

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes 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  
Tami Piscotty, Assistant to the City Manager  
Ismile Noorbaksh, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Paul Pitts, Director of Building & Safety  
Robbeyn Bird, Director of Finance  
Dominic Lazzaretto, Acting Principal Planner  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Recreation Coordinator Noel Munivez introduced the Miss La Palma Committee members and then called upon Chair Amy Payne who thanked the City Council for their support of the Miss La Palma Contest. She then called upon the four contestants present at this evening's meeting to introduce themselves and to tell a little about themselves.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Karen Blake, 7801 Westra Lane, La Palma, addressed the Council to complain about the signal operation at the corner of Valley View Street and La Palma Avenue. She asked that the City of Buena Park be contacted to see if the problem could be corrected.

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:10 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 7:12 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Aragona made a motion to approve the following item on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED THE SEPTEMBER 17, AND OCTOBER 1, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-57 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR OCTOBER 15, 2002

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-58 APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BENESYST

AWARDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,775 TO RUIZ ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR STREET REHABILITATION OF ORANGETHORPE AVENUE FROM MOODY STREET TO COYOTE CREEK CHANNEL, CITY PROJECT NO. ST-230

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

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

REGULAR ITEM

PROPOSED 2002 RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES

Councilmember Aragona outlined the programmed activities for this year's Red Ribbon Week that will begin with the Red Ribbon Challenge on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at Central Park. She reported that this year, the La Palma Christian Center has added a community service requirement to their 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and they will take all the ribbons down this year. She announced that this year for the first time, they were able to get a grant from a pharmaceutical company that was used to make an educational brochure available at Walker Junior High School as well as the hospital and the medical buildings. At the elementary schools this year they will

have Hugs the Bear, the DARE car, and a representative from the Orange County Fire Authority. Red ribbons will be distributed and an ice cream social has been offered to each of the schools. She reported that this year there would be a speaker from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at Walker Junior High School on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> who will speak about the dangers of getting in a car with a drunk driver. On November 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a reception at City Hall at 6:30 where photos from each of the schools will be on display as well as the various city-wide activities. Entries from the Creative Writing or Artwork Contest will be on display as well. In addition, the first place winner from Kennedy High School will be invited by Assemblyman Tom Harman to Sacramento to read the winning essay either on the Assembly floor or in an Assembly Committee. In addition, this year the Red Ribbon Challenge amount has been raised to \$400.00. Another exciting addition to this year's program is that Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh will be driving a public works vehicle in the La Palma Days Parade and two students from Tiny Tots, Luther School, Los Coyotes School, and Miller School along with two adults will ride with him in this vehicle.

Councilmember Duke commended Councilmember Aragona for her diligent work during the six years that she has chaired this committee.

#### COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Aragona stated that she did a ride along with the Police Department and reported that they now have two laser guns, which are very efficient and time savings tools. She stated that she attended an Orange County Transit Authority Task Force meeting and reported that they are looking for more local representation from the 34 cities in Orange County on the Board that makes decisions for use of transportation dollars, among other things. She also reported that the subcommittee on which she sits is looking into the issue of the makeup of the Board.

Councilmember Aragona reported that La Palma resident Carl Eriksen was very complimentary to Mike Belknap's display at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony of patches of different entities that were involved in the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy.

Councilmember Aragona also reported that she had received compliments from her neighbors on Steve Clayton's assistance during the recent flushing activities.

Councilmember Duke reported that she attended a session at the League Conference on how to deal with disruptive people that was very informative. She stated she would be happy to share the material she brought back with her. She also reported that while she was at the League Conference she attended the Division Breakfast and also the Fire Authority Breakfast which were both quite interesting. She added that the SCAG meeting and CEHD meeting were also on the same day and reported that the focus in the CEHD committee is still on forecasting the trend and greeting that information back from all of the cities. She reported that she also attended an MTA meeting in Los Angeles County and stated it is interesting in the way they are working in being more service oriented and closer to the clientele that they serve. She also thanked City Attorney Joel Kuperberg for the lovely dinner he hosted at the League Conference.

Councilmember Blake reported that he thought the opening speaker at the League Conference, Peter Yarough from Peter, Paul and Mary, was amazing.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Open House at Station 13 on Saturday and reported they had a good attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she attended the League Conference and added that Peter Yarough had the audience in the palm of his hands. She added that she attended one of the grass roots conference workshops where they emphasized getting civic organizations involved on an information basis so that when an issue comes up on the ballot supporting the League of Cities, the civic organizations will have information and input to assist them in making their decision on how to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated she attended the Cypress College Community Advisory Group where they gave an update on construction facilities, community relations and economic development and then there were small group discussions on what the college can do to improve relationships with local businesses, organizations and cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes announced that the Anaheim Secondary PTA Council is having a Candidate's Night on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Savannah High School for the School Board and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes thanked the Recreation Department for the assistance they provided her last week at the La Palma Candidate's Night.

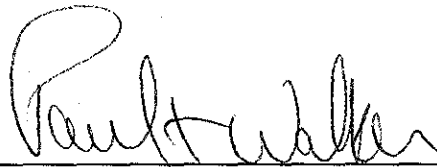
Mayor Walker stated that the Sanitation District had a tour of Plant 2 and reported that it was quite interesting. He described the test scrubbers that are supposed to cut down the cost as well as the size of the structures and it is anticipated that each one of these will save the District approximately \$250,000.00.

Mayor Walker reported that he also attended the League Conference and it was quite interesting to hear the gentleman speak. He also thanked City Attorney Joel Kuperberg for the dinner he hosted.

Mayor Walker stated that he has some things coming up on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, which is the regularly scheduled Council meeting and asked if Council had any objections to rescheduling the Council Meeting for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Council concurred with the Mayor's request.

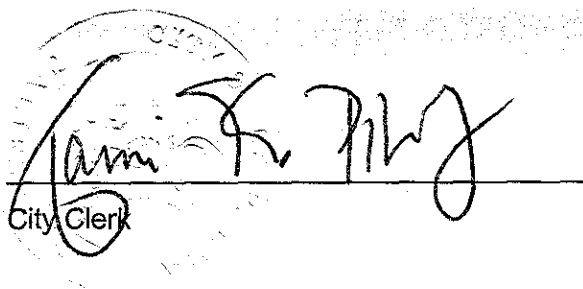
#### ADJOURNMENT

The City council adjourned at at 7:45 p.m.



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Mayor

ATTEST:



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City Clerk