

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

REGULAR MEETING – January 19, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:01 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Lisa Kranitz, Assistant City Attorney
Jason Al-Imam, Administrative Services Director
Sean Connelly, Police Captain
Corey Lakin, Recreation and Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Chief of Police
Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director
Rick Moore, Police Captain
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murphy introduced Brigadier General Toy. Brigadier General Toy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation to Arrowhead for its Sponsorship of the 2015 Winter Wonderland at the Plaza

Mayor Murphy and the City Council presented a picture collage to the representatives from Arrowhead, David Bender and Richard Weatherford. Mr. Bender spoke briefly.

B. Presentation of Commendations to Emily Carpentier, Sydney Carpentier, and Kayla Toy for Being Selected to Join the 2016 United States Army All-American Band

Mayor Murphy and the Council presented plaques to Emily Carpentier, Sydney Carpentier, and Kayla Toy. Brigadier General Toy spoke briefly regarding the girls' accomplishments.

- C. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Plunkett, Director of Bands, for his Leadership and Support of Musical Education**
Mr. Plunkett was unable to attend due to a conflict with the Los Alamitos School Board District meeting time.
- D. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the 2015 Los Alamitos Holiday Decorating Contest Winners**
Mayor Murphy and the Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following contest winners: Michelle Perkins, 1st Place-Apartment Row; Tania and Stephen Bowen, 2nd Place-Apartment Row; and, Melvin Boding, 1st Place – Royal Oak Mobile Home Park.
- E. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the Community Members who participated on the Police Chief Interview Panel**
Mayor Murphy and the Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the community members, Emil Jorge, Rob Feldman, LTC Tom Lasser, and Nesi Stewart. They each spoke briefly.
- F. Presentation of a Tile Plaque to Outgoing Police Chief, Todd Mattern, for Nearly Thirty Years of Dedicated Services**
Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a tile plaque to Chief Mattern. The Council and City Manager Plumlee spoke briefly thanking him for his service. Chief Mattern spoke briefly and thanked his family for their support. The following representatives presented momentums of appreciation to Chief Mattern and thanked him for his service: Augustine Han, Senator Janet Nguyen's Office; Collin Edwards, Assembly Member Travis Allen's office; and, Jeremy Tran, Supervisor Michele Steele.
- G. Presentation of a Commendation to Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Tom Lasser for his Contributions to the Joint Forces Training Base**
Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a Commendation to LTC Lasser. Council Member Grose spoke briefly regarding LTC Lasser's service. Jeremy Tran, Supervisor Steele's Office, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked LTC Lasser for his service. LTC Lasser spoke briefly.
- H. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Council Member Dean Grose for his Contributions in Maintaining a Positive Relationship with the Joint Forces Training Base**
Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council Member Grose. Council Member Grose spoke briefly.
- I. Presentation by Lacy Schoen, Chief Executive Officer, Association of California Cities – Orange County, Regarding 2016 Dues and Residential Care Facilities**
Lacy Schoen spoke regarding the 2015 accomplishments and benefits of Association of California Cities – Orange County and presented a handout. Ms. Schoen introduced Diana Coronada, Legislative and

Members Service Manager, who spoke briefly regarding the efforts on Sober Living Homes and Facilities.

Council Member Edgar stated appreciation for ACC-OC's role in helping Orange County cities maintain their seat on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board, AB 355.

J. Presentation by Ken Cruz, Division Chief, of Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Regarding Pulse Point

Division Chief Cruz gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding OCFA's mobile app, Pulse Point.

Council Member Grose spoke in favor of the application and gave a brief overview of its benefits. He encouraged the community to be engaged.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess at 6:50 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Regular Session at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Murphy thanked Don Farrell, President of the St. Isidore Historical Plaza, for the Board's participation in Winter Wonderland.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Murphy opened Oral Communications.

Don Farrell, President of the St. Isidore Historical Plaza, spoke regarding the new monthly Concert Series at the Plaza.

Mayor Murphy advised Item 8I would be postponed; however, if anyone wished to speak they may.

Debbie Feldman, resident, congratulated Chief Mattern on his retirement. She spoke regarding the Jewish Family and Children Services and the upcoming Annual Run on May 1, 2016.

Josh Brook, Director of Community Development with Hero Pace Program, spoke in favor of making the Hero Program available to residents and businesses.

Wallay Malesh, Orange County Realtor, spoke in favor of the Pace program.

Jason Mitchell, Senior Loan officer, spoke in favor of the Hero Program.

Beth Piburn spoke regarding the upcoming Americana Awards on February 27, 2016, and spoke in favor of extending the parking limitation hours along Los Alamitos Blvd.

Bev Harrison, Volunteer for Alzheimer's Orange County, spoke regarding the program and services available to the community. She thanked the Council for their support.

Josh Wilson, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Chair, spoke regarding the upcoming Race on the Base on February 27th and challenged the Council to participate. He spoke in favor of item 9C to approve the Weekend of Art event.

Ray LeCompte, Business owner, requested property owners be included in parking discussions.

Mark Brodersen, Aircraft Windshield Company, stated concern for the limited two hour parking and felt the businesses had been considerate of one another. He indicated older buildings had parking limitations.

Terrie St. Germain, Dentist, indicated there was 8 hour parking in front of his building and question how the City came to this resolution?

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz advised discussion should take place during the agenda item.

Council Member Edgar called point of order and requested the Staff report be pulled and discussed.

Dan Aguilar, resident, stated he had been a resident since 1940 and due to lack of parking, he no longer receives visitors. Instead of two hour parking he suggested the hospital rent its spaces or businesses build their own structures.

George Briggeman stated he had not received a notice and questioned how they were distributed.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised they had been hand distributed to over 300 businesses that were impacted.

Mr. Briggeman advised he understood the need for two hour parking in certain areas due to school kids.

Mayor Murphy closed Oral Communications.

7. **WARRANTS**

Motion/Second: Edgar/Grose

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Warrants for December 14, 2015, in the amount of \$68,580.40, ratified the Warrants for November 17, 2015 to December 13, 2015, in the amount of \$779,344.21, and

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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 of December 15, 2015 to January 18, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye
Council Member Kusumoto	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink	Aye
Mayor Murphy	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 Murphy advised item 8I would be postponed and pulled items 8G, 8H and 8I.

Council Member Edgar pulled item 8E.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Hasselbrink

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

A. Approval of Minutes (City Clerk)
Approved the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 16, 2015.

B. Adopt Ordinance 2015-11 - A Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 15-07) Concerning Marijuana Regulation (City Initiated)
(Community Development)

At its regular meeting of December 14, 2015 the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-11. This is a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 15-07) considering a prohibition of commercial cannabis activities, including the sales, cultivation, distribution, delivery, storage and manufacturing of cannabis, medical marijuana, and marijuana in response to three State of California bills signed into law on October 9, 2015 (AB 266, AB 243, and SB 643) which are known collectively as the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. The ordinance will also prohibit cultivation for personal use by Qualified Patients and Caregivers. The draft ordinance was brought to the City Council by recommendation of the Planning Commission (Citywide) (City initiated).

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-11, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 17.39 TO THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY AND PROHIBITING CULTIVATION FOR MEDICAL USE BY A QUALIFIED PATIENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER AND AMENDING TABLES 2-02, 2-04, and 2-06

TO REFLECT THE SAME, AND DIRECTING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BE FILED FOR A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM CEQA (CITYWIDE) (CITY INITIATED).”

C. Adopt Ordinance 2015-12 - A Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 15-04) for Administrative Permitting of Restaurants with Outside Seating Areas (City Initiated) (Community Development)

At its regular meeting of December 14, 2015 the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-12. This is a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 15-47) considering restaurant outside seating on private sidewalks as an administratively permitted use. The ordinance was brought to the City Council by recommendation of the Planning Commission (Citywide) (City initiated).

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-12, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (ZOA) 15-04 AMENDING SECTIONS 17.76.020, 17.10.020 - TABLE 2-04 AND 17.40.020 OF, and ADDING SECTION 17.38.190 AND CHAPTER 17.41 TO, THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO outside seating Areas FOR RESTAURANTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE USE PERMITS (CITYWIDE) (CITY INITIATED).”

D. Adopt Ordinance No. 2015-13 – An Ordinance Establishing Water Efficient Landscape Standards (Community Development)

At its regular meeting of December 14, 2015 the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-13 and adopted Resolution No. 2015-38. This item proposed a change to Section 13.05 of the City's Municipal Code to amend various Landscaping Standards regarding water efficient landscape regulations to meet the new statewide standards as stipulated in Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order (B-29-15). The Guidelines were incorporated in the adopted Resolution No. 2015-38 for ease of administering and amending at a later date if necessary.

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-13, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 13.05 OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.”

F. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Calendar (Administrative Services)

This report sought City Council approval of the Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Calendar.

The City Council approved the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2016/17.

End of Consent Calendar

Items pulled from the Consent Calendar

J. Limited Parking in Old Town East and Medical Center Area (Community Development)

This Staff report, continued from the November Council Meeting, requested the establishment of time-limited parking within the Commercial Area of Old Town East, the Medical Center Area and surrounding area now that additional surveys have been conducted in the residential portion of the area.

Judy Klabough, business owner, stated frustration with the parking in the Plaza. She believed the parking had not been enforced in 5-6 years which had worked for the businesses while deterring school kids. She indicated 2 hour parking in the businesses area would drive businesses away. She spoke in favor of not ticketing because the parking spaces were needed to avoid losing businesses.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Terrie St. Germain, Dentist, believed residents should have permits and parking had been an important factor when he signed his contract. He suggested removing unnecessary red curb to allow for additional 8 hour parking along Katella. He believed the stakeholders were the hospital, businesses, and residents. He stated 8 hour parking would allow businesses to park on the street and their patrons to use the lots. He did not believe Staff had done its due diligence and stated he had not received a flyer.

Gerri Mejia, resident, spoke regarding the misrepresentation on the level of effort to residents and business. She believed the survey that went to residents regarding the permit parking was skewed. She indicated the resident had a right to parking, but that was before restrictions were implemented and the demographics changed. She stated she had spoken to businesses near Florista and they were all opposed to parking meters and time limits. She stated restrictions limit the ability to do business and urged Council to leave them as is. She read the title of her petition aloud and indicated there were over 200 signatures of business owners, land owners, residents and patrons. She stated support for businesses being allowed to park on the streets to allow patrons to park in the lot and felt restrictions would create an unfortunate situation for patrons and businesses.

Jill Wilson, Shenandoah at the Arbor, stated parking had not been enforced. At any given time she has 12 employees and she had reached out to Cottonwood for additional parking. She did not feel it was business friendly to have employees park in the lots and agreed the restrictions were not conducive to patrons that wanted to visit more than one location.

Susanne Berklier advised the parking lot on Pine and Florista was not an option and questioned where businesses should park. She stated concern for parking when there was street sweeping on Tuesday.

Karen Klabough, business owner, stated there was limited parking. She agreed employees should park on the street to free up the lot for customers. She stated employees call from the parking lot due to lack of spaces and that employees set their alarms for every 2 hours to move their cars. She agreed there may be some red curb that could be freed up for parking.

Ms. Mejia stated street sweeping would significantly reduce parking. She requested members of the audience who opposed parking time limits and meters to please stand. Approximately 20 people in the audience stood.

Kathy McNally, McNally lighting, stated parking has always been an issue; however, her building had an employee parking lot and designated spaces in front of the store. She believed the green curbs in her area had worked well. She stated opposition to time restrictions and parking meters and indicated permits might be the solution. Ideally, she'd like to see a parking structure that would allow for ride a ride share program and trams around the City.

Mayor Murphy closed the item for public comment. He acknowledged everyone was working on the same issue of limited space.

Council Member Kusumoto recalled Council's direction to Staff to poll residents regarding relinquishing the permit parking and thanked them for their work. His understanding was parking meters were to be installed for a revenue gap closure. He recognized there was a lack of parking and hoped Staff could work in equilibrium with the businesses not to force out or inconvenience their customer base. He stated opposition to the recommendation.

Council Member Edgar stated the bigger issue was how parking would affect the General Plan. He referred to the Ms. McNally's parking structure and stated the importance of finding a funding source for such a project. He pointed out parking standards have changed over the years and as new businesses come in, there needs to be a long term solution for parking. He thanked the community for the input and encouraged them to continue to work with the City to come up with solutions that would work long term. He stated support for Staff and pointed out Staff was willing to help the community. He understood the recommendation may not be the right solution now and reiterated the importance of funding and businesses investing in the community. He stated the importance of working together.

Council Member Grose recognized additional parking was needed. He briefly discussed the hospital parking structure and upcoming changes that should help alleviate some of the parking concerns. He stated public streets should be used to develop circulation and briefly recalled the history of parking restrictions along Los Alamitos Blvd. He addressed concerns that outreach had not reached everyone and stated Council meetings are open to the public, televised, and available online. He stated the City wanted to work with the community to find a solution beneficial to the community and businesses. He pointed out employees were not guaranteed parking and in many large shopping malls employees parked off site. He believed this was the first discussion in finding a solution. He believed tickets issued from enforcement of the parking restrictions would encourage patrons to be smarter in the process. He was supportive of a large parking structure and reiterated the importance of having funding. He encouraged the community to continue to work the City to find the best option. He believed the project should be extended to include Serpentine and Briggeman. He indicated the red curbs were mandated by fire code and visibility of cars. He expressed frustration that there was no consistency at a policy level regarding red curbs. He stated public streets were for tax payers and did not feel employee permits were the right solution. He encouraged the community to help in the process of finding the right solution.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink pointed out the hospital did fix its parking situation and cautioned residents from assuming all personnel in scrubs was going to the hospital. She stated there was a parking issue and it could not be enforced on just the school kids and not the businesses. She believed a middle ground was needed and that doing nothing was not an option. She agreed additional discussion to reach a solution was needed and stated support for improving circulation. She suggested 4 hour parking and no overnight parking on Los Alamitos Blvd. and Katella Ave. She reiterated that doing nothing was not an option.

Mayor Murphy agreed something needed to be done. He pointed out the 2 hour parking was not working for anyone and stated longer term the City could look into reviewing the red zones and possible business permit parking. He questioned if there was a desire to address each area tonight and asked if Serpentine could be included in the discussion.

City Manger Plumlee believed it was appropriate to discuss the entire parking situation.

Mayor Murphy suggested coming back in two weeks with a special workshop to allow for additional dialogue.

Council Member Grose suggested referring the item back to Staff for a community workshop to continue the dialogue and receive additional feedback and solutions from businesses and employees. He recognized

the Traffic Commission had already addressed the issue and felt each discussion brought the City closer to a solution.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink suggested identifying areas where business permit parking would be advisable.

Council Member Edgar supported for a workshop. He believed multiple workshops would be needed to properly address all the stakeholders and different areas appropriately.

Council Member Kusumoto stated support for a workshop. He stated support for Ms. McNally's offsite commuter lot, but acknowledged funding would be a challenge. He stated finding a solution that worked toward the beatification of the City in the long run would be beneficial for all businesses and stakeholders. He believed there was a possibility of funding for an offsite parking structure and was supportive of the idea.

Ms. Klabough requested the parking enforcement be rescinded until a workshop could be held.

Mayor Murphy asked if it was possible to stop enforcement.

Chief Mattern requested the Council be clear on which areas would be bagged for parking restrictions.

City Manager Plumlee asked for parameters of a workshop. He understood the topics of interest to be solving the short term parking, addressing the long term solution, circulation, revenue, and parking enforcement. He pointed out this was part of a phased approach and Staff would need feedback for the type of workshop.

Mayor Murphy acknowledged Staff was reacting to Council's direction. He stated the main concentration would be on areas 1-6, and 13. He indicated if Council approved tonight's action, parking hours would increase in some areas. He believed that may be a good compromise if the community understood the Council would continue to review the issue.

Ms. Klabough indicated an increase would not improve circulation and stated the circulation comes from the clients.

Ms. Mejia stated workshops had already been held and the businesses make do with what is there. She indicated as a business in the area, there was no problem. She believed the hospital was still creating parking issues. She stated she didn't understand why the City was taking these steps and who was saying there is a problem.

Business Owner, stated the problem was strictly with the hospital employees parking on the street and not in the parking structure. He stated support for a business permit.

Council and Staff discussed the possibility of approving only certain areas tonight.

Ms. Mejia reiterated that many of the businesses did not receive notices and felt proper notification should occur. She stated the larger issue was that parking restrictions would lead to parking meters.

Council Member Grose called a point of order, and requested speakers step up to the microphone to be properly recorded.

Park Miller, Lincoln Property owner, offered a short term solution of allowing offsite parking on his property subject to insurance and approval of the City.

Mayor Murphy stated there was no desire to separate the areas and suggested a workshop in two weeks.

Council and Staff discussed the noticing requirements to pull together a workshop, the best way to publicize the workshop, and suggested February 8th as a target date. Staff advised Council additional direction would be needed if the desire was to expand the project area to include Serpentine and Briggeman.

Community Development Director Mendoza stated in order to have a detailed outreach and receive good feedback and data; Staff would need more than two weeks.

Council Member Edgar questioned if the signs would be bagged as a short term fix.

Johnnie Strohmyer, Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce, offered use of the Chamber's mailing list for notification.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink encouraged her colleagues to walk the area and really understand the concerns.

Kathie McNally stated she did not see these solutions working as there was a lack of physical parking space. She volunteered to help raise funds for a parking structure.

Council and Staff briefly discussed the estimated cost of a parking structure.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink questioned the procedure to start a business owner parking permit program.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz advised a detailed resolution would need to come before Council; however, direction could be given to temporarily suspend enforcement.

Council and Staff discussed the need to specify where parking enforcement would be suspended and that February 8th would not allow enough time to properly develop an outreach strategy and engage the community.

Mayor Murphy suggested no parking enforcement in areas 1-6 and 13, including Serpentine and having a workshop on February 22.

Chief Mattern advised that any area that indicates a parking restriction is subject to enforcement. He stated that all restrictions are enforced at the Officer's discretion upon observation and to make it clear that enforcement was suspended; signs should be bagged or removed.

Development Services Director Mendoza stated the existing restrictions were outlined on Attachment 1 and there were only a few places with 24 minute parking.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink understood the 24 minute parking was well received. Development Services Director Mendoza confirmed.

Mayor Murphy suggested no enforcement in areas 1-6, 13, and Serpentine.

Council Member Edgar pointed out areas 2 and 3 were residential parking permits and suggested areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 13 and possibly 10.

Terrie St. Germain stated the current restrictions in area 10 worked.

Council Member Edgar revised the areas to 1, 4, 5, 6 and 13.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink indicated there were no current restrictions in area 4 and suggested no enforcement in areas 1, 13, 5, and 6.

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

1. Suspend limited time parking restrictions in areas 1, 13, 5, and 6, and leave area 10 as is; and,
2. Directed Staff to bag the limited time parking restriction signs in said areas; and,
3. Directed Staff to bring the item back for further discussion within two months.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess at 9:20 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Regular session at 9:32 p.m.

TIME LIMITS

Per Resolution 2013-09 "Council Meeting Time Limits", City Council considered extending the time limits.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Murphy

Carried 4/1 (Grose cast the dissenting vote): The City Council voted to waive the time limits.

Council Member Grose stated time limits were put in place to avoid meetings going late into the evening and allow for fair consideration of all items.

E. Employment Agreement – Police Chief (City Manager)

The agreement outlines terms and conditions of a new employment agreement with Police Chief Candidate Eric Nuñez.

City Manager Plumlee summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Edgar stated this was an important action for the community and asked when the swearing in would occur.

City Manager Plumlee advised Chief Mattern's last day was Friday, and with approval Mr. Nuñez first day would be Monday, with the swearing in on January 26th. Chief Mattern's retirement party would be on January 28th.

Council Member Edgar gave an overview of the City Manager's selection of the Police Chief and the community's active role in the process. He stated he had met with the Police Chief Select and appreciated the opportunity to have a discussion with Mr. Nuñez. He spoke briefly about Mr. Nuñez past experience in La Palma and believed he had a high level of integrity. He stated he was impressed with the City's process. This high level position was a critical job in the community as public safety was the biggest obligation to the citizens.

City Manager Plumlee thanked Council Member Edgar for his comments. He stated while the City was losing a great Chief with Todd Mattern, it was fortunate to have Mr. Nuñez who had comparable experience, style, ethics, diligence, and professionalism.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink requested the Chamber provide the Swearing In information to the local businesses.

City Manager Plumlee advised upon approval tonight, a Press Release would be distributed to get the word out. He stated the Swearing In would be on January 26th at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Hasselbrink

Unanimously Carried: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Employment Agreement between the City of Los Alamitos and Eric Nuñez for Chief of Police services.

G. Adoption of the Legislative Platform for 2016

(Administrative Services)

The Legislative Action Plan identifies the City's Legislative Platform for 2016 and provides program procedures for the City to effectively participate in the legislative process.

Mayor Murphy referred to page 11 and questioned if "reasonable" should be added to ensure the City doesn't support all efforts no matter the costs.

Council Member Edgar questioned if that was a new addition.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, gave a brief overview of this year's changes, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council and Staff briefly discussed the following points:

- Page 8, Revenue and Taxation, first bullet point – Clarified the intent was from the Rossmoor perspective, not eminent domain
- Page 10 replace "Oppose toll lanes on the 405 Freeway" to with "Oppose toll lanes on any freeway within the County funded by Measure M and M2 funds and that may impact Los Alamitos
- Page 10, Joint Forces Training Base, revise to say "Support funding measures that maintain an equitable future for the Joint Forces Training Base"

Motion/Second: Murphy/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council adopted Resolution 2016-02, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM", as revised.

H. Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for City Owned Property

(Community Development)

This report was for authorization of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with LPC West for three City Owned Properties housing City Hall, Police, Public Works and Community Center more specifically known as Orange County Assessor Parcel Numbers 242-212-08, 242-212-10 and 242-212-11.

Mayor Murphy advised he had received the answers to his concerns and moved for approval.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the attached Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for City Owned Properties.

I. Resolution to Join the CaliforniaFIRST Program (City Manager)

This item involves participation in the CaliforniaFIRST Program, which is sponsored by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority and consideration of a Resolution making certain findings and authorizing certain matters necessary to participate in the CaliforniaFIRST Program.

This item was continued.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Adopt Ordinance No. 2015-10 Amending Section 8.12.015 of the City's Municipal Code, which would allow the City's Solid Waste Services Contract to be extended without a formal request for proposal process (Administrative Services)

At its regular meeting of December 14, 2015 the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 2015-10. This ordinance proposes a change to Section 8.12.015 of the City's Municipal Code, which would allow the City's Solid Waste Services Contract to be extended without a formal request for proposal (RFP) process.

City Manager Plumlee introduced the item. Administrative Services Director Al-Imam summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Murphy opened the item for public comment.

Mark McGee, Republic Services, stated Republic was proud to serve Los Alamitos and stated support for continuing the agreement.

George Briggeman, property owner, stated fees for a RFP process should be reimbursed by the winner. He stated opposition to Republic's recent employee downsizing and felt contract extensions should be done year by year versus all at once. He stated Republic should pay for the right to extend and if the item went out to bid his company could offer \$500,000 upfront. He reiterated concern for the company's lack of stability.

Mayor Murphy closed the item for public comment.

Council Member Grose questioned if a year to year extension was allowed and asked if Mr. McGee could guarantee he'd be there in five years.

Mr. McGee briefly explained the recent changes and how they were a positive change for the company. He stated he was encouraged by the change, appreciated the comments, and looked forward to getting involved in Los Alamitos.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz refereed to Section 2.02 of the contract and stated her interpretation was year by year extensions would not be allowed, but the City could extend for any increment of additional years, up to five years.

Council Member Grose asked if the same terms that allowed monetary support for the community would continue with the extension.

City Manager Plumlee confirmed.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink compared the City's waste contract with that of Cypress and believed for the City's size, it had a real good deal. She questioned what the City would hope to gain by going out to RFP and pointed out the annual revenue per household was \$120,000, having a landfill would be positive in light of future legislation, and the City receives good service.

Council Member Edgar questioned what the call center heard regarding quality.

City Manager Plumlee advised Staff had received good service, few complaints from business and residents, and great responses and turnaround time.

Council Member agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink and felt it was important to have stability in the City so other items could be focused on over time. He pointed out the residential rates were the lowest in the County, minus Irvine, and stated support for continuing with the contract.

Council Member Kusumoto spoke briefly regarding the service and changes he had witnessed. He stated contract renewal would be a laborious process and felt the City had a good deal and received good service. He stated support for amending the ordinance and not moving forward with an RFP.

Mayor Murphy stated there was a consensus to extend the contract, but questioned the company's stability. He stated a preference for postponing the item for a month

City Manager Plumlee advised approval tonight was for the Ordinance, the actual renewal of the contract would not come back until March. However, if the Council had a preference for the RFP process direction was needed now.

Council Member Grose questioned the legality of the Los Alamitos Unified School District using a different waste hauler than the company the City had an exclusive franchise agreement with.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz advised she would need to prepare a response for a future date and was not prepared to give a definitive answer now.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Murphy
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Adopted Ordinance No. 2015-10, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.12.015 OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE"; and,
2. Determined the City Council desired to extend the contract with CDS.

Mayor Pulled item C forward.

C. Special Events Overview (Community Services)

This item provided the City Council with a recap of the 2015 Special Events produced by the City of Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services Department. It also provides the City Council with a request to add a new Cultural Arts special event in the spring.

City Manager Plumlee introduced the item. Community services Director Lakin summarized the Staff report, gave a PowerPoint Presentation, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Kusumoto stated he was excited about this event and suggested helping artist move on to the next exhibition (i.e. Orange County Fair). He suggested encouraging PTA Reflections program participants to participate.

Mayor Murphy opened the item for public comment.

Michael Bell, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioner, spoke in favor for the free visual arts event open to all age groups.

Josh Wilson, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissioner, advised last year's deadline for the Orange County Fair was June 1.

Mayor Murphy closed the item for public comment.

Council Member Edgar stated support for this event and recalled previous exhibits that used to be held at the Community Center. He questioned what the anchor for the event was and felt an anchor would be important

to create an event with a lasting impression. He suggested using art from the museum, having an evening with the artist, or finding a high profile artist from the community. He reiterated his support for the event and desire to have additional structure.

Mr. Bell believed the event would get the established artist to participate, get people in classes involved, and allow space for kids and amateurs that want to be better. He believed the formal reception Sunday night would be beneficial.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink stated support for approving the item and allowing the Commission to figure out all the details. She stated for the upcoming budget session she would like to see the Council fund Spring Carnival, Music and Movies, Trunk or Treat and Winter Wonderland. She believed these programs were a benefit for the City, created traditions, and should not be dependent upon sponsorships.

Council Member Grose recalled previous exhibits and understood the need for a long term vision. He questioned if it would be beneficial to charge a nominal fee versus having a free event. He thanked the Commission for bringing the item forward and looked forward to the event growing.

Mayor Murphy stated his vision would be to see the event remain classy and allow it to grow into a signature event. He believed there was a lot of demand for this in the City. He thanked the Commission for bringing it forward.

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council provided feedback and appropriated \$5,000 for the 2016 "Weekend of Art in Los Alamitos".

Mayor Murphy confirmed there was a consensus to discuss the additional special events during the budget planning session.

B. Fiscal Year 2014/15 Audit Reports (Administrative Services)

The item for City Council consideration is receipt of the Fiscal Year 2014/15 audit reports.

City Manager Plumlee introduced the item. Administrative Services Director Al-Imam summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Edgar recalled the possibility of additional audit fees and questioned the final cost of the audit.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam advised the audit was completed within the all inclusive price.

Council Member Edgar asked for an explanation of the clean audit.

Maria Louse Valdez, Audit Manager, advised the City had good internal controls. A large effort was dedicated to GASBY 68, pension liability. She stated Finance Staff was quick to provide the needed information which reduced the preparation time to finish the audit.

Council Member Edgar recalled the difficulties in meeting deadlines and felt this process had been simpler. He questioned what the difference was.

City Manager Plumlee advised the difficulty had been with the previous audit firm. The current firm had been very cooperative in writing with the Finance Staff and Staff was able to submit for the GOF award for the first time in six years.

Ms. Louse Valdez stated if there had been any disagreements or delays they would be outlined in the auditor's communication. There had been no disagreements and Staff was very prompt.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam advised he had started preparing for the audit in November and Staff was able to work with the firm to get the process started early and finish in a timely manner.

Council Member Edgar spoke briefly regarding the improvement in how the City operates (page 135) and the high volume of business at the pool. He briefly discussed the impact losing the pool would have on the City's customer base. He questioned the large dip in the chart on page 110.

Ms. Louse Valdez briefly described the implementation of GASBY 68 and how there were no comparisons in prior years because it was not a requirement.

Council and Staff briefly discussed the requirement for unfunded liabilities to be listed; the perception of adding it to financial statements, and that there would be no affect on the City's bond rating.

Mayor Murphy thanked Staff for completing the audit on time.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Hasselbrink

Unanimously Carried: The City Council received and filed the annual audit reports for the Fiscal Year 2014/15: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Report on Appropriations (Gann) Limit, Report on Internal Control and Auditor Communication Letter.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

A. Council Announcements

Council Member Grose briefly discussed the following topics: list of events attended can be found on www.losal.net; attendance at Taft School for the deaf and hard or hearing annual program; attendance at Joint Forces Training Base, Family Night Out; participated in Congressman Lowenthal's interview panel for congressional appointees to military academies; met with new Police Chief Nunez on January 13; attendance at Cal State University Dominguez Hills Orthotics and Prosthetics Education Center Ribbon Cutting; lunch with Congressman Lowenthal; and, encouraged residents to use PulsePoint.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink briefly discussed the following topics: attendance at the Swearing In for the Police Officers; participated in fire alarm installation at Royal Oak mobile home with Orange County Fire Authority; and, thanked Chief Mattern for his service.

Council Member Edgar briefly discussed the following topics: closing in memory of former Council Member Constantine "Dean" Zarkos; interest in pool transition briefing; filming for State of the City video; met with new Police Chief Nunez; attendance at the Swearing In for the Police Officers; attendance at the Budget Standing Committee meeting; upcoming Americana Awards, February 27th; Casa Youth's upcoming Night on the Town; participating in the upcoming Race on the Base; and, thanked Chief Mattern for his service.

Council Member Kusumoto briefly discussed the following topics: attendance at the Swearing In for the Police Officers; attendance at Cal State University Dominguez Hills Orthotics and Prosthetics Education Center Ribbon Cutting; attendance of the viewing for Dean Zarkos; and, thanked Staff for having sand bags available for the community in preparation of El Nino.

Mayor Murphy briefly discussed the following topics: thanked the community for recognizing him as the reappointed Mayor; future construction project for Orange County Sanitation District expected in 2019; attendance at the 100th Birthday Celebration for Paulina Boy; attendance at Cal State University Dominguez Hills Orthotics and Prosthetics Education Center Ribbon Cutting; thanked Chief Todd Mattern for his service; and, advised Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink would like to close in memory of Lloyd Blancher.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink spoke briefly in memory of Lloyd Blancher.

11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Plumlee spoke briefly regarding the following topics: Police Chief Nunez first day would be January 25th; thanked Chief Todd Mattern for his many years of dedicated service; and, upcoming State of the City on February 2.

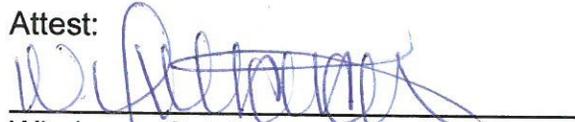
12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned in memory of Dean Zarkos and Lloyd Blancher at 11:14 p.m.



Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk