

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2005

Mayor Blake called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Father Patrick with St. Irenaeus Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine M. Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake,
Ralph D. Rodriguez, Mark I. Waldman

Councilmembers absent: Larry A. Herman

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Tami Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Duane Schuster, 8272 El Pescador, invited the City Council to attend the Neighborhood Watch banquet on February 17, 2005. He also asked for support for the Cypress Americana Awards Program.

RECESS

Mayor Blake recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:05 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Blake reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:06 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE JANUARY 18, 2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2005-09 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2005

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Herman

REGULAR ITEM

3. ***Mid-Year Budget Review***

City Manager Standiford explained that the City's General Fund Revenues were budgeted at \$8,626,300.00 for the current fiscal year. With the passage of Proposition 1A, the City is now guaranteed protection for most of the General Fund's main revenue sources, including sales tax, property tax and the vehicle license fee. The redevelopment funds that the Community Development Commission uses to conduct its economic development, business retention and, attraction, and affordable housing activities remain unprotected. The current Governor's budget,

as proposed, does not include additional shifts of revenues from either local government nor does it include additional takeaways from redevelopment funds in the CDC.

City Manager Standiford stated that, this evening, staff is presenting the Second Quarter Financial Report. She explained that revenues are coming in slightly better than projected, by approximately \$372,000.

City Manager Standiford stated that the expenditures were proposed in the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 at \$8,299,400. In the budget, the difference in revenues and expenditures of \$326,900 is a planned reserve, with \$150,000 set aside for PERS rate increases and \$176,900 left unallocated. Expenditure reports through the first quarter indicate that the City has spent between 40-50 percent of the General Fund, across all departments.

She reminded the City Council that the adopted budget remains lean because, in keeping the budget at status quo from the previous year, and by moving some money to address unfunded liabilities, there wasn't much money left to address unanticipated items that might come up during the course of the year.

She explained that the second half of the staff report reflects several mid-year budget adjustments related to City operations. Any expenditure adjustments needed for capital projects will be brought to the Council when Plans and Specifications are considered.

Councilmember Barnes asked about the revenues for the La Palma Days Parade. City Manager Standiford stated that revenues received for La Palma Days is partly from sponsorships and the others are from ticket sales and band fees. The wrap-up report for the La Palma Days event will be in the next Friday report.

Councilmember Barnes also asked why the Code Enforcement Vehicle fines were so low. City Manager Standiford explained that the Police Department reorganized and one of the Motor Officers was transferred to an administrative position leaving one Motor Officer in the field. Another reason for the decrease in citations is that the Motor Officer is occasionally pulled from his assignment to serve as a training officer.

Mayor Blake asked if the City should expect the citation revenues to increase after the traffic study has been conducted this year. Chief Ethell responded that there will be an increase, but not as high as if there were two motor officers. Mayor Blake asked if both officers could be brought back after the study to reduce the incidence of violations. Chief Ethell stated that this is not likely.

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to receive and file the Quarterly Financial Report and to adopt Resolution 2005-10 approving the Fiscal Year 2004/2005 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Herman

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Waldman attended the Sanitation District meeting where the recent dangers at the Prado Dam were identified and discussed.

Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Cypress State of the City event, and also attended the League of California Cities, Orange County Division monthly meeting. He mentioned that he received a request from the Relay for Life event organizers asking to establish a link to the City of La Palma's web site.

Councilmember Barnes attended the Orange County League's Advocacy Meeting and the topics discussed included pension reform, housing, redevelopment monies and State budget cuts. The City Selection Committee chose Miguel Pulido for the open seat on AQMD.

Mayor Blake gave the "State of the Authority" address to the Orange County Fire Authority. He attended Orange County Supervisor Jim Silva's monthly meeting. Mayor Blake also met with Dr.

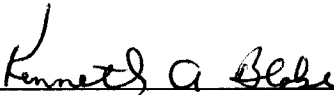
Huong of the Hallelujah International Mission to receive a delegation from South Korea. He attended Troup 670's Eagle Scout Court of Honor where he presented a Proclamation to Michael Young on behalf of the City Council. He mentioned that a light was out in the Southern California Edison Right of Way. He also mentioned that the street sweeper left hydraulic oil on the asphalt in front of his home.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford mentioned that she will be attending the League's City Managers Conference in Monterey next week. She stated that a White Paper on the proposed implementation of Automated Refuse and Manual Green Waste Collection will be provided to the City Council this week. She asked residents to be sure to look at the City's response to the News Enterprise's sewer incident article from last week, which did not have any input from the City of La Palma.

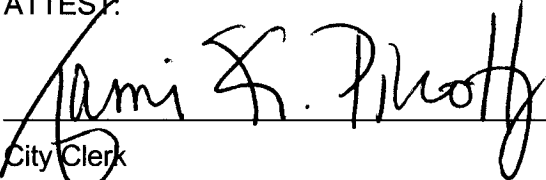
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting of February 15, 2005.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk