

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

December 21, 2004

Mayor Blake called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Sandra Heer with A Fountain of Living Water Methodist Church gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

City Officials present: Catherine Standiford, City Manager
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Michael Houston, City Attorney

PROCEDURAL ITEM

1. **Council Reorganization**

City Clerk Tami Piscotty entertained nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Barnes nominated, seconded by Councilmember Waldman, Kenneth Blake to serve as Mayor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blake entertained nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Waldman nominated, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, Larry Herman to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, to which the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Kazuo Furusawa, Water Service Worker, was recognized with a City tile for his retirement from the City of La Palma.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECESS

Mayor Blake recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:28 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

CONVENE

Mayor Blake convened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission.

PL-2 General Plan Amendment for Adoption of Water Quality Section

Mayor Blake opened the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director Dominic Lazzaretto stated that this is a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and the City Council for consideration of a new Water Quality section in the General Plan that describes pollutants, government regulations associated with water quality, watershed and the NPDES program. The proposed section includes specific water quality policies consistent with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's NPDES Program.

There being no one from the public wishing to comment, Commissionmember Herman made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissionmember Rodriguez, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissionmember Waldman asked for confirmation that this new Section does not make any changes to existing practices, to which Mr. Lazzaretto responded yes.

Commissionmember Herman inquired about educating the citizenry about illicit discharges.

Ms. Standiford responded to Commissionmember Herman's inquiry that the City uses the newsletter frequently to inform residents about these prohibitions, as well as Neighborhood Watch, and hopes the public will become engaged in watching for these illegal activities and inform the City.

Commissionmember Barnes inquired about the Fats, Oil and Grease education program, to which Mr. Lazzaretto responded that the City is fully complaint, having adopted an Ordinance in this regard. As part of this implementation, City staff will be meeting with La Palma restaurants in January and February.

Commissionmember Barnes made a motion to adopt the Resolution recommending that the City Council adopt General Plan Amendment 2004-02. The motion was seconded by Commissionmember Herman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion to adopt the Resolution approving General Plan Amendment 2004-02. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldman and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

Mayor Blake adjourned the Planning Commission at 7:44 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Herman made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED THE DECEMBER 7, 2004 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION NO. APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR DECEMBER 21, 2004

RECEIVED AND FILED THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN

AWARDED A CONTACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,419.00 TO FORD WEST OF BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA, FOR THE PURCHASE TO REPLACE AN EXISTING UTILITY BED TRUCK WITH A LIFT GATE (LP-39)

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

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City Manager Standiford stated that on November 2, 2004, staff presented two additional ideas that were developed subsequent to the Council's original adoption of the 50th Anniversary Celebration plan. One idea was to purchase street banners containing the 50th Anniversary logo, and this concept was approved on November 2nd. The second idea was to commission a piece of professional art that could be displayed permanently, as well as printed into a poster memento. The Council deferred consideration of this second concept until the seating of the new City Council.

Should the Council wish to proceed with commissioning a piece of artwork, City Manager Standiford recommended that the Council discuss whether a professional artist would complete the work, and if reproduction of these posters is of interest to the Council. The estimated cost to retain a professional artist and make copies of the art is \$2,700.

Councilmember Waldman asked how the estimated cost was derived, to which City Manager Standiford stated that it was a result of a staff discussion with Julian Bloom, a professional artist that conducts watercolor classes through the City's Recreation and Community Services Department.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked what kind of direction was given to Mr. Bloom to create the artwork, to which City Manager Standiford responded that only general direction was given, pending a decision by the Council to actually proceed with the project. The only specific direction given was that the artwork should depict the City of La Palma.

Councilmember Barnes expressed her concern that she did not want these posters to get lost among the myriad of items being given away to the public, therefore, she would like the reproduced posters to be something of a more permanent nature for residents to have. She

expressed her interest in using Mr. Bloom, given his long tenure with the City's recreation programs.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked how it will be decided who gets the posters, to which City Manager Standiford responded that the distribution mechanism has not been developed, pending approval of the artwork concept by the Council. She recommended that the Council might wish to decide if it wishes to commission the artwork first, then decide the distribution at a later point.

Councilmember Rodriguez suggested that to focus on the 50th Anniversary, that the art be a photo montage of significant locations in La Palma.

Community Services Supervisor Janet Cates stated that historical photographs will be a part of the traveling kiosk, and that potentially using these photos in the artwork could be discussed with the artist.

Councilmember Barnes stated her interest in not restricting the artist's work by dictating specific themes.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman stated he was not necessarily interested in pursuing the reproduction of 200 posters because he feels the number is too restrictive for an effective distribution; he would feel bad if the Council all got posters and not each and every resident in La Palma got a copy.

Councilmember Waldman suggested that residents be offered the opportunity to order the posters.

Mayor Blake expressed an interest in having the artwork permanently displayed and that the Council and residents have the opportunity to purchase the artwork, at a cost of \$5.00, or whatever the cost is to recoup the reproduction costs. City Manager Standiford stated that the actual cost to reproduce the poster is \$10.00 each. Mayor Blake also suggested a CD be developed of historical photographs.

City Manager Standiford suggested that if the Council's consensus is to approve the commission of the commemorative art, that the Council take that action, and make a decision about the distribution once the public has seen the completed artwork.

Councilmember Rodriguez suggested thought be given to other artists, potentially someone living in La Palma, to which City Manager Standiford responded that if the Council wishes to pursue this option, a judging mechanism will be have to be established and built into the timeframe, to evaluate other artists.

Ulla Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, stated that she had seen Julian Bloom's work and it is excellent.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Herman to approve the completion of commemorative art to be created by Julian Bloom, with the approval of an additional allocation of \$700.00.

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

AYES: Barnes, Blake, Herman, Rodriguez, Waldman

NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes attended the Anaheim Union High School District Facilities Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Herman attended both the Orange County Sanitation District and Vector Control District meetings. The Vector Control District has implemented a new telephone and voice mail system to better serve their customers.

Councilmember Rodriguez also attended the Sanitation District Meeting, the Centralia School District's Measure H Open House, and Project Hope.

Councilmember Waldman attended the Project Hope event.

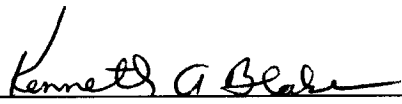
Mayor Blake attended an American Public Works Association Meeting, where La Palma received an award for its Community Open House.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford welcomed the new Councilmembers.

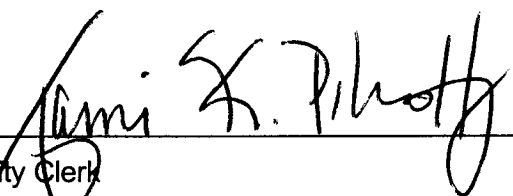
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blake adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk