

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION  
August 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Shanahan called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Charoen

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerry Bennett, Faith Fellowship Church

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

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

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director  
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police  
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services Director  
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director  
Keith Neves, Finance Director  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk  
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the August 3, 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 Charoen, Commission Member Herman, Vice Chairperson Rodriguez, Chairperson Shanahan, and Commission Member Waldman

NOES: None

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the La Palma City Code Adding Provisions for the Creation of the Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) Zoning District and Changing the Land Use Designation for Certain Properties to PND

- a) Chairperson Shanahan reopened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Scott Hutter gave the Staff Report.
- c) Public Input

No members of the public wished to speak.

- d) Chairperson Shanahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m.
- e) Commission Comments and Questions

Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of the Ordinance to businesses; that businesses would have more options; and that the Ordinance provides more flexible design alternatives.

- f) Resolution No. PC 2010-06 recommending City Council approval to a General Plan Amendment and amendments to Chapter 26 of the City Code adding a "Planned Neighborhood Development (PND)" Zoning District and changing the Land Use Designation for certain properties to Planned Neighborhood Development.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve Resolution No. PC 2010-06 recommending City Council approval to a General Plan Amendment and amendments to Chapter 26 of the

City Code adding a "Planned Neighborhood Development (PND)" Zoning District and changing the Land Use Designation for certain properties to Planned Neighborhood Development. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Rodriguez.

Discussion ensued regarding changing the transition period from five years to three years; the economy not being able to fully recover in three years; the majority of Commission Members being comfortable with the five-year transition period; that the City Council has the ability to change the timetable if it does not work; and potential drawbacks to a three year transition period.

City Attorney Kuperberg indicated that the Ordinance sets a specific ending date for the transition period, but the City Council can process an amendment to the Ordinance to change the date at any time.

Further discussion ensued regarding the shorter time limit putting tough constraints on businesses; and that the proposed Ordinance will encourage long-term, sound business decisions.

The motion 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shanahan adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:24 p.m.

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Steve Shanahan, Chairperson

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk