

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

October 7, 2003

Mayor Barnes called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember/Commissionmember Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Pastor 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
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance
Dominic Lazzaretto, Director of Community Development
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Crystal Wilkerson, Administrative Secretary

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barnes presented a proclamation designating October 18-24, 2003 as Red Ribbon Week in La Palma.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECESS

Mayor Barnes recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:04 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

ADJOURN

Mayor Barnes adjourned the Community Development Commission and convened as the Planning Commission at 7:06 p.m. (See separate Planning Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Barnes reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:20 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2003-41 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR OCTOBER 7, 2003

APPROVED THE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND SHELTER SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2003-42 SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL BEFORE THE STATE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE LOCAL FUNDS

AWARDED A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR PRINTING SERVICES, WITH ONE POTENTIAL TWO-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION, TO WESTMINSTER PRESS, AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH R & W HIGHWAY INSPECTION COMPANY, INC., OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,600.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION SERVICES FOR RUBBERIZED SLURRY SEALING OF VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL STREETS, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-261

APPROVED THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WALKWAY LIGHTING IN EL RANCHO VERDE PARK, CITY PROJECT NO. 03-PRK-01

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duke 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 Duke stated that she attended the Library Finance Committee Meeting which was called for the purpose of looking at two proposals for changing the current formula for library funding. She stated that the formula for this fiscal year included fourteen cities as recipient cities instead of donor cities based on property taxes. She explained that the Orange County City Manager's Association had an opportunity to view these proposals and asked for more time to review the proposals before they make a decision. She stated that the Committee came up with three scenarios. First, several cities would have a reduction in service primarily eliminating Sunday services. Second, maybe a few cities would have a reduction. The last option would be have significant reductions across the County. She mentioned that the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan was approved by the Regional Council for distribution and will be out for six months for review.

Councilmember Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District meeting and mentioned that most of the activities have been focused on the Fire Ant Program. State funding is supposed to be cut off by October 19, 2003 and staff is planning to go to the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2003 to get a 90 day extension. This will allow them to keep the program going until January, 2004. They are only providing post treatment activity and not implementing new activities. The treatment product that they are using is claimed to be five or six times less toxic as table salt. He mentioned that, maybe down the line, the City of La Palma should look into monitoring our own City for fire ants until there is a long term solution. La Palma doesn't have any problems reported yet, but Buena Park and Cypress do have existing problems. Councilmember Herman stated that a resident recently brought up an issue with him regarding dropping off their child at Los Coyotes School, driving south on Moody Street, using the left hand turn lane by Carl's Jr. The traffic going north backs up past this driveway and doesn't allow southbound traffic to turn. He asked if there was anything that the City can do to designate this area to remain open.

City Manager Standiford asked if the resident was requesting a "Keep Clear" sign.

Councilmember Herman responded positively.

City Manager Standiford asked Chief Giampa if he has heard of any traffic control issues at Los Coyotes School.

Chief Giampa responded negatively.

Councilmember Walker stated that there was an informational meeting on the process of Class A Bio Solid Waste and the issue will be resolved sometime next year. Once it is approved, the solids will be used for composting and will be available for purchase to cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke asked if the City's Public Works Department had any type of chemical that will kill rats or drive them away. She stated that she has noticed rats running along her back wall and would like to get rid of them, but does not wish to harm other animals.

Public Works Director, Ismile Noorbaksh, stated that the City does not have anything and staff refers residents to contact the County. He offered to look into the amount of complaints and maybe get something.

City Manager Standiford stated that if it is definitely a rat, it is a Vector Control District issue.

Councilmember Herman agreed, referring Mayor Pro Tem Duke to contact the District and they will come out and do an inspection on her property and, with her consent, they will put a baited trap on the fence that will not fall from the fence to harm other animals.

Mayor Barnes asked, since the plans for the Community Center are not going forward, if the City can look into the cost of placing child changing tables into the current bathrooms at Central Park.

City Manager Standiford responded positively.

Councilmember Blake stated that he is looking for convertibles for the Parade.

Mayor Pro Tem Duke stated that the Miss La Palma Pageant has been changed from the 1st of November to the 2nd of November and is at Western High School at 5:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Standiford informed the City Council that the Community Center Project has not been forgotten and the Management Team is in the process of discussing the approach to the rehabilitation project. Also, Senator Ross Johnson has been sent a letter under the Mayor's signature and she is planning on contacting him sometime next week and wanted to wait until the election was over. She reminded the Council that they have a Closed Session that they need to adjourn to this evening. Since the Study Session on the Zoning Code Update was not completed, the Council will need to adjourn their Closed Session to the meeting on October 21, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. for a continued discussion.

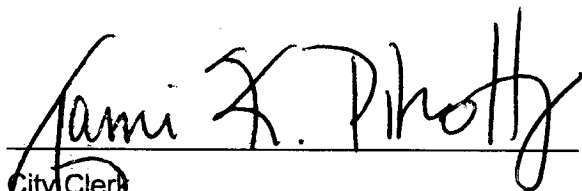
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barnes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to an Adjourned Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. for a Zoning Code Study Session.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk