

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2004

Mayor Duke called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, 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

Pastor Darrell Yarbrough, La Palma Christian Center gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmembers absent: None

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

PRESENTATIONS

Ed Royce, Metropolitan Water District of Orange County, presented a certificate of recognition for their Poster/Slogan Contest to Tyler Johnson of Los Coyotes Elementary School. He also gave the teacher a packet with materials she can use with her classes.

Mayor Duke, on behalf of the City Council, recognized Andy Hilbert for his service on the Community Activities and Beautification Committee from September 2001 to May 2004. Unfortunately Mr. Hilbert was unable to make the meeting.

RECESS

Mayor Duke recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:15 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

ADJOURNED

Mayor Duke adjourned the Community Development Commission to convene as the Planning Commission at 7:16 p.m. (See separate Planning Commission Minutes.)

ADJOURNED

Mayor Duke adjourned the Planning Commission to convene as the City Council.

RECONVENING

Mayor Duke reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE MAY 18, 2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-19 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JUNE 1, 2004

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2004-20 CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT FOR THE CITY OF LA PALMA

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REGULAR ITEMS

4. **Extension of Life of Redevelopment Plan by One Year**

Community Development Director, Dominic Lazzaretto gave a staff report explaining that Senate Bill 1045 statues of 2003 and requires that all agencies submit an ERAF payment that is commensurate with the size of their agency. The CDC paid an amount of \$108,773 in April, 2004. This same bill allowed agencies to extend the life of their project areas by one year. Agencies were permitted to extend the time limit to receive tax increment by one year and this in affect, would allow agencies to extend activities for an additional year and repay debt for an additional year. This bill can be passed by adoption of a simple ordinance and therefore agencies are not required to follow the traditional Project Area Amendment procedures.

The proposed modifications for the plan effectiveness for Areas A & B is currently May 3, 2023. The new date will be May 3, 2024. The Moody Street project area time limit is currently June 2, 2027, and the new date will be June 2, 2028. The Walker Street project area is currently July 7, 2032, the new date will be July 7, 2033.

The proposed modifications for the time limit to receive tax increment and repay debt are Areas A & B are currently May 3, 2003 and the proposed extension is May 3, 2034. Moody Street is currently June 2, 2037 to the new date of June 2, 2038. Walker Street is currently July 7, 2042 to the new date of July 7, 2043.

The CDC is able to conduct redevelopment activities for an additional year and this provides the agency additional time to address blighting conditions as they exist in the project area. The CDC would also be able to receive one more year of tax increment financing. Currently, the CDC

receives approximately \$2 million per year with a 2% increase over the life of the project area. That final year of the project would approximate \$3.7 million dollars per year in tax increment. The present value is approximately \$1.7 million and clearly exceeds the value of \$108,773 of the ERAF contribution. The CDC is likely to reach its \$100 million tax increment cap before the additional year is reached. This is based on a projection by RSG where it was noticed that the tax increment cap will be reached in 2024. If this occurs, the Ordinance will have no effect. If this does not occur, the Ordinance will provide the benefits of additional time and increased revenue potential. Therefore, the Ordinance provides security with no foreseeable adverse consequences to the CDC.

Mayor Duke asked for confirmation in regards to any monies received that there would be a time frame in which it needed to be spent.

Mr. Lazzaretto responded positively explaining that the CDC can have active activities until 2023 for the large project area and then ten more years, to 2033, and then extended to 2034, or until the City reaches the \$100 million dollar cap.

Mayor Duke asked if this was a non issue.

Mr. Lazzaretto explained that if the CDC continues its activity, the value on the project area continues to advance and it is very likely that the \$100 million cap will be reached far before the end of the project life and therefore activities would stop. One thing the Agency could consider at that time or before that time, is an extension of the increase of the time limit cap and there are certain findings that would need to be made to increase the cap.

City Manager Standiford stated that some of the findings have to do with conditions of blight and the conditions of blight have become stricter over the years.

Councilmember Walker made a motion to introduce, by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance amending the Redevelopment Plan for the La Palma Community Development Project pursuant to Senate Bill 1045 as codified in Health & Safety Code Section 33333.6(e)(2)(C). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5. **OCFA Emergency Medical Transportation Agreement**

City Manager Standiford explained that this item is an ordinance relating to ambulance services provided by the Orange County Fire Authority. Adopting this ordinance would extend the original 1998 Emergency Medical Transportation and Related Services Agreement with the County of Orange through August 31, 2004 for an additional two months, to allow the OCFA to complete its RFP process for ambulance service providers. There is also an ordinance that will replace a chapter in the Municipal Code related to the provision or operation of ambulance services to make the Code consistent with the County standard and OCFA standard.

Councilmember Walker made a motion to introduce, by title only, waiving further reading, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Palma, Repealing and Replacing Chapter 4 of the La Palma Municipal Code Relating to the Operation of Ambulance Services with Updated Language and to extend the original 1998 Emergency Medical Transportation and Related Services Agreement with the County of Orange through August 31, 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnes and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Pro Tem Blake attended the Board of Directors meeting for the Orange County Fire Authority. They reviewed the budget, and continued the item to the June meeting. They approved raising the reimbursement for ambulance transportation to \$200. Mayor Pro Tem Blake asked if thirty days has gone by since the last letter has been sent to the vacant lot where the Mobil Gas Station used to be at Valley View Street and La Palma Avenue. He stated that the fence looks pretty bad, since all the slats are missing, and now the lot is visible from the street. He also mentioned a lot of residents have been complaining to him.

Director of Community Development, Dominic Lazzaretto, explained that staff has decided to implement the fines starting July 1, 2004. He stated that he will make sure the letters keep going out to the owner of the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake attended the Awards Ceremony for the La Palma Police Department.

Councilmember Herman asked Mr. Lazzaretto if staff could provide Council with some sort of summary on how the adopted fines for Code Enforcement will be implemented. He stated that Orange County Vector Control District put out an article in the Register mentioning that the West Nile Virus is now known as the Red Nile Virus. The Register is opposing the Benefit Assessment Fee increase.

Councilmember Barnes asked Councilmember Herman about the article on someone who contracted the West Niles Virus.

Councilmember Herman stated the virus has reached California but they are watching it closely. Councilmember Herman asked Mrs. Piscotty if he could receive final copies for the revised Council Policies. Councilmember Herman stated that a letter was sent to Mr. Mathews in regards to the cable box on his property on Andrew Drive. He clarified that the resident is now in charge of contacting Comcast directly to see if it is removable.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake stated that Mr. Williams son, Joe, has talked to him about the issue and stated that the son didn't understand why his father is making a big deal about this since the box is hiding between the plants.

Councilmember Herman also attended the Orange County Sanitation District Meeting as Councilmember Walker's alternate. Senate Bill 1272 was rejected. Bio solid waste is available for pick-up by cities at the District and can be used in a variety of beneficial ways. He recommended that staff look into this option.

Councilmember Walker stated that he visited Milton, Florida, and it is the size of Buena Park and half the population of La Palma, but has a budget twice the amount as La Palma's. He thanked City Manager Standiford for running a clean ship and thanked staff for their hard work. He also attended the La Palma Police Awards Ceremony. He thanked the Mayor for acknowledging him at the Memorial Day Ceremony since he was absent due to his conflicting work schedule.

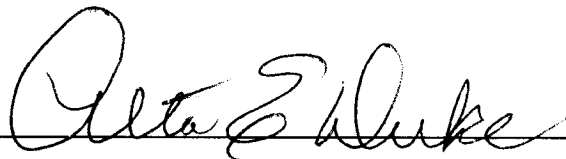
Mayor Duke apologized for not recognizing the Community Service staff at the event and to please extend her congratulations on a job well done. She mentioned that members of the Council will be attending the graduation ceremonies at Kennedy and Buena Park High Schools on June 7th and 8th, to present the scholarship awards if anyone would like to attend. At the June 15th Council meeting, Council will be presenting the third place scholarship to a student from Valley Christian Center. She reminded the other members of the City Council that the budget adoption is coming up at the June 15th meeting, so if they have any questions to please make appointments with staff.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford reminded Council about the budget adoption scheduled for June 15. She also reminded Council to please sign proclamations in the Mayor's Conference Room, as some relate to the scholarship participants.

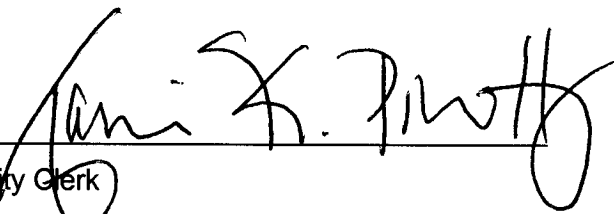
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Duke adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting of June 15, 2004.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk