

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

January 19, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shanahan called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:37 p.m. in the Fan Palm Room, La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

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present:

Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman,
Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez, Mayor Shanahan, and
Mayor Waldman

City Officials present:

Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community
Services Director
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City
Engineer
Keith Neves, Finance Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services
Manager/ City Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

No members of the public wished to speak.

REGULAR ITEM

1. Study Session: Citywide User Fee Study

Finance Director Neves gave a brief background of the project and introduced the consultant, Rick Kermer, President of Revenue and Cost Specialists, LLC. Mr. Kermer gave a presentation regarding the User Fee Study, including calculating service costs, costing methodology, how cost recovery was calculated, and subsidies.

Finance Director Neves gave a presentation on the User Fee Schedule.

Public Input:

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council asking for clarification on the right-of-way (ROW) encroachment fees.

City Manager Lazzaretto stated that there was no increase for a bin in front of a residence and clarified that the new ROW encroachment fee of \$450 is for construction plan checks and inspections related to underground connections in the City's right-of-way.

Council Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding fees paid by utility companies versus fees paid by residents; and the Fats, Oils, and Grease program.

Public Input:

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council asking for clarification on how salaries were allocated.

Finance Director Neves responded that salaries were calculated based on the time it takes the individual to actually perform the work required for each task.

Council Discussion:

Further discussion ensued regarding Building and Safety fees; the current Permit Fee Holiday; permit requirements; Recreation fees being one area where it is not feasible to have full cost recovery; ball field rental fees with and without lighting; Tiny Tot fees; deposit and pricing philosophies for the Community Center; the noticing requirement of 45 days for User Fee increases; and that the User Fee Resolution will be brought back to the City Council for approval in April.

The City Council provided direction to Staff to expand the User Fee Schedule Worksheet to include reference numbers; provide information regarding ball field rental fees; to provide information on à la carte and nonresident pricing for the Community Center; and to bring the requested information back for a second study session in March.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shanahan adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:59 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on January 19, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Shanahan, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk