

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

INVOCATION

Pastor Darrell Yarbrough of the La Palma Christian Center gave the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Christine Barnes, Kenneth A. Blake, Alta E. Duke, Paul F. Walker

Councilmembers absent: Lauree Aragona

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
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Orange County Librarian John Adams presented a report on the State of the Orange County Library System. He reported that the circulation for the La Palma Library for the past year was 112,297 items, which is over seven items borrowed per capita. Countywide that number is approximately four and a half. For the fiscal year to date, La Palma's loans are up 12.3% over last year compared to the countywide average of 8%. He also reported that the attendance at children's programs increased last year by approximately 9%. In La Palma that number was over 3,115 children attending programs and story hours and for the current year to date they are seeing a 10% increase above that. Mr. Adams stated that the Library System also offers an Adult Literacy Program whereby out of school adults who do not know how to read at a third grade level are paired on a one by one basis with tutors who are taught by trained literacy trainers and there are now 67 sites throughout Orange County where these tutoring sessions are happening. He

also highlighted the systems electronic capabilities and the Orange County Public Library website. Mr. Adams also stated that volunteerism is important to the Library system and reported that in La Palma volunteers donated a total of 2,119 hours to the library's operation. He added that, year to date, that number has increased by 63%. Mr. Adams thanked the City Council for its support over the years and the financial support the City has given the Library. He concluded by stating that the public library system has some worries about the coming fiscal year due to the fact that the Governor is proposing a decrease of 21% in the Public Library Foundation Act Funding. There are also some worries about the status of the property tax base but at this point it does appear to be stable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brian O'Neal, 5042 Cartagena Circle, La Palma, addressed the Council to congratulate the City Council and the citizens of La Palma on their wise choice in passing Measure JJ. He added that he was happy to report that Measure Z, the Anaheim Union High School Bond, also passed with a good margin. He stated that it is hoped that by Christmas of 2003 a new auditorium at Kennedy High School will be completed.

Mr. Carol Sweet, 8071 Janeen Circle, La Palma, addressed the Council to state that the Sunrise Facility created a lot of controversy. He added that it is evident that the Council did a thorough and complete analysis of the facility's impact on the community, its benefit to the community, and other things associated with it. Regardless of a lot of misinformation that was presented by people who obviously didn't know anything about what an assisted living facility is, the Council made a decision, which he thinks is in the best interest of the community. He concluded by stating that there are a lot of others like him in the community and the Council can count on their continued support.

Mr. Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, La Palma, addressed the Council to thank the Council for their participation in the Daffodil Day Program of the American Cancer Society and reported that the Orange County unit had sales of between \$135,000 and \$140,000. Flowers may still be purchased at the Buena Park Mall for anyone interested in purchasing them. He thanked the Council for allowing them to use the facilities at the Recreation Department to prepare their deliveries.

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:20 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:47 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE MARCH 5, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-14 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR MARCH 19, 2002

APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH FILARSKY & WATT, LLP, FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND APPROVED A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR (01-103-601)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-15 APPROVING EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE WATER DIVISION CLASSIFICATION SERIES IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LA PALMA GENERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

APPROVED THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK FOR THE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS ON LA PALMA AVENUE, WEST OF BRAVO LANE, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-246

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blake and carried on the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Barnes, Blake, Duke, Walker
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Aragona

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she attended the Orange County Division League of Cities and a report on the Sheriff's Department Emergency Operation Centers was presented at that meeting. She also stated that she attended the Anaheim Union High School District Facilities Task Force Meeting and commended Mr. O'Neal for all his hours of work on Measure Z. She reported that the first wave of funds will be approximately 90 million dollars and the priority will be classrooms. After those priorities are met the other needs will be addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes announced that the Chamber Mixer at Ellen's Pinoy Grill will be Wednesday, March 20th and everyone is invited.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Ad Hoc Design Committee for the Fire Department Memorial, which met with the four sculptors that have been selected to hold a question and answer period to give them input as to what the Committee is looking for. They will be presenting their renderings on April 26th at which time they will be interviewed and a selection will be made to present to the full board.

Councilmember Duke stated she attended the Southern California Association of Governments meeting and reported that there is a task force being formed to study the possible methods of addressing income equity and it is expected that some type of report will be made to the Regional Council in July or August. The State of the Region 2001 was also presented and some of the grades were not too great. She also reported that there was a lot of discussion about inclusionary policies and dealing with housing developments dedicating 10% of the development to low income and there were some interesting comments. She referred to Assembly Bill AB 2863 and stated that SCAG is supporting this bill. There is another proposed Bill, AB 680, for the disbursement of sales tax between communities and CEHD went on record to recommend opposition of this bill.

Councilmember Duke reported that she attended the Cerritos Library Grand Reopening and stated that it is quite a facility and encouraged everyone to visit this 35 million dollar facility.

Mayor Walker stated that he attended the Orange County Sanitation District meeting and reported that the temporary work is continuing for the Santa Ana River, below Prado Dam. He added that Yorba Linda has an on-going lawsuit against the Sanitation District to prevent the re-piping. The purchase of a million dollar boat, research vessel, was also discussed at great length and stated that they are currently renting boats out which total over that dollar amount each year. He reported that they are continuing with the redesign of the Water District and Sanitation District Facilities that will be a joint venture for the Ground Water Program.

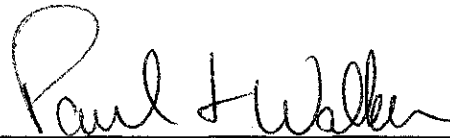
Vector Control Representative Larry Herman addressed the Council to present a corrected map of the red imported fire ant areas. He also stated that he participated in a meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Bill Lions and reported there were two topics on the table. One dealt with the nursery peoples concern with the Sharpshooter and what support they were going to get. The other dealt with the red imported fire ant program. Mr. Lions indicated he was going to report back to the Governor that this program has been very successful in Orange County and he will push to see if it can continue. He also reported that they are looking at the first draft of the revision to the Health and Safety Code that affects the Vector Control District. One of the interesting parts in the draft is that they are recommending that no City Council officials serve on the Vector Control District.

Councilmember Blake reported that he attended a fund raiser in another City and they held a unique auction which included a two-hour lunch at a restaurant of your choice with the City Manager and where you could discuss or complain about anything you liked and suggested that perhaps some of our local charities might be interested in this type of thing.

Councilmember Blake announced that the HSA Award Ceremonies at Kennedy High School will be held on March 25th.

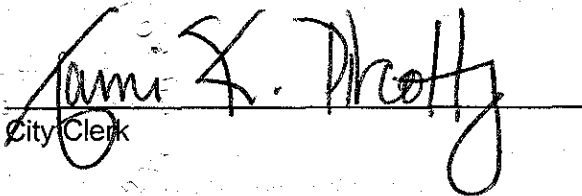
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to a Study Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 5:30 P.M.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk