

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

SPECIAL MEETING – May 18, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:07 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Grose, Hasselbrink, Kusumoto,
Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, Mayor Murphy

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Jason Al-Imam, Admin. Services Director
Tony Brandyberry, Pub. Works Superintendent
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development/Public
Works Director
Rick Moore, Police Sergeant
Cassandra Palmer, Support Services Manager
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Update on Fiscal Year 2015/16 General Fund Operating Budget

This report provided the City Council with an update on preliminary Fiscal Year 2015/16 General Fund Operating Budget.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, gave a PowerPoint presentation, and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Murphy referred to the \$20,000 reduction in Community Development and asked what was removed.

Community Development/Public Works Director Mendoza indicated \$20,000 was budgeted for a consultant to produce a new General Plan map. After consideration of the many zoning changes that would occur, Staff opted to push the new map out a year, which would not affect the service level.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar clarified the \$125,000 surplus from this year would be transferred to next year. He stated it was confusing to refer to the expense as a reduction when it was truly a transfer.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam explained the charge had been built into each department's budget. If the transfer of this year's surplus was approved for next year's expense, there would be a reduction of \$125,000 to each department. He indicated this would happen around summer and there may be a potential surplus of \$512,000 which would be recommended to fund the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

Council and Staff discussed the various possibilities to use the surplus from the current year to fund the internal service funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar stated support for using this year's surplus to help with next year's expense. He did not want to overfund the Garage Fund as it was previously subject to abuse. He was supportive of appropriations having to come back to Council for discussion.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam clarified the funds would be set aside until Council approved the appropriations for spending.

Council Member Kusumoto indicated he understood the appropriation process.

Council Member Hasselbrink understood there would be a surplus until Council approved the appropriation for 2015/16.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:


Windmer Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk