

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

August 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Shanahan called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:19 p.m. in the Council Chambers at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Waldman

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

Commission Members present: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the July 20, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

PL-2. Study Session: Proposed Outdoor Display and Incidental Seating Ordinance

Community Development Director Dumhart introduced Planning Intern, Rafael Garcia, who gave the presentation.

Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the requirements flexible for local business applicants; the application process; the intent of the proposed Ordinance being to address outdoor displays; the requirement for outdoor seating to be durable and aesthetically pleasing; preparing a brochure of permitted outdoor furniture; current businesses that have outside displays and seating areas; that restaurants in the City have historically wanted to have outdoor seating areas; frequent inquiries from retail stores regarding outdoor display areas; requiring dividers between walkways and table seating; keeping areas uncluttered; clarifying the definition of "a cluttered display"; safety standards; enforcement to be conducted by Code Enforcement and Building; that business owners were notified of the Development Committee meeting and the City Council meeting and that surrounding property owners will be notified if the project goes forward to the City Council; support of local businesses and a hope that the proposed Ordinance will help with stability during these economic times; guidelines; signage and advertising; handling violations and repeat violators by revoking permits or through administrative citations; and that the proposed Ordinance requires that outdoor seating adjacent to residential property has a 25 foot setback.

By consensus, the Planning Commission directed Staff to bring back the item for formal consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shanahan adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:44 p.m.

Steve Shanahan, Chairperson

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk