

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

SPECIAL MEETING – February 21, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:02 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Edgar presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Graham-Mejia, Kusumoto, Stephens,
Mayor Pro Tem Poe, Mayor Edgar

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Angie Avery, City Manager
Sandra J. Levin, City Attorney
Anita Agramonte, Finance Director
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Dir.
Cassandra Palmer, Support Services Manager
Windmera Quintanar, Department Secretary

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time any individual in the audience may come forward to speak on any item on the agenda. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.

Mayor Edgar opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Edgar closed the meeting for Oral Communications.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

**A. Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2011-12
(Finance)**

This report provides the City Council with a mid-year budget and financial update for the Fiscal Year 2011-12. The report also makes recommendations for budget amendments, both to estimated revenues and to appropriations.

Finance Director Agramonte summarized the staff report referring to the information contained therein and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The City Council and staff discussed the following topics:

- Utility Users Tax (UTT) increase balancing out with the decrease in franchise fees.
- 8% increase in sales tax State wide and year-to-date receipts showing a consistent increase.
- Effectiveness of Redflex cameras as a deterrent and possibility of renegotiating the contract.
- Correlation between the sales tax increase and the \$75,000 guarantee from the waste hauler contract with Consolidated Disposal.
- Update on broadcasting of Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD) on Los Alamitos Television (LATV).
- Current year property tax decline and County projection of flat growth from here on out.
- Reassessment of residential and commercial properties and the affect on property taxes.
- Revenues included in the UUT Fund.
- One-time bail bond forfeiture.
- Current LAIF rate of .36% and Council's interest in investigating other options.
- Vehicle replacement schedule and the Garage Fund.
- Carryover of residential street improvement funds.
- Council funding the General Plan Year 1 process with revenues instead of with General Plan Reserves as originally proposed .
- Priority list for project expenditures out of the IT Fund.
- Looking towards reinvesting in the City.
- Council Member Graham-Mejia stated for the record her belief that the speed bumps currently in the alley were inadequate and did not slow down traffic.
- Not using the Garage Fund to balance the budget.

The following projects were requested to be included in the FY 2012/13 Budget process:

- Two new bus shelters, one on Katella in front of the hospital and one at Katella and Saratoga.
- Park safety and graffiti abatement.
- Adding large speed bumps in the alley.
- Adding lighting to the alleys.

Motion/Second: Poe/Graham-Mejia
Unanimously Carried: The City Council

1. Received and filed the mid-year budget report; and,

2. Approved the budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating and Capital Budget as recommended in Attachment "E" to this report.

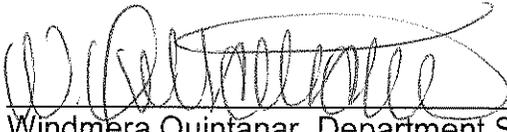
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

City Council adjourned at 6:36 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for **TUESDAY, February 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers.



Troy D. Edgar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Windmera Quintanar, Department Secretary