

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2001

Mayor Aragona called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Bishop Larry Boberg of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Lauree Aragona, Christine Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke

Councilmembers absent: Paul F. Walker

City Officials present: Len Wood, Interim City Manager  
Vince Giampa, Chief of Police  
Jeff Kirkpatrick, Police Captain  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager  
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance  
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation and Community Services  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Aragona presented a Proclamation to Chief Giampa designating May 10, 2001 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Chief Giampa introduced Officers Jennifer Mercier and Fred Miller and invited everyone to attend the Police Department Awards Ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Aragona presented Proclamations to Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh designating May 20, 2001 through May 26, 2001 as National Public Works Week and the month of May 2001 as California Water Awareness Month. Mr. Noorbaksh invited everyone to attend the Public Works Open House on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. at the City Yard.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Jan Hobson introduced Dante Pagulayan who is a new Recreation Coordinator with the City. Mr. Pagulayan stated he is very excited to be with the City of La Palma.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

RECESS

Mayor Aragona recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:19 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Aragona reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:23 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Blake pulled Items 7 and 8 from the Consent Calendar.

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

APPROVED THE APRIL 17, 2001 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-18 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS MAY 1, 2001

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-19 ADOPTING THE DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 95-43

APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR TWO (2) YEARS AND PROVIDE A RATE INCREASE OF 3% TO THE EXISTING RATE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO PEEK TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE, INC.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2001-20 CONCERNING APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LA PALMA

APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING BIKE LANE ON THE WEST SIDE OF MOODY STREET FROM SAN JUAN DRIVE NORTH TO NORTH CITY LIMITS

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CITY OF LA PALMA INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2001

The motion as seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Aragona, Barnes, Blake, Duke
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Walker

SLURRY SEALING ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS CITY RESIDENTIAL STREETS

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Councilmember Blake stated he lives in the affected area so he would abstain on these items.

City Attorney Joel Kuperberg explained that under the Political Reform Act if a Councilmember lives within five hundred feet of an affected area they may have a conflict of interest. Councilmember Blake has determined that he does so it is appropriate for him to abstain.

Mr. Brian O'Neal, 5042 Cartagena, La Palma, addressed the Council to comment that after the recent winter rains he has noticed that the slurry has come up on a number of streets.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh responded that staff is aware of these areas and has contacted the contractor and he will re-slurry those streets where the slurry is missing.

Councilmember Barnes made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 7 and 8. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duke and carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Aragona, Barnes, Duke
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Walker
ABSTAIN:	Blake

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Barnes reported that she attended a Boy Scout event honoring Congressman Ed Royce. She also reported that she attended the California State PTA Convention where a close personal friend was installed as State President. She also announced that she has free bus tickets to Laughlin from the Anaheim Youth Employment Service on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Orange County Sanitation District meeting and reported that a great deal of time was spent on the 301H waivers which deals with discharge into the ocean. The District is now down to one county which allows the disposal of the bio-solids, and that is King County. A 1.2 million dollar contract for engineering services for a trunk sewer mapping project was approved, the general manager was authorized to negotiate with BP Energy for natural gas services for a one year contract with four one-year extensions in an amount not-to-exceed 3.9 million dollars, a contract was approved with Southern Contracting Company for a stand-by power project at treatment plants No. 1 and 2 in an amount not to exceed 3.4 million dollars, and the annual funding was increased by \$41,000 for each of the next four years for the low flow toilet replacement program.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Orange County Fire Authority Legislative Ad Hoc Committee and reported that there does not appear to be any support in the legislature for the bill sponsored by Assemblyman Ken Maddox. He also stated that he attended the OCFA Executive Board Meeting and reported that a contract with Emergency Services Consulting Group was approved in an amount not-to-exceed \$96,000 to implement strategic planning goal No. 6 dealing with revamping the reserve program. They also approved the negotiated sale method for the sale of bonds to finance the Regional Fire Operation and Training Center. In addition, Stone and Youngberg were approved as the senior managing underwriters for the bond issue. The board also approved the submittal of a proposal to the City of Laguna Beach to provide emergency services.

Councilmember Duke reported that she attended an Orange County Council of Governments and announced that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a reception for the Livable Communities Adjudication. She also announced that the Orange County Library received a prestigious award called "NASCO" and they were the only library to receive this award in the entire United States. Councilmember Duke announced that Mike Belknap, at the last CPRS District X meeting, received the Coveted Leadership Award. She also reported that she attended a going away dinner for Marvin DeCarlos of Cypress.

Mayor Aragona reported that the La Palma Intercommunity Hospital Bio-Ethics Review Board met and she was able to submit several issues that are important to the citizens of La Palma. She also reported that she attended a tumbling demonstration at Central Park that was very impressive. Mayor Aragona stated that she attended the Business Retention Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Board and reported that the Chamber is interested in researching a possible resolution to the day care issue raised by the city's representative, Hawkins Advertising, when they met with the top ten businesses in La Palma. She also reported that she spent the day on April 27<sup>th</sup> touring the District with Assemblyman Harman looking at the two bills working their way through Sacramento that have to do with earthquake retrofitting as they impact health care as La Palma has two health care facilities that these bills could impact.

Mayor Aragona stated that she attended the League of California Cities Orange County Division Task Force addressing the make-up of the OCTA Board in reference to Assembly Bill 476 (Harman). The direct impact to La Palma would be the increased share of costs if there is a need to build a larger facility to accommodate a larger board as well as an increase in stipends. However, the bill would provide for more City representation than currently exists.

She also reported that Congressman Royce has provided some information on where the City might go to request assistance in obtaining additional funding for the Community Center.

Mayor Aragona stated that she has had many relatives here visiting her and all of them have commented on what an improvement they see in La Palma. She commended the Public Works Department on the great job they are doing.

Mayor Aragona reminded everyone of her challenge to the City of Cerritos to Walk for the Sarcoidosis Foundation on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Cerritos Town Centre and asked everyone to let her know if they would be participating.

Mayor Aragona stated she had been approached to be listed in "Who's Who as Government Leaders" and thanked Nancy Jalomo for her assistance in arranging the follow-up teleconference calls.

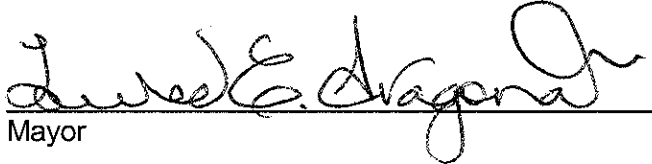
Councilmember Duke asked for an update on how the CAT program is doing. She also asked if staff has heard of a movement of establishing a 211 number that would give information specifically on social and human services.

CLOSED SESSION

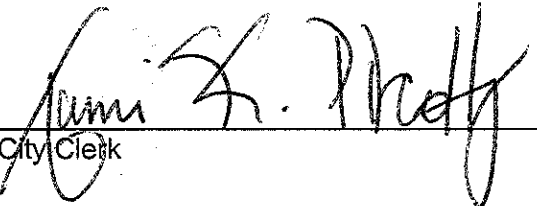
The City Council adjourned to a Closed Session at 7:54 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT; Recruitment of City Manager and pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; one case.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to a Joint Study Session with the Traffic Safety Committee on May 15, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 7821 Walker Street.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk