

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

SPECIAL MEETING – April 11, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:08 p.m., Monday, April 11, 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
Sean Connolly, Police Captain
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Steven A. Mendoza, Development Services Director
Rick Moore, Police Captain
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Eric R. Nuñez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

Council Member Kusumoto gave an invocation

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Strategic Planning Workshop (Administrative Services)

Bill Kelly will facilitate a workshop to obtain input from the City Council and the community to develop a Strategic Plan.

City Manager Plumlee introduced the item. Administrative Services Director Al-Imam summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and turned the meeting over to Bill Kelly.

Mr. Kelly facilitated the workshop. He reviewed the different styles of communication based on birth order.

Mr. Kelly read the Mission Statement and stated the current values (schools, public safety, and, medical) are not currently reflected in the Mission Statement.

The Council and Staff discussed the Mission Statement and stated a preference for a shorter statement that did not limit the City to a "small town". Council was agreeable to a multi-generational, neighborly community/culture. Mr. Kelly advised he would draft something for Council's review.

Mr. Kelly asked for Council's input on the core values.

The Council and Staff discussed the core values and stated a preference for including all stakeholders (i.e. constituents, businesses) as the Council had a responsibility to understand its decisions affect future Councils and residents. The Council was supportive of including professionalism and customer service.

Mr. Kelly encouraged Council to stay focused on visioning. He gave an overview of the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT). Council questioned if topics they could not solve should be included. Mr. Kelly advised that all admissions are important and subject to change.

The Council and Staff discussed the items listed and briefly commented on lack of senior housing, lack of facility/green/open space, neighborhood representations on the Council and Commissions, possible community districts, possibility of expanding West-Comm, potential future increase in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), local control being reduced due to State legislation, services provided by Recreation and Community Services, proactively building business relationships, providing trigger events related to revenue, taking a leadership role in the community to implement future and long term projects.

Mr. Kelly moved on to the goals and advised this was a starting point that could be added to and changed.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess at 6:21 p.m.

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The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Kelly led the discussion on goals and encouraged Council to keep to concepts broad so that Staff could add detail to later. The group discussed the following goals:

Goal 1: Enhance public safety programs and services (e.g. CERT/Neighborhood Watch/Committees)

Goal 2: Modernize public facilities

Goal 3: Promote a diverse local economy and evaluate alternative financial resources. (e.g. initiate an economic development strategy)

Goal 4: Review image of the City (e.g. Embrace a new Los Alamitos via rebranding of image)

Goal 5: Improve/enhance the quality of life

Mr. Kelly asked each Council Member to place a sticker next to the most important goal to establish priority of the goals. Each Council Member received five stickers. The Council placed stickers on the goal posters.

Mr. Kelly summarized the Civic Center and Downtown Development Strategy had clear priority. He advised he would work with Staff to expand the goals, develop objectives to meet those goals, and bring back additional substance. Council expressed support for creating a brand for Los Alamitos and establishing short term goals to help expand the business base and provide better services.

Mr. Kelly advised the discussions would be refined and brought to a future Council meeting for adoption.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Reisman read the titles aloud.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Pending Litigation pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9, d) (3) (Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency is meeting only to decide whether a closed session is authorized pursuant to paragraph (2).)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Pending Litigation pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9, d) (2) (A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the legislative body of the local agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the local agency.) 1 potential case.

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

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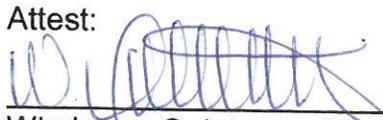
The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 8:15 p.m.

City Attorney Reisman stated for item 4A the City Council unanimously voted Closed Session was appropriate and for item 4B no votes were taken or requested.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk



Richard D. Murphy, Mayor