serve in his place. He added that there would be representatives from the Police Department and Fire Authority there as well as the new Miss La Palma.

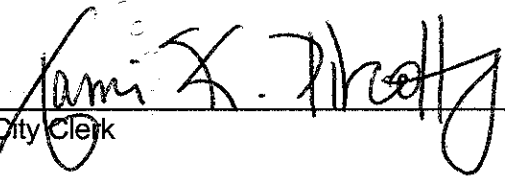
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk