ITEM NO. 8A

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

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REGULAR MEETING – March 21, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:03 p.m., Monday, March 21, 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
Cary S. Reisman, City Attorney
Jason Al-Imam, Administrative Services Director
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Corey Lakin, Recreation and Community Services Director
Eric R. Nuñez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Edgar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Grose gave the invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Darin Minter, Semi Dice, for 40 Years of Business

Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Minter. Ms. Minter spoke briefly.

B. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Herb and Dr. Lois Abrams for 45 Years of Business

Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Herb and Dr. Lois Abrams. Dr. Herb and Dr. Lois Abrams spoke briefly.

C. Presentation of a Proclamation to West-Comm Representatives for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Murphy and the Council presented a Proclamation to West-Comm representatives. Kathie Mohen, Lead Dispatcher, spoke briefly.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Murphy opened Oral Communications.

Stephen Hammond, resident, recalled the history of LATV-3 and provided a brief summary. Spoke in opposition to funds being spent from LATV Fund 28 Account and stated a detailed list of equipment purchased should be provided.

Frank Sharon, representing owners of Los Alamitos Race Course and Cypress Golf Club, advised the master planning for the golf course would be discussed at a community meeting. The meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 30, 6:00 p.m. at Cypress Marriott. He encouraged the community to attend.

Rob Feldman, resident, recalled the opposition to the Prologis development and encouraged the Council to look at the interest of the community. He stated for the record that although he hoped the agreement between Arrowhead, Cottonwood and the City would be honored, Cypress has continually shown the City it doesn't want to honor it all the time. He spoke in opposition to additional truck traffic on Lexington that would increase traffic.

Michele Clark, Municipal Services Manager for Republic Services, advised she would be speaking at the April 1 Chamber Breakfast regarding recycling and trash.

Nancy Karmlich, Banners of Honor, presented the newest Banner of Honor and discussed the program briefly. Additional information can be found at www.bannersofhonor.com. She advised she would be seeking sponsorships from the community.

JM Ivler, resident, read an email he had received via a Public Records Request from Staff and the City's consultant. He spoke in opposition to the potential Arrowhead project. He accused Staff of not doing its job by slowing down a project, not informing Council, and disrespecting the community and Council.

Darin Minter, resident, spoke in support of the Council and Staff. She stated respect and gratefulness for Staff always doing its best. She believed Los Alamitos was a lovely community that worked together in harmony. She indicated Staff did an excellent job of communicating and encouraged the residents to stay informed. She suggested a program like "Coffee with a Cop" to give the residents an opportunity to meet the new officers. She thanked everyone for their efforts.

Mayor Murphy closed Oral Communications.

RECESS
The City Council took a brief recess at 6:36 p.m.

RECONVENE
The City Council reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

7. WARRANTS

Motion/Second:
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Warrants for March 21, 2016, in the amount of $120,483.17, ratified the Warrants for February 17, 2016 to March 20, 2016, in the amount of $794,867.66, 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 of March 22, 2106 to April 17, 2016.

ROLL CALL
Council Member Edgar
Council Member Grose
Council Member Kusumoto
Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink
Mayor Murphy

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.

Council Member Edgar pulled items 8E, 8J, and 8K.

Council Member Grose pulled item 8C. He stated he would recuse himself on items 8J and 8K as he had property close to the location and it would be inappropriate for him to be involved in that discussion.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Grose
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar Items:

A. Approval of Minutes (City Clerk)
Approved the Minutes of the February 21, 2016, Special meeting, February 21, 2016 Regular meeting, and March 1, 2016 Special meeting.

B. Adopt Ordinance 2016-01 – Amending Chapter 5.18 Remote Caller Bingo to Streamline the Expiration Dates of Such License (City Clerk)
In September 2014, the City Council added Chapter 5.18 to the Municipal Code to allow for Remote Caller Bingo. This item seeks to remedy some inconsistencies in the Chapter as it pertains to expiration dates. The City Council introduced Ordinance 2016-01, at its February 16, 2016 meeting.

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2016-01, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTIONS 5.18.025 AND 5.18.070 RELATING TO REMOTE CALLER BINGO LICENSE EXPIRATION DATES."

D. Waste Hauler Agreement Extension (Administrative Services)

This report recommended an extension to the Solid Waste Services Contract with Consolidated Disposal Service/Republic Services, Inc. for an additional five (5) years commencing January 1, 2017 and terminating on December 31, 2021.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-05, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN EXTENSION TO THE CITY'S FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED DISPOSAL SERVICE, LLC FOR THE COLLECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE.

F. Reject All Bids for Replacement of City Hall Generator CIP 15/16-03 (Public Works)

On March 2, 2016 construction bids were publicly opened for the replacement of City Hall Generator CIP 15/16-3 and four bids were received. The lowest bidder was Global Power Group with the total bid amount of $150,000; however, the bid significantly exceeds the appropriated construction budget of $95,000.

The City Council:

1. Rejected all bids received for the replacement of City Hall Generator CIP 15/16-3; and

2. Authorized the City Engineer to re-advertise for bids with a smaller 30 kilowatt generator to construct the project at the lowest cost to the City.

G. Award of Bid for Catalina Street Truck Crossing and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 15/16-01) (Public Works)

This report recommended award a bid for the construction of Catalina Street Truck Crossing and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 15/16-01)

The City Council:

1. Awarded construction of the Catalina Street Truck Crossing and Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 15/16-01) to FS Contractors, Inc. in Sylmar, Ca. in the amount of $99,396.50; and,

2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract for the project; and,

3. Authorized City Engineer to add work and execute change orders in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of 10% or $9,939.65 for a maximum contract amount of $109,336; and,

4. Authorized an additional appropriation of $33,986.15 from the Measure M Fund.

H. Resolution 2016-08 – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Right of Way Certifications (Public Works)

This resolution is required by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) in conjunction with the City of Los Alamitos receiving funding for the Cerritos Avenue Street Improvements.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-08, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RIGHT OF WAY CERTIFICATIONS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)."

I. Approval of Non-Exclusive Permit Contracts to Rainbow Environmental Services, Universal Waste Systems, Inc., and Ware Disposal Inc. for Non-Exclusive Residential Roll Off and Temporary Bin Services (City Manager)

The City's exclusive franchise agreement for residential and commercial refuse collections services specifies that the provision of residential roll-off and temporary bin services shall be competitive and non-exclusive. Staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received three responses. Staff recommends that the City Council approve permit contracts with the three firms that responded to the RFP.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2016-09 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS APPROVING THE AWARD OF NON-EXCLUSIVE PERMIT CONTRACTS TO RAINBOW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, UNIVERSAL WASTE SYSTEMS, INC., AND WARE DISPOSAL INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF ROLL-OFF AND TEMPORARY BIN SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS."

L. Authorize an Encroachment Permit with Banners of Honor Inc. and Dekra-Lite (Recreation)

Banners of Honor, Inc. is interested in renewing the banner program to place banners in Los Alamitos along Katella Avenue and Lexington Drive to honor the men and women of the military.

The City Council authorized the City Engineer to approve a modified Encroachment Permit with Banners of Honor, Inc. and Dekra-Lite with the recommended conditions.

End of Consent Calendar

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

C. Strategic Planning Consultant Professional Services Agreement (Administrative Services)

This report recommends approval of an agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group LLC for Strategic Planning consultant services.

Council Member Grose recalled a previous Strategic Planning session where a document was produced with a mission/vision statement and core values. He questioned if Council recalled such.

Council Member Edgar recalled a mission/vision statement and eight objectives were developed. He stated those were outdated from a previous Council and was supportive of Staff's intent to have Council look at goals and objectives at a strategic level.

Council Member Grose indicated it may be a good starting point and that was his main reason for pulling the item.

Council Member Edgar advised he had a copy of the document.

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

1. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group LLC for Strategic Planning consultant services.

2. Reviewed and approved the Scope of Services as set forth in Exhibit A of Attachment 3.

E. Decertification of the City Employee Association (CEA) and Petition to be represented by Teamsters Local 911 (Administrative Services)

The City Employee Association (CEA) submitted a Decertification Petition outlining their desire to no longer be represented by the CEA and seeking to be represented by Teamsters Local 911 as their sole and exclusive representative for purposes of wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment.

Council Member Edgar stated his understanding that Teamsters represented the CEA. He stated concern the Council had negotiated in good faith with Teamsters previously and questioned why the CEA was looking to decertify and formally join Teamsters now. He stated Council was dedicated to stability and questioned if this was an administrative decision of if there was unrest amongst the employees.

City Manager Plumlee advised this was an administrative task and advised additional history and information was provided by Gregorio Daniels, Teamsters representative.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam provided a brief history of the CEA.

Council Member Edgar questioned what positions were embodied in the CEA.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam read the positions aloud and summarized it was approximately 19 non-public safety, full-time employees in various departments.

Council Member Edgar questioned the internal structure of union dues paid by employees through salary deductions.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam stated the amount was withdrawn from employee paychecks and transferred to a separate bank account maintained by the CEA. Elected members of the local CEA maintain and have custody of that account and distribute checks.

Council Member Edgar questioned where in Resolution 1532 it specified this item needed to come before Council versus making the administrative change.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam referred to Section 8, and stated City Council is responsible for determining if a proposed unit is appropriate. He advised the CEA has been the same group since 1972 and the proposed unit is appropriate since the employees generally have the same benefits, hours of work, and terms and conditions of employment.

Council Member Edgar questioned if the current agreement would remain intact.

City Attorney Reisman advised there was no risk of it being opened up. Under the law the new organization steps into the place of the CEA and employees are subject to everything already negotiated.

Council Member Grose believed there was confusion regarding the decertification letter because Council had been led to believe Teamsters was representing the CEA all along. He questioned if a new employee had to join the union.

City Manager Plumlee advised there are certain rights that new employees have to contribute dues to other organizations.

Council Member Grose stated the confusion was because he was not aware the CEA was still functioning.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Hasselbrink
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved Resolution No. 2016-06 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, WHEREBY THE BARGAINING UNIT PROPOSED BY TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911 IS RECOGNIZED AS AN APPROPRIATE UNIT".

Council Member Grose recused himself from item 8J and 8K as he had property close to the location and it would be inappropriate for him to be involved in the discussion. He left the dais.

J. Appropriation of Funds - Subdivision Map Act Investigation (Community Development)

This agenda item seeks an appropriation for Engineering, Legal and Title work connected to a Subdivision Map Act compliance investigation for properties at 4411 Katella Avenue.

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

Council Member Edgar pointed out there were a couple different items regarding the Arrowhead address and recalled the moratorium discussion in March. He questioned procedurally why this item came before Council when the City Manager had a spending threshold of $10,000. He believed it was due to Staff being unsure if Council was supportive of the item. He asked if this was an additional $9,000 on top of what has already been spent on the item.

City Manager Plumlee advised it was in addition to what had been spent. If approved, an appropriation of funds was needed then a letter would be sent to the property owner and additional research would be occur.

Council Member Edgar stated Council was not approving a letter, but was approving a budget appropriation. He stated this was a budget move being called a subdivision map act issue. He requested the issue be discussed and Council advised of how the City got this to this point.

Development Services Director Mendoza stated the City was presented with a letter from a constituent asking the City to enforce its Code as there was suspicion of a Subdivision Map Act Violation. He stated Staff was doing its due diligence by researching the issue, although Council had not directed such. Staff wanted to ensure Council was supportive.

Council Member Edgar stated there usually are not budget concerns with regular item evaluations. He questioned if Staff did not like the initial results.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised a response has not been provided. The alleged violation needed to be researched and Staff wanted to receive approval before expending $9,000, especially on City Attorney hours.

Council Member Edgar questioned if City Attorney Reisman had provided a preliminary evaluation.

City Attorney Reisman advised he had and was not comfortable going to a hearing, which is required.

Council Member Edgar questioned if the item was too complex for the firm to handle and why this tract map issue was not cut and dry.

City Attorney Reisman stated there have been several state statues that affect this issue; along with complex title issues. He advised the firm's last statement included expenditure of funds for researching items without Council approval and he was uncomfortable incurring more fees without Council being aware and making the appropriate appropriation.

Council Member Edgar indicated the issue was not regarding budget, but that Staff did not feel it had the authority by Council to spend this money.

City Attorney Reisman pointed out the bulk of the cost was not Attorney fees, but Title Insurance Company investigation and Staff time. He believed it was a good procedure to make the Council aware of the topic so Staff would not be criticized later for spending $9,000 without advising the Council.

Council Member Edgar spoke regarding his concerns with changing the process after an application has been submitted. He stated support for a process that allows residents and business to come to City Hall and depend on the process to treat them fairly. He believed this process began to predispose a project and stated opposition to this unfair process. He stated it created an inequitable process and could not support an appropriation of funds.

Council Member Kusumoto questioned if the process would continue without a budget appropriation. He believed the amount was within the City Manager's purview and the Subdivision Map Act had a very specific timeline to adhere to.

Development Director Mendoza advised a notice would be sent allowing them 15 days to respond. After such a public hearing would be held. During the public hearing, Staff needed to have all its facts in order which would require additional research.

Council Member Kusumoto confirmed that City Attorney Reisman would prepare for any eventual hearing and that although the City's Code specified a detailed process, the Subdivision Map Act would be adhered to in this case.

City Attorney Reisman confirmed, adding the Subdivision Map Act applies to all cities within the State, including Charter cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink questioned the penalties and repercussions should they be found in violation.

Community Development Director Mendoza advised a Notice of Violation would be recorded on their property until they cure the issue with a parcel map. There was a brief discussion regarding the potential to sell the property.

City Attorney Reisman stated the violation would be temporary and they would have the opportunity to cure it.

Mayor Murphy asked for confirmation Section 1638 indicated if a violation was reported, Council had certain obligations.

City Attorney Reisman advised if there was reason to believe an alleged violation may be valid, the City was obligated to conform to the procedures.

Mayor Murphy confirmed the Municipal Code did not allow any flexibility.

City Attorney Reisman advised the Subdivision Map Act preempted the City Code. The procedure being proposed tonight was required and the Subdivision Committee was the appropriate place to start.

Motion/Second:
Carried 3/1 (Edgar cast the dissenting vote and Grose abstained): The City Council

1. Authorized an appropriation of $9,050.00 from General Fund Reserves for Engineering, Legal and Title work to investigate the compliance with the Subdivision Map Act for the property at 4411 Katella Avenue; and

2. Instructed Staff to return to the City Council for additional appropriation if expenditures exceed $9,050.00.

K. Council Initiation of a General Plan Amendment/Zoning Map Amendment for Assessor Parcel Nos. 242-212-08, 242-241-09, 242-212-10 and 242-212-11 (4411 Katella) from the current General Plan Designation (Planned Industrial with Retail Overlay) to Retail Business and amend the Zoning Map (Planned Light Industrial with Retail Overlay) to General Commercial (Community Development)
Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink and Council Member Kusumoto requested Council reassessment of the Retail Overlay Zone to determine if a Resolution of Intention is appropriate to provide direction to Staff and the Planning Commission to initiate a General Plan Amendment and a Zoning Map Amendment to the 28 acres Arrowhead property.

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

Council Member Edgar recalled the moratorium discussion on March 1 where Council had unanimously voted to send the item to the Planning Commission to look at the uses in the Industrial Area. He indicated the only difference with this item was a specific address was included and questioned why this was brought forward. He stated concern the Council was indirectly voting on the project before it came before them.

City Manager Plumlee gave a brief overview of the March 1st meeting. He stated the approved Resolution of Intent was for all uses in the Industrial Zone and this item was requesting a General Plan Amendment specific to Arrowhead address and the four associated parcels.

Council Member Edgar questioned what would happen to Arrowhead's submitted application if this is approved.

City Manager Plumlee stated unless the application is withdrawn, it would continue to be processed.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the application was in a holding process now due to no response to a letter of incompleteness. He briefly outlined the application process.

Council Member Kusumoto called a point of order and questioned if this item was regarding a General Plan Amendment or application process.

City Manager Plumlee advised it was the application process.

Council Member Kusumoto understood.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the process would be similar to the process the hospital plan went through.

Council Member Edgar reiterated concern the process was being changed when an application had already been submitted. He was opposed to changing the process which would make it unlikely for the application to receive approval and believed the developers would take note. He stated support for the current process and felt any application would be vetted before approval. He indicated this was a bad business decision and was concerned residents and business would not feel the process was dependable. He stated opposition to this approach and clarified he was not stating a position on the Arrowhead project.

Mayor Murphy clarified his understanding of the moratorium was to look at the process in general and was not related to the Arrowhead project. His understanding was the application had already been submitted and any changes brought forward would not affect the project.

Council Member Edgar understood a moratorium does not affect the process, but it does affect the approval. He stated developers would not be willing to go through a process that had a history of changing half way through.

Mayor Murphy reiterated this was not in connection with the Arrowhead property. He stressed the purpose was to stop other projects for a short period of time while the Planning Commission reviews at zoning.

Council Member Kusumoto clarified his intent and advised he was not in favor of the retail overlay zone since it did not have an impact to the property. He stated support for removing it completely and stated opposition to the traffic caused by additional retail. He stated he could support a retail zone because that is what the community wanted but cautioned against unintended consequences. His intent was to send the item back to the Planning Commission and a decision made one way or the other. He was supportive if it stayed PM and reiterated support for removing the overlay, pointing out it was the only area in the City with such zoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink stated her intentions were different, but the results would be the same. She stated there was not any retail in her neighborhood and understood retail would be added to the Supermedia site, City Hall, and Arrowhead. She indicated the overlay zone was created because the property owner had asked for it so they would not become legal non-conforming. She stated support for the original intention of more retail.

Council Member Edgar stated this item had specific parcel numbers and seemed to be repetitive. He indicated he did not have a concern sending the item to the Planning Commission, but questioned the added value.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink indicated General Plan Amendments (GPA) required specific parcels and this included all four properties. The intent was to get back to what the large posters had originally shown.

Council Member Edgar questioned the liability of having a GPA with one address. He questioned if the item that was sent to the Planning Commission previously had focused on retail overlay.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Planning Commission would be reviewing the industrial uses. Should this item be approved it would require a Public Hearing and legal notification.

Council Member Edgar questioned if the two items would be consolidated into one.

Development Services Director Mendoza predicted the Planning Commission would complete analysis of the uses before this item came to Council.

Council Member Edgar questioned what would happen to an application that was submitted in the meantime.

City Attorney Reisman advised the Commission has to judge an application based on existing zoning ordinances and General Plan. If those change before the item is heard by Planning Commission or Council, the fact that they have application in prior to approval of a zone change doesn't give them the right to get final approval of the application.

Council Member Edgar questioned the timeline for this approval of this item and for approval of a submitted application.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised this item would take approximately nine months to complete and an application would take longer than nine months due to the specifics of the project and need for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Council Member Edgar pointed out that Council was starting a nine month process when an application that would take over nine months for approval had already been submitted. He questioned what would be said to the applicant after they have invested nine months in a use the City no longer deemed acceptable and the cost for an EIR.

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the outcome could not be predicted. He estimated an EIR would cost approximately $150,000.

Council Member Kusumoto advised this item was not to predispose the Planning Commission. The item could be approved as PM and retail overlay would cease, leaving no impact to the applicant.

Council Member Edgar believed the item was regarding uses and not the General Plan designation of retail.

Council Member Kusumoto indicated the retail overlay zone was not doing what it was intended and stated support for removing the designation as it did not serve a purpose. He stated support for the use being clear in the Code.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Kusumoto
Carried 3/1 (Edgar cast the dissenting vote and Grose abstained): The City Council adopted Resolution No 2016-07, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, TO DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO INITIATE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR ORANGE COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NOS. 242-212-08, 242-241-09, 242-212-10 AND 242-212-11 GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS ARROWHEAD PROPERTIES (4411 KATELLA AVENUE) AND CONSIDER A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL."

Council Member Grose took his seat at the dais at 7:53 p.m.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Cable Operations Update and Role of the Cable Television Commission (Administrative Services)

This report provides the City Council with a six-month update on cable operations since October 1, 2015 (the date that OUR Los Al began providing Cable Operations Manager services) and seeks direction from the City Council regarding the role of the Cable Television Commission.

Administrative Services Director Al-Imam introduced the item. Larry Strawther, Cable Operations Manager, 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. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Murphy closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink noticed an improvement on the variety of programming, stated support for involving the high school students, and complimented the van and updated mobile equipment. She stated LATV was looking better and there was still room for improvement.

Council Member Grose stated the following concerns: separation of Our Los Al and LATV; who funds the filming of local events; Race on the Base not yet airing; poor quality on the broadcast and poor sound; and, ambiguity of knowing who to call when there is an issue.

Mr. Strawther indicated he would be the contact person.

Council Member Grose requested the contact numbers be made available. He questioned who was monitoring LATV and broadcast. He stated a flexible viewing schedule of the Council meetings was beneficial and questioned why some programs were running. He questioned how viewership was measured and felt an advisory group in some capacity would be beneficial.

Mr. Strawther advised the programming has not changed much as he was waiting until new programming was available. He advised some programming was traditional bicycle programming.

Council Member Grose stated a preference for having Los Alamitos programming on prime times and stated the focus should be primarily on Los Alamitos, not necessarily Seal Beach or surrounding areas. He felt pressure needed to be put on the Orange County Supervisor to secure some funding from Rossmoor. He cautioned against a large advisory group and pointed out the issue with a Los Alamitos Commission was they had to be residents and may not have the needed expertise. He stated it was good to see the School District's involvement and stated an accounting on LATV would be helpful.

Council Member Kusumoto indicated he would not be supportive of an Advisory Committee without formal rules of operation. He questioned if it had been a hindrance not to have a Commission the past six months.

Mr. Strawther stated no.

Council Member Kusumoto suggested an additional evaluation period to come up with bylaws and research the possibility of a 501(c)3.

Mr. Strawther stated support for an informal body to help build a relationship with the community and come up with different marketing ideas. He stated the importance of ensuring the community is aware of what LATV has to offer.

Council Member Edgar stated Mr. Strawther's organization was continuing to move LATV forward with new productions. He stated concern in the lack of interest in programming. He questioned production capability and airing topics that are important to the community (i.e. Cypress project). He referred to Rossmoor not paying to broadcast and questioned if the City had discretion on what is aired.

City Manager Plumlee advised Doug Wood handles programming as a contractor with Our Los Al.

Mr. Strawther advised he is still the primary contact and that programming was being reviewed. He shared some ideas for programming and stated a desire for more community programming.

Council Member Edgar questioned if Rossmoor would be approached for funding. Mr. Strawther understood that Time Warner paid in lieu of Rossmoor's contract.

Council Member Edgar questioned the incentive for Orange County/Rossmoor to provide funding when Los Alamitos airs the programming for free now.

Mr. Strawther advised that as a Government Access channel the City did not have to put the programming on the air. He felt they would be willing to pay for programming they are proud of.

Council Member Edgar questioned if having agencies pay to air programming would be a policy issue. He stated an interest in a regional package that could include agencies of interest to the community, such as Cypress City Council and the Board of Supervisors Meetings. He stressed the importance of maximizing programming and felt LATV could be made better than what it is today. He stated support for the youth producers and the perspectives they bring to the community. He questioned why the Swearing In was washed out.

Mr. Strawther stated they were ambitious and he did not want to hold them back. He stated the lighting in the community room did not work well. He had plans to have a professional test the lighting and provide the right settings for the room.

Mayor Murphy stated LATV was moving in the right direction and thought a community advisory group could be done without the Council.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Kusumoto
Motion: Suspend the Cable Television Commission for an additional six months and bring back for review then.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink stated there was no sense of urgency and Mr. Strawther was operating without a Commission.

Council Member Grose suggested reaching out to the current Commissioners should an advisory group be formed so they can stay involved. He stated concerns the programming guide was not always up to date and felt an advisory could help make decisions regarding specific timing of programs and what time slots they ran. He understood there was not enough content for a fresh schedule every week. He questioned what the 10 videos produced by Los Alamitos Unified school District were and indicated he had only seen the Choir Shows.

Mr. Strawther advised they were four to six minute information pieces used as time fillers.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Kusumoto
Carried 4/1 (Grose cast the dissenting vote): The City Council:

1. Received and filed the six-month update on cable operations; and,

2. Suspended the Cable Television Commission for an additional six months and directed Staff to report back at that time.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

A. Council Announcements

Council Member Grose spoke briefly regarding the following items: list of events attended can be found on www.losal.net; attendance at the Sober Living Workshop with Mayor Murphy; and attendance at Police Officer Swearing In.

Council Member Kusumoto spoke briefly regarding the following items: attendance at the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District and upcoming workshops on the Zika Virus; attendance at the Los Alamitos/City Working Group meeting; attendance at the CPRS Award Banquet; and, encouraged the public to attend Tustin Library's display of wartime photo images.

Council Member Edgar spoke briefly regarding the following items: attendance at Casa Youth Shelter's Wicked event; 25 year retirement of Gary Zager, Casa Youth Shelter; and, requested a summary of the Race on the Base.

Community Services Director Lakin thanked the council for attending and gave a brief overview of the event.

Council Member Edgar requested an update on the Los Alamitos Blvd. project and spoke regarding the Orange County Register's article on the Orange County Fire Authority and Council Member Kusumoto's involvement.

Council Member Kusumoto and Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink gave a brief overview of the equity issues facing the Orange County Fire Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink spoke briefly regarding her attendance at the following events: Race on the Base; Americana Awards; Retirement Ceremony for Coach Barnes; D.E.A.R. Day event at Los Alamitos Elementary; Joint Forces Training Base Pool Meeting; Police Officer's Appreciation Lunch; upcoming "Day in the Life" Orange County Fire Authority event; and, upcoming Weekend of Art.

Mayor Murphy spoke briefly regarding his attendance at the following events: Americana Awards; Frank Cammack's 100th Birthday Celebration; Retirement Ceremony for Coach Barnes; Sober Living Workshop with Council Member Grose; Police Officer Swearing In; and Police Officer's Appreciation Lunch.

11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Plumlee advised of the upcoming Spring Carnival Egg Hunt on March 26th, reported attendance at the CPRS Conference Award Banquet, and advised of the upcoming Weekend of Art.

Community Services Director Lakin spoke briefly regarding the CPRS Conference, Mayor's Reception, and being sworn in for a two year term as the Region 5 representative.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:

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Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk