

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Polk of the La Palma Christian Center 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
Police Captain Jeff Kirkpatrick
Police Captain Ed Ethell
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
Dan Slater, Deputy City Attorney
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Sgt. Eric Nunez stated that through the fund raising efforts of Sherri Goldberg they have been able to purchase a bulletproof vest for the City's canine, Ajax. He then introduced Canine Officer Jennifer Moore and Ajax modeling his new vest. Chief Giampa presented Sherri Goldberg a Police Department Community Services Award for her efforts in raising funds to purchase this vest for Ajax. Ms. Goldberg stated that the death of the canine, Rudy, in Oxnard touched her heart. With the help of residents in the community she was able to get 72 donations in three weeks, which not only enabled them to purchase the vest for Ajax but they also have funds set aside in the event another vest is needed. She thanked everyone for helping.

Recreation and Community Services Director Jan Hobson, assisted by Recreation Coordinator Noel Munivez and Recreation Specialist Cindy Robinson, presented certificates and a small gift of

appreciation to the Second Semester Volunteers. Recreation and Community Services Director Jan Hobson then presented Mona Shah an award as the Youth Volunteer of the Year.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jeff Howe, 5192 Andrew Drive, La Palma, addressed the Council on behalf of the Tiny Tot Parents to express their concern with the new registration hours for the Tiny Tot Class because they feel this could create traffic problems and chaos with everyone arriving at the park at basically the same time. He stated that they are also concerned that with this procedure it might be possible that non-residents would be able to register before residents of the City. He stated this program is very popular and suggested that perhaps extra sessions could be added. He stated he feels this procedure needs to be evaluated to see if it works.

City Manager Catherine Standiford responded that it is staff's plan to evaluate the sign-up process and they are trying to be responsive and make improvements that will help. She stated that Mr. Howe's suggestions are very good ones and staff will certainly consider them.

Mr. Larry Herman, 5122 Andrew Drive, La Palma, addressed the Council to concur with Mr. Howe's concerns. He stated that it is his understanding that there have been some changes in the personnel in the Recreation Department and he hoped that the person is replaced and the program continues to be part of the Recreation program and is not contracted out for any reason. He also expressed concern over the intersection at Andrew Drive and Indigo Lane because there are motorists that do not obey the four-way stop at this intersection. He requested police surveillance at the intersection to encourage motorists to observe the stop signs.

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:23 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:35 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmembers Blake and Duke pulled Item No. 7 from the Consent Calendar.

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

APPROVED THE MAY 21, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-26 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR JUNE 4, 2002

REJECTED THE CLAIM PRESENTED BY FARMERS INSURANCE FOR CLAIMANT FLORICAI HOZAN

APPROVED THE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE CITIZEN'S OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) FUNDING

APPROVED THE ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILMEMBERS AT THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES:

- 1) Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum, July 24-26, Monterey: Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Barnes, Councilmember Aragona and possibly Councilmember Blake
- 2) Elected Officials Leadership Academy, July 26, Monterey: Mayor Walker, Mayor Pro Tem Barnes

APPROVED THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,300 IN GENERAL LIABILITY (60-600-731) AND \$40,000 IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION (61-610-561) TO PAY FOR INCREASED COSTS IN GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS

ACCEPTED THE WORK AND AUTHORIZED THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE OF WORK WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY RECORDER FOR THE EL RANCHO VERDE PARK EXTENSION, CITY PROJECT NO. 99-PRK-02

APPROVED THE STREET CLOSURES FOR THE JULY 4TH FITNESS RUN FOR FUN

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

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

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING ON VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL CITY STREETS

Councilmember Blake explained that he would abstain on this item because the Contractor is a customer of his employer.

Councilmember Duke explained that she would abstain on this item because she resides in the project area.

Mayor Walker made a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$272,104.12 to All American Asphalt, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for the Resurfacing on Various Residential City Streets, City Project No. ST-252. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aragona and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

REGULAR ITEMS

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 BUDGET

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that since the presentation of the FY 2002/2003 budget was completed during the worksession prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, it is not necessary to do it again.

Councilmember Aragona asked if copies would be made available to the public.

Ms. Standiford responded affirmatively and stated that staff will also be happy to answer questions from the public anytime between now and July 2nd when the budget will be brought back to the Council for public hearing and, hopefully, adoption.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Duke stated that she attended the Kennedy Awards Night. She stated the three Student Recognition Awards were presented to Karen Tzong, David Wang, and Jamie Thomas.

Councilmember Blake reported that the Orange County Fire Authority passed the 3% at 50 retirement formula for the firefighters. They also approved the preliminary proposal to the City of La Habra to enter the Orange County Fire Authority as a cash contract City. He added this could affect the City of La Palma in a positive manner. The Board also approved the Firefighters Memorial plan.

Councilmember Blake asked if staff was aware that the new owner of the VanderDussen property had torn down all but two walls.

Ms. Hoesterey responded that there is a significant advantage to him by making it a remodel, rather than a new home, as far as fees that he pays primarily with the County, and some with the City. Mr. Pitts was well aware of how extensive the tear down would be. We were all just a little surprised because it happened in a weekend. Staff came back Monday and it was gone, but that was in the plans, Mr. Pitts understood that that's what was going to take place.

Councilmember Aragona stated that Kennedy High School had their JROTC Awards on May 22nd and at that time Colonel Bledsoe mentioned that while this program is about five years old, it was on probation for one year regarding its credentialing because its students' achievement tests, not only in the academic arena, but with JROTC, were not good and in two years he's brought that program back to a national award winning program. She reported that she attended the Anaheim Union High School District Scholar Athlete's Program and it was nice to hear the great things that were being said about the City of La Palma, and Kennedy students received lots of accolades. She also reported that she attended the King School Cinderella Program, which was excellent.

Councilmember Aragona thanked all of the City staff for their response to a couple recent incidents. She also stated she was pleased to announce that her husband, Joe, retired last Friday.

Vector Control Representative Larry Herman thanked the Mayor for his letter in support of continued funding for the Orange County Red Imported Fire Ant Authority. He reported that a large infestation has been found in Merced County, approximately 2400 acres in an almond orchard. He explained that the ants are attracted to protein, not sweets, and that's why they are in the almond orchard. He stated he thinks that points out the value of the education program that the state needs to do, as Orange County is doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes reported that she enjoyed the Kiwanis Breakfast honoring the Public Works Department and was pleased to be able to present the proclamation to the Department at that time. She also reported that she enjoyed participating in the Luther School tour of City Hall. She added that she also attended the Athlete's Award event and she was really proud of the achievements of all the students. Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she was also pleased to be able to present the proclamation to Jamie Thomas.

Mayor Walker stated that on his recent vacation to the Midwest he was surprised to discover that they don't have the "Every 15 Minutes" program, which is a national program. He added that his wife Lisa and her father sat down with the Police Chief of Brooklyn Center and they will be giving them information on La Palma's program. They have the videotape.

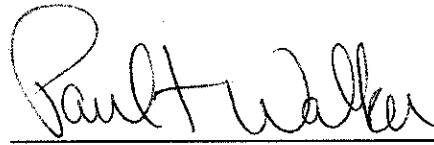
Councilmember Aragona stated that she would miss the June 18th Council meeting. Councilmember Duke added that she would also be absent from that meeting.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that staff is still planning on holding the June 18th meeting, the primary item on the Agenda will be consideration of the transfer request from AT&T Broadband unless, of course, they request another extension.

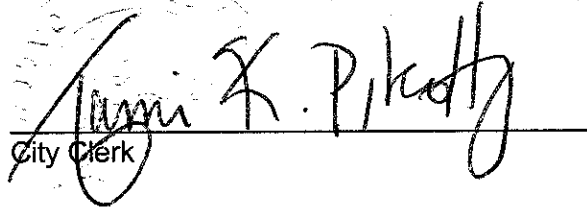
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk