

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers at La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Shanahan

INVOCATION: Council Member Waldman

ROLL CALL: Council and Commission Members

Council Members present: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Charoen, Council/Commission Member Hwangbo, Mayor/Chairperson Rodriguez, Council/Commission Member Shanahan, and Council/Commission Member Waldman

Council Members absent: None

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager/Executive Director
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Michael Belknap, Recreation and Community Services Director
Douglas Dumhart, Community Development Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Eric Nunez, Police Chief
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City Clerk
Kimberly Kenney, Minutes Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Abe Waheed, Co-Chairperson of the La Palma Community Activities and Beautification Home Spotlight Committee, presented Kim and Sharon Wilson with the Quarterly Home Spotlight Award for their home at 7812 Willow Lane, La Palma.

2. The Proclamation to be presented declaring January 13, 2011, as Korean American Day in the City of La Palma was postponed to later in the City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No members of the public wished to speak.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT 7:11 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Community Development Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 21, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Community Development Commission.

- B. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. CDC 2011-01 approving a Register of Demands for January 4, 2011.

Vice Chairperson Charoen made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items A and B.

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

C. License Agreement with the La Palma Chamber of Commerce for Use of 5410 La Palma Avenue as the Chamber Business Office

Community Development Director Dumhart gave the staff report.

Public Comment:

Ron & Elfriede Maclver, 5171 Del Sol Circle, addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue and their ability to display La Palma's historical items in the space.

Abe Waheed, 5271 Ivywood Drive, addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue.

Ryan Kushi, 8271 Regency Street, addressed the City Council addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue.

Barbara Rincon, La Palma Chamber of Commerce Vice President, addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue.

Amanda Rincon, La Palma Chamber of Commerce President, addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue.

Esther DeLeon-Hernandez, La Palma Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, addressed the City Council in support of the Chamber of Commerce occupying the City's space at 5410 La Palma Avenue.

Commission Questions and Comments:

Discussion ensued regarding the Chamber of Commerce's use of the proposed space; the space being used for home based business meeting space, training, leadership development for students, and display of historical materials; current Chamber of Commerce membership of approximately 120 members; hours of operation being limited during the first six months but increasing after that time; support for the Chamber of Commerce setting aside the rent savings for future relocation expenses, upgrades, and special event deposits; amending Section 5 of the Agreement to read "Monthly set-aside amounts shall serve as a sinking fund for expenses approved by the Community Development Commission and/or for future moving and set up expenses when either party terminates the License."

- a) Approve a License Agreement with the La Palma Chamber of Commerce

for use of 5410 La Palma Avenue; and

- b) Approve a supplemental appropriation of \$4,000 from Account No. 041-890-654 for improvement costs needed for occupancy and use.

Commission Member Waldman made a motion to approve a License Agreement with the La Palma Chamber of Commerce as amended for use of 5410 La Palma Avenue; and approve a supplemental appropriation of \$4,000 from Account No. 041-890-654 for improvement costs needed for occupancy and use.

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

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

NOES: None

ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:31 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Mayor Rodriguez presented a Proclamation to Sammy Lee, M.D., declaring January 13, 2011, as Korean American Day in the City of La Palma.

RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT 7:42 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the December 21, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission.

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

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

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL AT 7:43 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 December 21, 2010, Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council.

3. Approval of Register of Demands

Resolution No. 2011-01 approving a Register of Demands for January 4, 2011.

Council Member Waldman made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Shanahan and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None Scheduled.

REGULAR ITEMS

4. Placement of Orbrey L. Duke and Glen W. Reeves' Names in the Community Commemorative Area

Administrative Services Manager Murray gave the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

Larry Herman, 4922 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council in support of Mr. Orbrey Duke and Mr. Glen Reeves being honored in the Community Commemorative Area.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding the City Council's support for instituting the Community Commemorative Area; Mr. Duke and Mr. Reeves being excellent examples of why the area was created; and the Community Commemorative Area being a way to support the residents who give back to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen made a motion to approve the placement of Orbrey L. Duke and Glen W. Reeves' Names in the Community Commemorative Area.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

Alta Duke thanked the City Council and Staff for giving this great honor to her husband.

Council Member Hwangbo asked how many spaces are available in the area to honor members of the community.

City Manager Lazzaretto responded that there are approximately 58 paver spaces located around the flag pole before any alterations are needed for the site. He added that the Community Commemorative Area was designed to allow an infinite number of pavers.

5. Consideration of Traffic Improvements at the Intersections of Ivywood Drive/Inwood Lane and Collins Lane/Ivywood Drive

Public Works Director Moneda gave the Staff Report.

Public Comment:

Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, addressed the City Council in support of the installation of two stop signs as recommended by staff.

Council Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding other locations that have similar intersections; that other sites will be completed during striping projects over time; the accident history at the proposed intersection; whether a police officer could cite a driver for not stopping at this intersection if there are no stop signs installed; and giving the public an opportunity to comment on further stop sign installations prior to the start of any future projects.

- a) Approve a request for the installation of traffic improvements at the intersections of Ivywood Drive/Inwood Lane and Collins Lane/Ivywood Drive; and
- b) Authorize the appropriation of \$1,500 from the City's General Fund Reserve to cover the costs associated with the installation of a stop sign, legend, and limit line package at the intersections of Ivywood Drive/Inwood Lane and Collins Lane/Ivywood Drive.

Council Member Shanahan made a motion to approve the installation of traffic improvements at the intersection of Ivywood Drive/Inwood Lane and Collins Lane/Ivywood Drive; and authorize the appropriation of \$1,500 from the City's General Fund Reserve to cover the costs associated with the installation of a stop sign, legend, and limit line package at the intersections of Ivywood Drive/Inwood Lane and Collins Lane/Ivywood Drive.

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

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Charoen, Council Member Hwangbo, Mayor Rodriguez, Council Member Shanahan, and Council Member Waldman

NOES: None

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

Council Member Hwangbo had nothing to report, but commented that he had attended the funeral of a high school student and his father who were killed in an accident. He congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his new position.

Council Member Shanahan attended the Swearing-In Ceremony of Police Chief Nunez.

Council Member Waldman had nothing to report. He congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his new position.

Mayor Pro Tem Charoen had nothing to report. He congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his new position.

Mayor Rodriguez congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his new position. He reported that he had attended the Swearing in Ceremony for Police Chief Nunez and the John F. Kennedy PTSA Safety Committee meeting. He wished everyone present a Happy New Year and reported that the City of Cerritos will be putting on an event to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on January 17, 2011, at the Cerritos Memorial Area.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Lazzaretto reported that upcoming agenda items include the Crescent Avenue/Watson Street intersection Traffic Study; the results of the smoking survey for Central Park; and issuing a request for proposals for the Denni Street Affordable Housing Project. He announced that there had been a residential fire this evening and that he will update the City Council when he has more information. He closed by commenting that Staff considered a prior public comment suggestion and will be conducting the annual Goal Setting Session without a facilitator.

CITY ATTORNEY REMARKS

City Attorney Kuperberg congratulated Police Chief Nunez on his new position and had nothing else to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma City Council at 8:05 p.m. in honor of all Korean-Americans.

Ralph D. Rodriguez,
Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk