

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 2002

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the La Palma City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 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

Pastor Darrell Yarbrough 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  
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  
Jan Hobson, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Dominic Lazzaretto, Acting Principal Planner  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
Peggie Turnage, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Richard Polis presented a check in the amount of \$750.00 from the Orange County Classic Chevys to Sergeant Eric Nunez who accepted on behalf of the La Palma Explorer's. Sgt. Nunez thanked the Orange County Classic Chevy Car Club and explained that they hold an annual car show in La Palma during the month of September, which helps to benefit the La Palma Police Explorers. These funds help provide uniforms for the Explorers.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Jan Hobson introduced Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade, William Manes of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council; Ron Melendez Orange County Veterans Service Officer; Carol Hatch, Orange County Veterans Special Projects Manager; Parade Chairperson, Rick Polis, and Parade Committee member Carl Eriksen. She then introduced Supervisor James Silva who presented a Proclamation to Ms. Hobson recognizing La Palma Days as the Official Veterans Day Parade in Orange County.

Councilmember Aragona reported that this year's Red Ribbon Week has been the most successful that she has been involved with and added that it couldn't be done without the community volunteers. She stated that through contributions from the community the Red

Ribbon Week activities have been held without using any funds from the City. She highlighted this year's activities and invited everyone to look at the display in the lobby of the winning poster and essay entries. She then introduced poster contest winners from the La Palma Christian Center, Eliot Bland, Savannah Nungaray, and Matthew Pike. She then introduced the winners from Los Coyotes, Erik Johnson, Alex McCard, Vivian Oh, Alex Ripple, Todd Shinto, and Allison Woo. She also introduced the Committee Member from Los Coyotes School, Victoria Orozco. Councilmember Aragona then introduced the Poster and Creative Writing Contest winners from Kennedy High School: Cynthia Forbes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Alexi Przbylowsky, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Ivette Alé. Councilmember Aragona then invited Ms. Alé to read her winning essay titled "The Empty Bottle".

Councilmember Aragona then introduced Bob Marlowe from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers who did the presentation at Walker Junior High School and presented him with a certificate and gift. She then introduced the school support personnel and presented each with a certificate. In addition, she introduced the community supporters and presented each with a certificate. Next, Councilmember Aragona recognized each of the donors and presented them a certificate of recognition. Councilmember Aragona then announced the winners of the Red Ribbon Challenge, \$125 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner La Palma Christian Center and \$275 to 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop 650. She concluded by introducing this year's committee members and presented each with a certificate and a gift.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gerald Sohl, 4591 Maroon Drive, addressed the Council to request a traffic study or more police patrol on Maroon Drive. He explained that due to increased foot traffic that the completion of the park will generate, the fact that the street narrows in that area, and only one side of the street has sidewalks, he believes there are hazardous conditions in this area.

Mr. Andy Hilbert, 4812 El Rancho Verde Drive, addressed the Council to complain about unsafe traffic conditions on Moody Street at the north city limits where the Coyote Creek bridge construction is occurring. He suggested that there should be some cones or signs to warn motorists that the lane is being diverted.

Mayor Walker asked the Director of Public Works/City Engineer Ismile Noorbaksh if there is a completion date for the work on the bridge. Mr. Noorbaksh responded that it is scheduled for completion by the middle of December.

Mayor Walker advised Chief of Police Vince Giampa that in addition to the situation Mr. Hilbert referred to, there are still people making illegal left turns out of the center at Moody Street and La Palma Avenue.

Mr. Duane Schuster, 8272 El Pescador Lane, addressed the Council to announce that Lauree Aragona will be La Palma's Americana Award recipient this year.

RECESS

Mayor Walker recessed the City Council to convene as the Community Development Commission at 7:56 p.m. (See separate Community Development Commission Minutes.)

RECONVENING

Mayor Walker reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:20 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

APPROVED THE OCTOBER 15, 2002 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2002-59 APPROVING A REGISTER OF DEMANDS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2002

APPROVED THE PROPOSED PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AND APPROVED AN APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650 (GENERAL FUND) TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM FR FISCAL YEAR 2002/2003

APPOINTED GERALD SOHL TO THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND JOHN TSAI TO THE COMMUNITY AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR TERMS EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2005

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

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED COMMITTEES/COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilmember Duke stated that she attended a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Library Board and reported that there is a change of \$369,720.00 but they don't really feel this will be a big bite in this particular fiscal year. The board will be looking very closely at what occurs in the next few months. The number of cities requiring assistance with their library funding is now bordering on seven, from the original four but at this time it is not known if this is just a one year situation, or if this will continue in future years.

Councilmember Duke stated that she attended the Orange County Council of Governments and reported that a meeting of the interpartnership between Western Riverside and Orange County is coming up again.

Vector Control Representative Larry Herman reported that the State budget deficit would probably impact the Imported Red Fire Ant Program. He stated that the best option the District has is to go to a pro-parcel fee increase that would have to go to the voters. He added they would probably roll it into a Red Imported Fire Ant, West Nile Virus and rat control program for justification. He stated that La Palma does not have a major problem currently, but Cypress and Los Alamitos do and the fire ants can fly so he suggested that the city initiate an inspection program if it has the means to do it as a temporary measure until the finances are straightened out.

Councilmember Duke asked if it were possible to put a training program for citizens on cable to help them identify what a fire ant is.

Mr. Herman responded the District has an education department that sends people out into the communities and schools and he felt they had been on some cable networks. He added it's hard to get the public's attention unless the problem is in their own backyard.

Councilmember Duke asked if there is any particular season when the ants are most active.

Mr. Herman responded that in cold weather they are not as active as in warm water, but they also need moisture so irrigation attracts them.

Councilmember Aragona stated she attended a Valuing Diversity brainstorming meeting at Kennedy High School and reported she was very impressed with the two teachers she would be working with. She reported they have set up some special programs over the next eight months and she hopes the Council will participate.

Councilmember Aragona stated she attended a Youth 20/20 Coordinating Council meeting and reported it was exciting to hear the School Success, Character Development and Leisure Time Committees have some new members.

Councilmember Aragona stated she attended a Bridges Program at Central Park and reported there was a speaker from the Human Relations Commission who was outstanding.

Councilmember Aragona stated that she is on the Board of Directors of La Palma Hospital and reported that she has called together a Community-wide Disaster Preparedness Program and that will hopefully involve the Community Policing Program. The program will also include the Orange County Fire Authority and Kennedy High School and Neighborhood Watch will be participating in the disaster drills.

Councilmember Aragona stated that she attended the Miss La Palma and reported that the program was excellent and there were a wide variety of talents.

Councilmember Aragona reported that she spoke at Luther School's Television Program about Red Ribbon and participation in the La Palma Days Parade.

Councilmember Aragona publicly thanked Congressman Royce and his staff for making their recent trip to Washington D.C. such a wonderful experience.

Councilmember Blake stated that he attended the Orange County Fire Authority meeting and reported that at the Executive Committee meeting they approved a form in the guidelines for the Fire Chief's Annual Review. As an update on the Firefighter's Memorial he reported that they approved a clay model for the second portion of the monument and it will be completed by August of this next year.

Councilmember Blake stated he attended the Orange County Leadership Symposium at which they set up the program for the January 2003 Leadership Symposium Weekend.

Councilmember Blake stated that the MC's at the Miss La Palma Program were phenomenal. He also stated that he attended the Kennedy Choir Show and reported that the next three shows will be held at the La Mirada Theater.

Councilmember Blake reported they will be using the horse-drawn carriage in the parade and there will be plenty of room for everyone.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she attended the SCAG MAGLEV Task Force meeting and reported that they voted on two routes as the original operating segment, Los Angeles to March Air Force Base and the Orange Line, which runs along the PE right-of-way. The MAGLEV recommendations will now be submitted to the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated she attended Assemblyman Tom Harman's District Business Advisory Group where he presented his Doom and Gloom report for businesses in California.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated she attended the Miss La Palma Program and added that her daughter really enjoyed being involved with this program.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes stated that she attended two parades for the Angels and reported that Congressman Royce, who is a long time Angels fan, was there as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Barnes wished the candidates running for City Council good luck and congratulated Councilmember Aragona on being named La Palma's Americana Award recipient for this year.

Mayor Walker stated he attended the Sanitation District meeting and reported they voted on a 36 million dollar increase for their share of the ground water replenishment system. The agreement between the Water District and Sanitation District will be signed on November 13th and it will be full steam ahead at that point.

Mayor Walker also wished the candidates good luck and congratulated Councilmember Aragona.

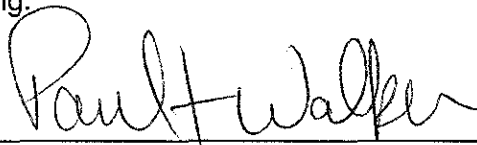
#### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Catherine Standiford stated that she is wearing a yellow rose as a symbol of the power of one vote. She explained that in the 1920's when the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution was ratified, it was ratified by one vote. Tennessee was the last state necessary to ratify the amendment for the nation, giving women the right to vote, and a young Senator in Tennessee was the deciding vote. When the Senator walked in everyone was dismayed because he was wearing a red rose on his lapel and the suffragettes had adopted the yellow rose as a symbol of the importance of the women's right to vote. But when it came time for the vote the young Senator did vote in favor of giving women the right to vote which cause Tennessee to ratify it, which caused the Nation to ratify it. After the vote was taken he was asked why because he had been undecided. He pulled out a letter from his pocket and the letter was from his Mother advising him that the vote was important and that it seemed unfair that half of the country's population couldn't play a role in the election of the people running the Country and he explained that sometimes you just have to do what your Mother tells you to do. So in honor of the Senator whose one vote did matter and enabled her to be able to vote in this election, she is wearing a yellow rose on Election Day.

Mayor Walker asked the Council to adjourn to Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> sat 6:30 p.m. in the lobby for a reception in honor of Councilmember Aragona.

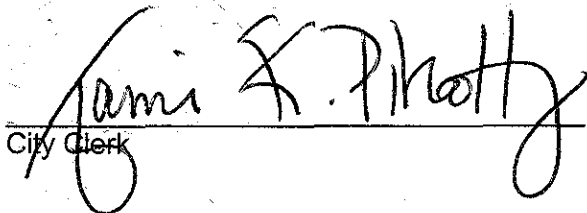
ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for a reception and 7:00 p.m. for the Regular City Council Meeting.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:



\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk