

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

SPECIAL MEETING – December 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 6:15 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2014, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Graham-Mejia presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Grose, Kusumoto,
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, Mayor Graham-Mejia

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Cary Reisman, City Attorney
Jason Al-Imam, Admin. Services Director
Tony Brandyberry, Pub. Works Superintendent
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
Cassandra Palmer, Support Services Manager
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations to Mayor Graham-Mejia for Her Service to the City of Los Alamitos as a Member of the City Council from Outside Agencies

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy introduced the following representatives who presented Mayor Graham-Mejia mementos for her service:

- United States Congressman, Alan Lowenthal
- Joint Forces Training Base, Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Range
- City of Cypress, Mayor Johnson
- City of Seal Beach, Council Member Gary Miller
- I-405 Corridor Cities Representative, Council Member Diana Carey
- Rossmoor Community Services District, President Michael Maynard
- Los Alamitos Unified School District, Assistant Superintendent Andrew Pulver

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy presented mementos on behalf of Board Supervisor Steele and Supervisor Moorlach. He recognized Javier Mejia for his support of Mayor Graham-Mejia. Mr. Mejia spoke briefly and Mayor Graham-Mejia thanked him for his support.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy recognized Gerard Goedhart, La Palma Mayor Pro Tem; Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Range, Joint Forces Training Base; and, Leroy Mills, Cypress Council Member.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess at 6:40 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy introduced Assemblyman Allen who spoke briefly and presented mementos to Mayor Graham-Mejia.

C. Presentation of a Tile Plaque to Lorin Michael Paholski, Police Officer, in Appreciation of 32 Years of Dedicated Service

Mayor Graham-Mejia and the City Council presented a tile plaque to Mr. Paholski. Police Chief Mattern spoke briefly regarding Mr. Paholski's service. Mayor Graham-Mejia invited Mr. Paholski's family to come forward. Mr. Paholski spoke briefly and introduced his family. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy requested a standing ovation from the attendees for Mr. Paholski's 32 years of service.

B. Special Presentations from Mayor Graham-Mejia

Mayor Graham-Mejia recognized the following individuals and presented them with Commendations:

- The Ramirez Family, St. Isidore Historical Plaza
- Joel Armstrong, Director of Sunburst Youth Academy
- Debbie Wickstrom, Community and Humanitarian Service
Ms. Wickstrom presented Mayor Graham-Mejia with mementos for her service
- Los Alamitos High School Track and Field Team, "Cheyenne Perez Walk-a-Thon", Coach Howard and the team members present
- Cody Perez, cheyenneangelicallc.com

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Graham-Mejia opened Oral Communications.

John Osborne spoke in support of public employees and maximizing their potential.

John Underwood, Producer for LATV, spoke regarding the filming of the community event, Winter Wonderland, and advised documenting and preserving were two important things LATV was involved in.

Debbie Wickstrom thanked the Council for its efforts and service.

Johnnie Stromeyer, Chamber of Commerce Chief Executive Officer, spoke in support of the Winter Wonderland and thanked everyone involved for the successful event.

Mayor Graham-Mejia closed Oral Communications.

7. **WARRANTS**

Motion/Second: Edgar/Murphy

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Warrants for December 15, 2014, in the amount of \$386,730.74, ratified the Warrants for November 18, 2014, to December 14, 2014, in the amount of \$830,578.09, and authorized the City Manager to approve such expenditures as are legally due and within an unexhausted balance of an appropriation against which the same may be charged for the time period December 16, 2014, to January 19, 2015.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye
Council Member Kusumoto	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy	Aye
Mayor Graham-Mejia	Aye

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Council Member requests separate action on a specific item.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy pulled Items 8B and 8J.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Murphy

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar Items:

- A. Approval of Minutes** (City Clerk)
1. Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014.
 2. Approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 1, 2014.
 3. Approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 6, 2014.
- C. Race on the Base Equipment Rental** (Recreation)
- This item authorized the City Manager to rent equipment for the Race on the Base. The Race on the Base event requires additional equipment from

external vendors due to limited existing City resources. This item has been placed on the agenda because the cost of the rental exceeds the purchasing limit of the City Manager. Race registration, vendor fees and sponsorship revenues offset the cost of the equipment rental.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to rent equipment from Big Top Rentals for the 2015 Race on the Base in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 and to execute a contract in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

D. Race on the Base Timing Contract (Recreation)

This item authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Gemini Timing for race timing services for the 2015 Race on the Base. The Race on the Base event requires hiring a professional timing contractor due to the expertise and equipment needed to time the event. This item has been placed on the agenda because the estimated cost of the services exceeds the purchasing limit of the City Manager. Race registration revenue offsets the cost of the timing services.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Gemini Timing for race timing services for the 2015 Race on the Base.

E. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project List for Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Engineering)

This report sets forth a recommended project for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 of the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and approval of the City's participation in the program which may be due in January 2015.

The City Council:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-36 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE"; and,
2. Directed Staff to prepare applications for submittal to the County of Orange.

F. Approval of Notice of Completion for Alley Improvement Project (CIP No. 14/15-02) (Engineering)

The facilitation of the construction of portions of the Alley from Bloomfield Street to approximately 1,150 feet east, between Katella Avenue and

Green Avenue, and in compliance with the plans and specifications. Staff recommended City Council accept the work as complete, direct filing of the Notice of Completion, and authorize retention release as prescribed by the Public Contracts Codes.

The City Council:

1. Accepted as complete the construction contract by Horizons Construction Company for the Alley Improvement Project; and,
2. Directed the City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion/Final Report with the County Recorder's office; and,
3. Authorized Staff to release the 5% retention to the contractor, in the amount of \$7,443.33, thirty-five (35) days after recordation of the Notice of Completion.

- G. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – September 2014 (Finance)**
This item requested Council receive the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report.

The City Council received and filed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – September 2014.

- H. Resolution for Cerritos Avenue Street Improvement Project Funding from Orange County Transportation Authority (Engineering)**
This resolution is required by Orange County Transportation Authority in conjunction to the City of Los Alamitos receiving funding for the Cerritos Avenue Street Improvements.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-37, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR THE ARTERIAL PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FUNDED WITH REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING UNDER THE MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ACT FOR CERRITOS AVENUE PROJECT."

- I. Award of Professional Services Agreement with Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for Project Manager and Construction Manager Services of Coyote Creek Park (Engineering)**
This item recommended a new agreement with WCA to provide Project Manager and Construction Manager Services related to the Coyote Creek Park as we undertake the bike path paving project.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for Project Manager and Construction Manager Services of Coyote Creek Park support.

End of Consent Calendar

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

B. Consideration for a Professional Services Agreement with Sunrise Restaurants, LLC to Supply Food for Race on the Base (Recreation)

This item was to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to supply the food for the Race on the Base. The Race on the Base event requires an external food vendor due to the nature of food service handling. This item has been placed on the agenda because the cost of the food exceeds the purchasing limit of the City Manager. Race registration revenue offsets the cost of the food.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy requested information on the VIP package.

Community Services Director Lakin gave a brief explanation of the VIP package which includes the following: preferred VIP parking at packet pick-up and on race day; one-hour scheduled private tour of the Joint Forces Training Base Airfield air traffic control tower and hangar; opportunity to view up close and get inside a Black Hawk helicopter; vendor expo prior to dinner; dinner with soldiers volunteering their time to share their experiences of first hand active duty experience; special packet pick-up for VIP package participants; and, swag bag from ROTB sponsors.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council authorized the City Manager to pay for the food from Sunrise Restaurants, LLC for the 2015 Race on the Base in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and to execute a contract in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

J. 2015 4th of July Fireworks (Recreation)

This agenda item brought forward the recommendation made by the City Council to increase the height of the fireworks, work with the Joint Forces Training Base to find an optimal location for the show and seek residency information from attendees.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy spoke regarding the process and in favor of Mayor Graham-Mejia's determination to see this project finished after two

years of effort. He encouraged residents to bring forward issues they are passionate about.

Council Member Edgar believed the recommendation did not meet the essence of what the neighborhood was looking for and indicated he was not supportive of spending the additional funds in the hope that it would remedy the issue. He advised the event was a great City event. He had hoped to find a middle ground for the community, but could not support spending additional money.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Grose

Carried 4/1 (Edgar cast the dissenting vote): the City Council:

1. Increased the 4th of July Fireworks event budget by \$12,000 from General Fund Reserves to increase the number of larger fireworks (5"-8" shells); and,
2. Directed City Staff to work with the Joint Forces Training Base Staff to find an optimal location for the fireworks display to assist in increasing the line of sight for the homes located along the northern part of the Base; and,
3. Increased the 4th of July Fireworks event budget by \$1,500 to allow for the collection of residency information from attendees.

9. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Highlight of Past Year's Accomplishments and Term as a Council Member by Mayor Graham-Mejia

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy spoke regarding Mayor Graham-Mejia's eight years of service to the City.

Mayor Graham-Mejia thanked her husband, Javier, and son, Gage, for their support and allowing her to dedicate time to the City during her tenure. She stated she had campaigned to be the people's voice and she felt she had accomplished that goal. She thanked the community for its support and for challenging her. She thanked everyone for supporting her second term and allowing her to be a part of history. She stated she had learned some important lessons that had challenged her to be a better representative and she would take those lessons with her. She thanked everyone who had come to Council meetings to express their views. She was thankful the Council had taken a simpler approach the past couple of years. She expressed her respect and appreciation for her colleagues and indicated this past year had been her favorite year of serving.

B. Presentations to Mayor Graham-Mejia from the City Council for Her Tenure on the Council and Service as Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy and the City Council presented a tile plaque and gavel plaque to Mayor Graham-Mejia for her service.

C. City Clerk Quintanar Administers Oath of Office to Troy D. Edgar, Shelley Hasselbrink, and Warren Kusumoto

City Clerk Quintanar administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Edgar, Hasselbrink, and Kusumoto.

D. Comments by Newly Installed Council Members

Newly installed Council Members Edgar, Hasselbrink, and Kusumoto spoke briefly regarding their appointment.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess for a reception in the Council Chamber Lobby at 7:53 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 8:07 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy presiding. Council Member Hasselbrink was present.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

A. City Council Reorganization (City Clerk)

This report provided relevant information for the City Council's annual reorganization, by the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The City's Charter requires roll call votes be taken for the election of these two Officers.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy turned the meeting over to City Clerk Quintanar.

City Clerk Quintanar opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Council Member Grose nominated Council Member Murphy for the Office of Mayor, seconded by Council Member Edgar.

There being no further nominations, City Clerk Quintanar closed the floor for nominations.

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Council Member Murphy to the Office of Mayor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye
Council Member Hasselbrink	Aye
Council Member Kusumoto	Aye
Council Member Murphy	Aye

City Clerk Quintanar congratulated Mayor Murphy and turned the meeting over to Mayor Murphy.

Mayor Murphy opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Kusumoto nominated Council Member Edgar for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Murphy nominated Council Member Grose for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Murphy closed the floor for nominations. Nominations were taken in the order received.

Carried 3/2 (Grose and Murphy cast the dissenting votes): The City Council appointed Council Member Edgar to the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	No
Council Member Hasselbrink	Aye
Council Member Kusumoto	Aye
Mayor Murphy	No

B. Comments by Newly Elected Officers

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar thanked his colleagues for the votes and stated he looked forward to the year ahead.

Mayor Murphy thanked his colleagues for the nomination. He thanked his family, business partner, and girlfriend, Tina, for their support. He indicated he wanted to accomplish an overview of each department's budget on a bi-monthly basis and review the parks and funding to better utilize and maximize their potential in the upcoming year.

C. City Council Member Appointments/Reappointments as Representatives to Other Agencies (City Clerk)

This report provided relevant information for the City Council's annual appointments/reappointments of Council Members as representatives to other Agencies.

City Clerk Quintanar summarized the Staff report referring to the information contained therein and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Murphy advised City Ad Hoc Committees would be discussed at a future date.

The City Council discussed the various appointments.

City Clerk Quintanar summarized the following slate for appointment consideration:

California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
Delegate/Alternate: Grose/Edgar

Orange County Fire Authority, Board of Directors
Delegate/Alternate: Kusumoto/Hasselbrink

Orange County Sanitation District, Board of Directors
Delegate/Alternate: Murphy/Hasselbrink

Orange County Vector Control District
Gerri Graham-Mejia will continue to serve until her current term expires December 31, 2015.

League of California Cities – State Division
Delegate/Alternate: Murphy/Edgar

City Selection Meeting
Delegate/Alternate: Murphy/Edgar

Orange County Library Advisory Board
Delegate/Alternate: Hasselbrink/Murphy

West Cities Communication Center – JPA Board
Delegate/Alternate: Grose/Murphy

Motion/Second: Kusumoto/Edgar
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Approved the appointments as read aloud by City Clerk Quintanar regarding Representatives to Other Agencies; and,
2. Adopted City Council Resolution 2014-35, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS"; and,
3. Authorized the City Clerk to complete California Form 806, Agency Report of: Public Official Appointments and post on the City's website.

D. Council Announcements

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar spoke regarding support and attendance at Winter Wonderland and support for LATV filming special events.

Council Member Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at the Winter Wonderland and Sunburst Youth Academy graduation, and thanked Staff and Council for their support.

Council Member Grose spoke regarding the following topics: list of events attended located at www.losal.net; attendance at the swearing in ceremony for Assembly Member Young Kim; attendance at Sunburst Youth Academy graduation; attendance at Winter Wonderland; and, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Kusumoto spoke regarding attendance at the Winter Wonderland and advised he had attended the art gallery event at Cal State Long Beach for St. Isidore. He requested Council Member Edgar elaborate.

Council Member Edgar discussed the program in which St. Isidore engaged Cal State Long Beach Fine Arts program to redesign St. Isidore. He advised of the upcoming New Years Eve event where the art work would be on display in the St. Isidore Hall.

Council Member Kusumoto wished everyone a Merry Christmas and peace for the upcoming New Year.

Mayor Murphy thanked his colleagues for the honor of being Mayor and spoke regarding his attendance at Winter Wonderland. He thanked Staff, the sponsors and all involved for a job well done.

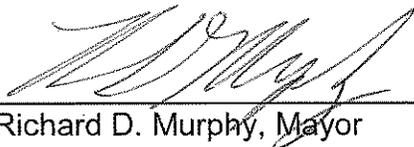
11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Plumlee spoke regarding Winter Wonderland and thanked everyone for their support. He congratulated new Council Member Hasselbrink and incumbents Edgar and Kusumoto. He congratulated Mayor Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Edgar. He wished everyone a happy holiday, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Murphy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

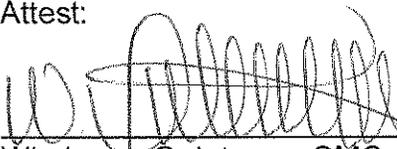
12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk