

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shanahan called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall at 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

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present:

Councilmember Charoen, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez,
Mayor Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

Councilmembers
Absent:

Councilmember Herman,

City Officials present:

Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community
Services Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services
Manager/ City Clerk
Mike Belknap, Recreation Superintendent

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

No members of the public wished to speak.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Extension of an Interim Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Acceptance, Processing, and Approval of Applications and Permits for Land Use Development Entitlements and Land Use Permits on Designated Properties in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zone, for a Period of 10 Months and 15 Days

City Manager Lazzaretto gave the staff report.

Public Input:

Aaron Swerdlow of Festival Development Partners, LLC, 9841 Airport Boulevard, Los Angeles, addressed the City Council regarding his opposition to including banks in the moratorium.

Council Comments:

Discussion ensued regarding the proposal being an opportunity for the City Council to review the best interests of La Palma residents; decisions on land use being questioned by residents; the Ordinance being only temporary; why the parcel at the corner of Moody Street and Crescent Avenue was not included in this moratorium; and if the applicable parcels could be rezoned for mixed use.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to adopt an extension of an Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City of La Palma, California, establishing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and approval of applications and permits for land use development entitlements and land use permits on designated properties in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zone, for a period of 10 months and 15 days, pending the preparation of an update to the City's Zoning Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Charoen, Rodriguez, Shanahan, and Waldman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Herman

Mayor Shanahan called for a short recess at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Shanahan reconvened the City Council at 6:20 p.m. with Councilmember Herman being absent.

2. Conduct interviews for Council Appointed Committees

City Manager Lazzaretto gave a brief report regarding the committees; what is expected of committee members; attendance issues of Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB) members over the past year; and informed the City Council that Richard Daum had submitted his resignation from CAB. Discussion ensued regarding the structure of CAB; expectations of committee

members; the CAB budget; and the possible need for additional joint meetings with the City Council.

CAB Chair Linda Houston addressed the City Council regarding the possibility of making the committee smaller; the problems of having a quorum over the past year; and stressed that attendance at the meetings is equally important as attending the events.

CAB Vice Chair Abe Waheed addressed the City Council regarding selecting candidates who are hands-on and have initiative; giving more authority to the committee; giving the committee more access to the Recreation and Community Services Department.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the CAB Committee: Cheody Fortunato, Linda Houston, and Kevin Hsiao.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Development Committee: Henry Lee and Duane Lowe.

3. Discuss appointments to various Council Appointed Committees

Discussion ensued regarding whom to appoint to the CAB Committee and to the Development Committee. By consensus, the City Council deferred making a decision regarding appointing Keshavlal M. Patel to the CAB Committee to a later date as he was not able to attend the interviews.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez made a motion to direct staff to bring an item forward at the January 5, 2010, Regular Meeting of the City Council with the following appointments:

- Kevin Hsiao as a Youth Member to the Community Activities and Beautification Committee, with a term expiring August 31, 2010
- Cheody Fortunato to the Community Activities and Beautification Committee; with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2013
- Linda Houston to the Community Activities and Beautification Committee; with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2013

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Mayor Shanahan,
Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and
Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Herman

Councilmember Waldman made a motion to direct staff to bring an item forward at the January 5, 2010, Regular Meeting of the City Council with the following appointments:

- Henry Lee to the Development Committee; with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2013
- Duane Lowe to the Development Committee; with a four-year term expiring December 31, 2013

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Mayor Shanahan,
Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, and
Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Herman

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shanahan adjourned the Special Meeting in memory of Manuel Rodriguez at 7:47 p.m.

/s/

Steve Shanahan, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk