

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 5, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Blake 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  
Jeff Kirkpatrick, Police Captain  
Ed Ethell, Police Captain  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Tami K. Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager  
Paul Pitts, Director of Building & Safety  
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Joan Hoesterey, Principal Planner  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Crystal Wilkerson, Senior Office Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Chief Giampa presented some highlights of Wesley Sasano's 20 years of dedicated service with the City of La Palma. He then introduced Officer Sasano and invited him to introduce his family. Mayor Walker presented Officer Sasano with a City Tile and a Proclamation in recognition of his many years of service to the City of La Palma on the occasion of his retirement.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:13 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:36 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE FEBRUARY 19, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-12 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR MARCH 5, 2002

APPROVED THE AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL POLICY NO. 39 PERTAINING TO THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE'S ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-13 TO AUTHORIZE A SUMMER HIATUS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

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

AYES: Aragona, Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/ COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Aragona commented that the Neighborhood Watch Dinner was excellent and thanked Chief Giampa for his quick action to a concern that arose at that dinner. She reported that she attended a meeting with the Orange County League on the federal governments response to terrorism for federal, state and local governments and mentioned that it was a very well done, informative meeting. She also reported that the Americana Awards Banquet was excellent and the City was well represented to honor La Palma's recipients, Richard and Joan Lutz. She also reported that she participated in Read Across America at Miller School to 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Councilmember Aragona also reported that the Business Retention and Development Committee met with the Chamber of Commerce and Hawkins Advertising and stated there are some really exciting things coming forward and announced that there is a program coming up on Check Fraud and Identity Theft. She thanked Public Works for resolving the issue that was brought to her attention by a resident on Comstock.

Councilmember Duke stated she attended the Orange County Council of Governments meeting and reported that they discussed at great length the issue of employing a legislative advocate for the OCCOG. She explained the lengthy discussion was spearheaded by the fact that the OCCOG would be borrowing \$40,000 from the Orange County League to pay for this advocate based on what is hoped would be funds the advocate would get for the OCCOG during the coming fiscal year. While some members were not willing to take the risk, they are going forward with this.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Sanitation District Meeting and reported that the biggest issue was the 301H waiver that is coming up that deals with the out-fall of primary versus secondary treatment. He added that there were numerous speakers who are not in favor of going for the waiver. He stated there was also an Agenda Item considering the disinfectant of the outflow but explained that while the plume coming back toward the coast was within ½ mile from the Newport Pier, it's in almost 60 feet of water. He reported that the Engineering Study was continued for thirty-days and staff is to report back with environmental effects on the chlorination and the effect it would have in killing the bacteria and also other means of disinfecting. A contract was also awarded to Montgomery, Watson and Hertzog to provide construction management services over the four-year period of the ground water replenishment project. Councilmember Blake stated that at the Executive Board Meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority they had a review of the second quarter financial analysis and reported they are on track as far as the budget is concerned. They also approved the purchase of 70 portable digital radios and 30 mobile radios for the new 800 MHz system at a cost of \$354,000.00. They also authorized staff to support legislation to amend government code section 6503.1 to define fire protection. He explained that this section deals with the allocation of structural fire fund property tax revenue. Councilmember Blake also reported that the Orange County Fire Authority Ad Hoc Committee for the Fireman's Memorial has made a selection of four artists who will be submitting models, which will be reviewed April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. He explained this will be a monument to all firefighters.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated she attended the West Orange County Cities meeting, followed by an OCTA Task Force meeting at which the West Orange County Definition Study was discussed. She added there will be a workshop by OCTA on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Barnes announced there will be a Buena Park/La Palma Chamber Business Expo on April 6<sup>th</sup> and if it rains it will be held on the following weekend. Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated, on a personal note, that Officer Sasano was the DARE officer for both her daughter and her son.

Vector Control Representative Larry Herman stated that La Palma has been selected as a test city by the Orange County Fire Authority to distribute maps designating red imported fire ant treatment areas. He also reported that the State, having financial problems, is coming down on different agencies and the fire ant authority is one of them. They sent down a team, which spent a day at the authority to compile information to take back to Sacramento. He stated that the committee appeared to be split at this point in time of the necessity for the program and reported that the Local County Department of Agriculture representative is going to be following this.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes referred to the OCTA Workshop on March 27<sup>th</sup>, and asked if it would be possible to notify the residents along the PE right-of-way about the workshop. Ms. Standiford responded that staff has the flyer and could certainly mail it to the residents within 500 feet of the right-of-way.

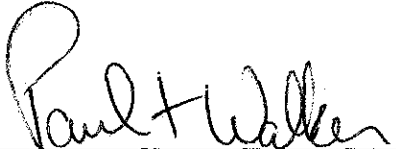
Mayor Walker stated that at the Ground Water Replenishment Meeting they had a presentation on the back and forth water price per acreage foot and reported they are hoping to keep it between \$408 and \$458 an acre foot. The project is moving forward with a three to four year completion date. Mayor Walker reported that the turnout at the Americana Awards was one of the largest they have had. He also reported that he and Councilmember Aragona attended opening day for the Continental Little League and he had the pleasure of throwing out the first pitch. He added that he wore the Angels uniform that he got a couple of months ago, which really impressed the kids. He asked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh if the City is providing the League with any electrical or plumbing services for the field. Mr. Noorbaksh responded negatively. Mayor Walker suggested that some modifications need to be made in the Men's Restroom. Mr. Noorbaksh responded that they should contact the Continental Little League, it's their building and they are supposed to maintain it.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

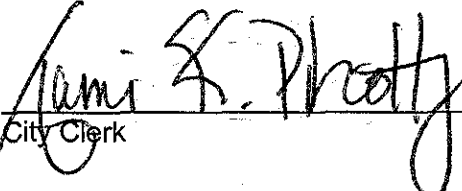
City Manager Catherine Standiford reported there have been recent articles in the newspaper regarding an issue involving a City to the south disposing unacceptable materials in the form of sewer sludge in the County landfills. In response to a letter that was sent out to all cities, La Palma has assured the County Integrated Waste Management Department that La Palma has not and will not deliver unacceptable materials to County landfills. She also reminded the Council that Orange County Librarian John Adams will be at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to present a report on the State of the Libraries. She concluded by stating that today is Election Day and she was sure that everyone would be checking the Internet later tonight to determine the status of Measure JJ as well as the other election items.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk