

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

February 19, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nathan Li of Boy Scout Troop 650 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Herbert C. Carson of Faith Fellowship gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Lauree Aragona, Christine Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke, 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
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager
Paul Pitts, Director of Building & Safety
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner
Marc Luesebrink, Deputy City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Members of Boy Scout Troop 650 presented each Councilmember with a First Aid Kit.

Councilmember Duke announced that the Troop is selling these kits to raise funds to purchase a new trailer.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:07 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:09 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Walker pulled Item No. 5 from the Consent Calendar.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED THE FEBRUARY 5, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-10 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FEBRUARY 19, 2002

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-11 REGARDING THE ORANGE COUNTY-CITY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE AUTHORITY AND ASSIGNING CERTAIN RECOVERY RIGHTS TO SAID AUTHORITY

AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF FERGUSON, PRAET AND SHERMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION ON POLICE RELATED ISSUES

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

AYES: Aragona, Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REPLACEMENT OF ¾ TON WATER UTILITY TRUCK FROM WATER FUND

Mayor Walker explained that he pulled Item No. 5 because in light of the issue of the UUT on the March ballot he feels this item should be postponed for a month. He added that even though the funds come from the Water Fund and not the General Fund the public might not understand this.

Councilmember Duke asked if this inhibits the City's ability to function smoothly due to the age of the current truck. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh responded that they have not experienced a breakdown; however, the truck has had some major repairs so he wanted to order the replacement now because it takes approximately six months to get the truck.

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that if consideration of this item were deferred for a month, the funds are already budgeted in this fiscal year so it would not affect the budget at all.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes clarified that at this point, all the City is doing is getting bids. Councilmember Aragona stated that this is coming out of the Water Fund and the collection of the cost for water covers the needs for water services so the funds for the truck would come from water sales. Mr. Noorbaksh responded that is correct.

The Council concurred to defer consideration of this item until the March 19th meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Aragona stated that she attended an Elected Officials Leadership Academy meeting. One of the items discussed was the value of continuing education and reported that this year there will be three opportunities offered to get this credit. She added that the committee is also sensitive to the costs so they are going to pursue having the League come down to the different COGS and offer some classes. She also stated she that she attended a Criminal Justice Committee on potential speakers for Red Ribbon Week and the speaker from the Department of Justice was excellent. Councilmember Aragona reported that she and the City Manager were judges at the Luther School Science Project and stated that this is an excellent program. She also reported that the Lions held a Flag Day Program at Miller School and thanked everyone that attended. In addition, she reported that she attended a School Success meeting for Youth 20/20 and stated that the speaker was very interesting.

Councilmember Aragona stated she had received phone calls from two residents that live in the area of Crescent Avenue and Moody Street expressing concern about the maintenance of the property on the southeast corner. She asked staff to follow up with the residents.

Councilmember Aragona announced that the Kennedy Varsity Soccer Team, boys, won Empire League.

Councilmember Duke commented that the Flag Ceremony at Miller School was very impressive and added that it was interesting to learn that once a month they have an assembly and sing a different patriotic song each time. She then stated that she attended the Orange County Library Board Meeting and reported that budget-wise the Library now has an approximately 2.2 million-dollar reserve. They don't anticipate any major cutbacks because their funding is fairly stable and they are still committed to the five days a week philosophy. She suggested that it might be

interesting to invite the Orange County Librarian John Adams to make a presentation at a future Council Meeting.

Councilmember Duke stated she had previously reported that there are two lights in the parking lot that are on during the daylight and she has noticed that they are still on.

Mr. Noorbaksh responded that those two lights belong to the library and added he had asked the Library to change the hours of operation for the lights and he would be happy to remind them again.

Councilmember Blake stated that the Orange County Fire Authority held a workshop on the Strategic Plan Item No. 6 dealing with the Reserve/Volunteers. He reported that one of the main proposals is to change the whole makeup of the volunteer program and have a more medical EMT type response along with other type volunteer programs to assist on fires like airing equipment, and not really on fire suppression. Along with that there would be an auxiliary program for volunteers who really want to be firemen would actually go into an apprentice program and would be assigned to shifts at actual fire stations. The volunteers would have to have already come out of the academy.

Councilmember Blake announced that the Continental Little League will be having a Pancake Breakfast at Walker Junior High School on Opening Day, Saturday, March 2nd, and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she attended the Anaheim Union High School District Facilities Task Force and reported that they are busy walking the precincts and using phone banks to call voters to get support for Measure Z. She announced that they have scheduled a Walk Day on March 2nd and are encouraging face to face contact with voters to get the vote out. She provided each Councilmember a handout updating the current construction projects. She commented that the modernization improvements did not address growth issues nor the replacement of portables. She also reported that if the bond passes there will be a Citizens Oversight Committee and explained the composition of this committee.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Catherine Standiford reported that the final payments have been made to MDA for the Seasons La Palma project. She added that the project came in slightly under budget.

She also referred to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Boards recent approval of some new permit requirements for the County to which many cities had expressed concern about the stringent requirements. She reported that this morning they were formally notified that a group has filed a petition with the State Water Quality Control Board to review the Santa Ana


Board's decision because they do not believe the Santa Ana Boards requirements are stringent enough.

Ms. Standiford stated that the plans for the proposed Community Center remodeling have been placed in the Mayor's Office and asked Council to take a look at them and give staff some feedback, particularly on the architectural style that the plans denote.

Councilmember Duke thanked staff for all their efforts in getting the Seasons La Palma project completed.

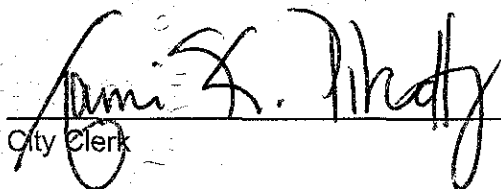
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk