

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shanahan called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Camp Fire USA - Long Beach Area Council
Honeybees Group

INVOCATION: Councilmember Charoen

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Mayor Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

Councilmembers absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/Executive Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/ City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Shanahan presented Certificates of Recognition to Chet Corbin, Scott Hutter, and Raul Morales for completing the California State University, Fullerton Leadership Development for Public Sector Employees Certificate Program.

Mayor Shanahan called for a short recess at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Shanahan reconvened the City Council at 7:19 p.m. with all members present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:20 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 16, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2010-05 approving the Register of Demands for March 2, 2010.

Commission Member Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:21 P.M.

REGULAR ITEMS

- C. Building Improvements and Program Recommendations for "The Hub" at 5414 La Palma Avenue

City Manager/Executive Director Lazzaretto introduced the item.

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson gave the Staff Report.

Council/Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding ADA compliant bathrooms; "The Hub" unit needing a new air conditioning unit; defining the parking improvements to include a handicapped parking stall; support for having senior programs scheduled in the morning; and having mobile furniture and equipment to allow maximum flexibility in use of the space.

Public Input:

Joselyne Carpio, a La Palma resident, inquired as to how the City plans to accommodate both senior and youth groups in the same small space.

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson responded that the City will acquire movable furniture and audio/video equipment.

Further discussion ensued regarding the process for non-profit groups' use of the space; advertising the available space; the type of furniture needed to accommodate both the senior and youth groups; having mobile computer equipment; using a wireless internet protocol; the flooring options; ensuring that there are an adequate number of power outlets; the use of a wireless network; the space being flexible and customer driven; security measures being taken to protect the equipment; favoring the high visibility location; tenant improvements for the real estate site being completed only after a lease agreement is signed; and the possibility of utilizing the Orange County Library's wireless network.

Public Input:

Joshuena Williams, a Youth Action Committee Member, inquired as to how the City will advertise the new programs available at the new activity center.

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson responded that the City will advertise in the Spring 2010 Mosaic, on the Website, at the local schools, and through the Youth Action Committee.

- a) Authorize the Public Works Director to prepare plans and carry out construction for building improvements at 5410 and 5414 La Palma Avenue; and
- b) Approve a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the amount of \$41,800 from the Community Development Commission (CDC) Capital Improvement Fund (Account No. 41-000-495.100) for building improvements at 5414 La Palma Avenue and \$3,900 from the General Fund (Account No. 01-440-801) for the purchase of furniture, electronics, appliances, and supplies to furnish "The Hub" at 5414 La Palma Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Rodriguez made a motion to approve and authorize the Public Works Director to prepare plans and carry out construction for building improvements at 5410 and 5414 La Palma Avenue) and approve a supplemental appropriation for Fiscal Year 2009-10 in the amount of \$41,800 from the Community Development Commission (CDC) Capital Improvement Fund (Account No. 41-000-495.100) for building improvements at 5414 La Palma Avenue and \$3,900 from the General Fund (Account No. 01-440-801) for the purchase of furniture, electronics, appliances, and supplies to furnish "The Hub" at 5414 La Palma Avenue.

The motion was seconded by Council/Commission Member Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Council/Commission Member Charoen,
Council/Commission Member Herman, Mayor
Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Rodriguez,
Mayor/Chairperson Shanahan, and
Council/Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL, ADJOURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION, AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:44 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the February 16, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Herman, Commission Member Charoen, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to Add Chapter 26A (Water Efficient Landscape Code) to the La Palma City Code to Comply with State Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881)

- a) Chairperson Shanahan opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.
- b) City Manager Lazzaretto gave the Staff Report.
- c) Receive Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak.
- d) Chairperson Shanahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.
- e) Planning Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Commission's support of the proposed Ordinance; water efficiency being mandated by the County of Orange; and why some cities have not yet adopted the County Model.

Joe Berg, Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Water Use Efficiency Programs Manager, responded that cities that

have sizeable amounts of undeveloped land are considering alternatives to the County Model. He added that the Ordinance has requirements for residential, commercial, and governmental agencies and that street medians are required to follow the same efficiency guidelines.

- f) Adopt a Resolution recommending adoption of a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to add Chapter 26A (Water Efficient Landscape Code) to comply with State Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881).

Resolution No. PC 2010-01 adopting a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to add Chapter 26A (Water Efficient Landscape Code) to comply with State Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881).

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2010-01 adopting a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to add Chapter 26A (Water Efficient Landscape Code) to comply with State Assembly Bill 1881 (AB 1881).

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rodriguez and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Commission Member Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:56 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Waive the Reading of All Ordinances

Waive the reading of all Ordinances in their entirety and read by title only.

2. Approval of Council Minutes

Minutes of the February 16, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2010-12 approving the Register of Demands for March 2, 2010.

4. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for the Installation of Landscaping Improvements for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 00-BLDG-02, Precise Plan 266

Accept the work and authorize the Public Works Director to file the Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work with the Orange County Recorder for the installation of landscaping improvements for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 00-BLDG-02, Precise Plan 266.

5. Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work for the Installation of Roofing Improvements for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 00-BLDG-02, Precise Plan 266

Accept the work and authorize the Public Works Director to file the Notice of Completion and Acceptance of Work with the Orange County Recorder for the installation of Roofing Improvements for the Community Center Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 00-BLDG-02, Precise Plan 266.

7. 2010 Street Closures - City Special Events

Resolution No. 2010-14 approving the Street Closures for the three (3) 2010 City special events: Memorial Day, Monday, May 31; Fitness Run for Fun, Saturday, July 3; and La Palma Days, Saturday, November 13.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 5 and Item 7.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Waldman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Mayor Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Submittal of an Application to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program for the Moody Street Median Improvement Project, City Project No. ST-301

Councilmember Herman requested to have Agenda Item 6 pulled to express his support for placing artificial turf on the Moody Street Median.

- a) Adopt a Resolution approving the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program for the Moody Street Median Improvement Project, City Project No. ST-301; and

Resolution No. 2010-13 approving the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program for the Moody Street Median Improvement Project, City Project No. ST-301.

- b) Approve the proposed landscape plan, Scheme B, consisting of artificial turf, low shrubs, and accent trees.

Councilmember Herman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-13 approving the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for funding under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program for the Moody Street Median Improvement Project, City Project No. ST-301 and the proposed landscape plan, Scheme B, consisting of artificial turf, low shrubs, and accent trees.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Charoen.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez asked for clarification on the use of artificial turf in medians and the ongoing maintenance costs of artificial turf.

Public Works Director Moneda stated that there will be some ongoing maintenance costs; that artificial turf provides water conservation measures; and that residents have expressed a desire for consistency in the City's median projects.

The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Mayor Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

8. Residential Street Name Sign Project, City Project No. ST-290

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council's support for Option One; the consultant recommending Option One; not differentiating the colors of private street signs from public street signs; which streets in La Palma are designated as private; that the different look helps with maintenance responsibility and assists the Police; and adding private decals on private street signs. There was a consensus that the City Council does not want private streets treated differently than public streets as it relates to signage.

Public Comment:

Atul Patel, 5361 Duke Drive, addressed the City Council in support of keeping the street signs uniform and not differentiating between private and public streets.

Joselyne Carpio, a La Palma resident, addressed the City Council stating that the City's street signs need to be individualized and original.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to approve the Residential Street Name Sign Project, City Project No. ST-290, as presented by Staff with private and public streets having uniform signs.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herman and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Mayor Shanahan, and Councilmember Waldman

NOES: None

COUNCILMEMBER AB1234 REPORTS, REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES, AND COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Herman attended the Orange County Vector Control District (OCVCD) meeting; the Neighborhood Watch Awards Banquet; the Continental Little League Opening Day event; the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards; the Cypress College Humanities Building dedication ceremony; and the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base "Race on the Base" event. He commented on his support for the Houston Street project and that the trees along that street appear to be problematic. He inquired when the Block Wall Beautification Project would begin; and asked about any responses to the Public Notice regarding the removal of the pedestrian ramp on Suffield Street and Amberwood Avenue.

Public Works Director Moneda responded that the City has not received any public comment regarding the removal of the pedestrian ramp.

Councilmember Herman continued by reporting on the oldest living war veteran; the efforts a local Bay Area resident is putting into his fight against polluting the oceans with plastic bottles and debris. He closed by reporting on the status of the war in Iraq.

Councilmember Charoen attended the Neighborhood Watch Awards Banquet; thanked Councilmember Herman for his position as the Block Captain in his neighborhood; and attended the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards.

Councilmember Waldman attended the League of California Cities (LOCC) Executive Committee meeting; the Continental Little League Opening Day event; the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards; the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) general meeting; and the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) meeting, where he was voted Chairperson.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez attended the Neighborhood Watch Awards Banquet; the Continental Little League Opening Day event; the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards; and the Cypress College Humanities Building dedication.

Mayor Shanahan attended the Neighborhood Watch Awards Banquet; the Continental Little League Opening Day event; and the Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards. He asked Director Hobson about the upcoming July Fourth Run for Fun event and asked if it was being held on July 3.

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson responded that the event will not be scheduled on Sunday, the 4th, so as not to impact local churches.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto announced that upcoming agenda items will include a water rates study session and formal adoption of the Park Master Plan. He reported on the status of an accident at the intersection of La Palma Avenue and Walker Street. He closed by reminding the City Council of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce dinner and wine tasting event at A’Roma Restaurant.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg had nothing to report.

Councilmember Herman reported that Cypress College will be rehabilitating their Science Building with bond money and asked that City Council be supportive of the school’s efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shanahan adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:45 p.m.

/s/

Steve Shanahan, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk