

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 2004

Mayor Duke called the adjourned meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 5:35 P.M. on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at the Central Park Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke, Larry Herman, Paul F. Walker

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community Services
Ismile Noorbaksh, City Engineer/Director of Public Works
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no one who wished to address the Council at this time.

REGULAR ITEM

1. City Manager Catherine Standiford began the meeting with a review of the Council's Study Session format. The Council has chosen to have Study Sessions prior to regular Council Meetings to allow for a free-flowing dialogue among councilmembers, as well as the community, on topics under consideration. No formal action is taken at Study Sessions. Direction is typically given to City staff to pursue options or alternatives, to be brought back to the Council at a regular Council Meeting for formal action.
2. Community Development Director Dominic Lazzaretto provided a background on how code enforcement works in municipalities, including descriptions of reactive and proactive code enforcement efforts. As part of the Study Session on code enforcement, City staff will be bringing the most common code enforcement problems to the Council to obtain direction on how they should be enforced.

The most common code enforcement complaint, and therefore the first to be discussed, was Recreation Vehicle and Trailer Parking Problems. This code enforcement problem represents 75% of all cases seen by the Code Enforcement Officer and/or complaints received by residents.

The Council and residents in attendance expressed a variety of viewpoints on how this code enforcement problem should be addressed.

Action Taken: The City Council directed City staff to:

1. Examine the difference between recreational vehicles and trailers, specifically potential Municipal Code changes to address the duration they can be parked and where they should be able to be parked (driveway vs. public street).
2. Examine the potential of flexing the hours/days of the Code Enforcement Officer so that he can see problems that occur during off-hours, particularly to address repeat offenders who have learned how to work the system.
3. Determine options available to limit vehicles parked on public streets on the basis of the size of the vehicle.
4. Survey cities that have small lot sizes to see how they have chosen to regulate recreational vehicles and trailers.

The Council agreed to continue the discussion on code enforcement at their regular meeting of January 20, 2004. No other action was taken.

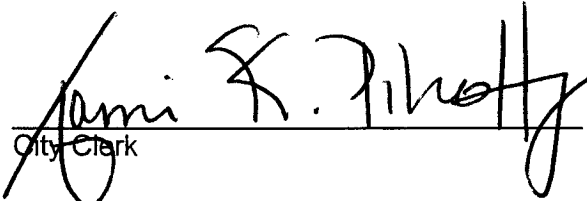
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 6:50 P.M. p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting of January 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 7822 Walker Street.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk