

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2005

Mayor Blake called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Rodriguez gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Lori Dinwiddie, 8191 Wickham, spoke in regards to the speed of vehicles during arriving and dismissal of children at Steve Luther Elementary. She submitted different types of possible solutions that other schools are using in their area.

Wendy Moonier, 8052 Redford Lane, expressed her concern with the traffic in front of Luther Elementary. There have been several times that she has almost been hit in the crosswalk. She stated as soon as the Motor Officer leaves the location, the motorists go back to their usual driving behavior.

Fidel Garz, 8052 Redford Lane, stated that on Cambury Drive where it meets Redford Lane, cars park on the curve. As cars approach the intersection, motorists have to try to avoid these vehicles as well as watch for pedestrians. This area is a perfect place to pull in and drop off, but when backing out of the area, it creates a problem for on-coming traffic and creates a traffic circle.

City Manager Standiford thanked the citizens for letting the City know of these traffic issues. She stated that the City is aware and will be monitoring the situation so the Traffic Safety Committee could review the situation and recommend suggestions.

RECESS

Mayor Blake recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:24 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Blake adjourned the Community Development Commission to convene as the Planning Commission at 7:25 p.m. (See separate Planning Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Chairman Blake adjourned the Planning Commission to reconvene as the City Council at 7:38 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE MARCH 1, 2005 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2005-14 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR MARCH 15, 2005

APPROVED AND EXECUTED THE JOINT AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE 800 MHZ COUNTYWIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, DATED NOVEMBER 2004, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

4. Community Meeting on Solid Waste Collection System

City Manager Standiford asked the Council for their response as to who will be attending the scheduled meetings to clarify if they need to be agendized to comply with the Brown Act. The Council agreed that both meetings should be agendized, given that at least three members would be attending each meeting she stated, then, that the meetings will be conducted like typical Study Sessions with staff making a presentation, input obtained from attendees, but no formal action taken by the City Council.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes discussed various school facility matters.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman inquired about dry weather interceptors; to which Mr. Noorbaksh responded three will be installed. He also asked if the COPS funds are federal money, to which the Chief responded affirmatively. Mayor Pro Tem Herman stated there is a movement afoot to reduce the Orange County Vector Control District Board to five members.

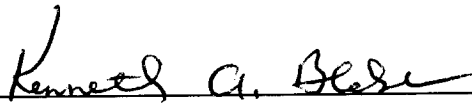
Councilmember Rodriguez attended the Orange County Leadership Symposium and the Orange County Fire Authority's Open House. He asked what the policy is for clean up when an accident occurs and causes damage to property on a weekend. He also inquired about the leak at the Walker Well; Mr. Noorbaksh responded that the leak was fixed and he is reviewing the structural engineer's report.

Councilmember Waldman stated that he was selected to serve on the League's Advocacy Committee, as an at-large member, along with Councilmember Barnes. He also toured the Sanitation District's Water Treatment Facilities.

Mayor Blake attended the Orange County Leadership Symposium, and was on the Planning Committee for this event.

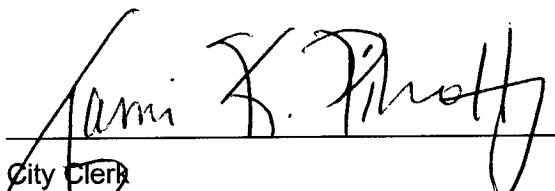
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to a Trash/Recycling Collection Study Session on March 21, 2005 at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk