

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 2004

Mayor Duke called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Tony Robles with 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

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
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney

PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor James Silva provided a Proclamation to the City of La Palma designating the La Palma Days Parade as Orange County's official Veterans Day event.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dianna Rodriguez, 4621 Amberwood Avenue, spoke about her concerns with inappropriate activities by Councilmember Walker during the municipal campaign.

Ralph Rodriguez, 4621 Amberwood Avenue, spoke about his same concerns about inappropriate activities and the need to revisit the rules provided in the Council Norms.

Keith Nelson, 5311 La Luna Drive, suggested the new Council look at the Council Norms and alleged hidden agendas for some Council candidates.

PRESENTATION

Chief Ed Ethell introduced new Police Officer Brian Rapp.

RECESS

Mayor Duke recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:26 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

Mayor Duke recessed the Community Development Commission at 7:27 p.m. to convene as the City Council.

REGULAR ITEM

Mayor Duke convened the City Council to meet jointly with the Community Development Commission at 7:27 P.M.

Additional Funding Allocation for 50th Anniversary Celebration

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that an allocation of \$15,000 was made in the Budget to pay for events and mementos associated with the City's 50th Anniversary. In April 2004, the Council reviewed the proposed timeline for the 50th Anniversary celebration and directed that staff incorporate the 50th Anniversary theme into existing events and activities, instead of creating new ones, and encourage groups that facilitate these events to incorporate the 50th Anniversary elements into their own activities.

Subsequent to the Council's original funding allocation, two ideas have surfaced that staff is recommending the Council consider: 1) street banners (\$9,400; CDC to cover \$6,100 and City to cover \$3,300); and 2) commemorative posters (artwork and printing, \$2,700).

Councilmember Herman expressed a concern about the poster concept. He also stated that he would like to see longstanding members of the community be involved in a committee to plan 50th Anniversary activities.

City Manager Standiford stated that Council had given direction earlier this year to use the existing committees that are affiliated with the events where the 50th Anniversary will be added, and that staff had been working under that direction for the past six months.

Keith Nelson expressed an interest in having more community involvement, and stated he did not think people would buy the posters.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion for the Community Development Commission to adopt a Resolution approving the installation of 50th Anniversary street banners in the La Palma Community Development Project area.

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman made a motion to approve an additional allocation of \$9,400 for the 50th Anniversary street banners, with the CDC to pay for \$6,100 and the City to pay for \$3,300. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

Councilmember Herman made a motion to continue the discussion of the posters to a later date, when the new Council is sworn in on December 7, 2004. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Duke, Herman

NOES: Barnes, Walker

The Community Development Commission adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2004, AS CORRECTED

ADOPTED RESOLUTION APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2004

REJECTED BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE DEVICES, ANDREW DRIVE AND HOUSTON AVENUE

RECEIVED AND FILED THE INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Herman, Walker

NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Herman stated that the new Vector Control District General Manager has reorganized and made improvements to the District's organization of personnel, and added employees to the red imported fire ant eradication effort.

Councilmember Barnes discussed the administrative citation hearing process three weeks ago with the resident referred to by Ralph Rodriguez in his oral communications earlier in the evening, and wished to clarify that she has not discussed city business with him since, despite Mr. Rodriguez's statement that she spoke to him more recently.

Mayor Pro Tem Blake attended an OCFA Special Board Meeting where the Board approved intervening in the court case involving the ballot invitation for Proposition 172 funding. He also attended the OCFA Memorial dedication.

Mayor Duke also attended the OCFA Memorial dedication and noted that Councilmember Paul Walker's name was mentioned for his heroic efforts; she attended the Los Coyotes and La Palma Christian Center Red Ribbon Week events.

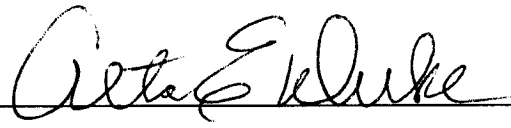
Councilmember Walker commented on political activities and Council candidates, asking that individuals not take these activities personally, it is part of the campaign.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

None.

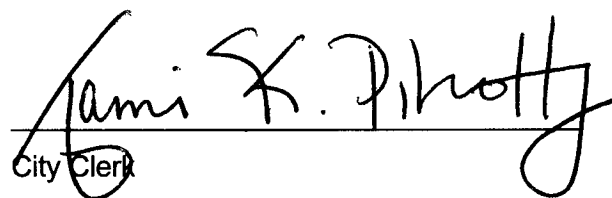
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Duke adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. until the next scheduled meeting on November 16, 2004.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk