

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

REGULAR MEETING – September 6, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2011, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Stephens presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
Theresa Highsmith, Assist. City Attorney
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Dir.
Angie Avery, Community Services Director
Anita Agramonte, Finance Director
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Supt.
Janice Shore, Executive Assistant

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Graham-Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance in remembrance of Staff Sergeant Andrew J. Harwell who lost his life on August 6, 2011, in Afghanistan.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Poe gave the Invocation.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Stephens opened Oral Communications.

J.M. Ivler, resident, spoke regarding a series of questions he provided to Council Member Graham-Mejia that were made part of the official minutes of July 18, 2011. Mr. Ivler stated, to date, he has not received a response by the City Manager to the questions.

The following people spoke in opposition of the annexation of the 14-acre southwest corner of Katella and Los Alamitos Boulevard:

- Rhonda Sandberg, Rossmoor
- Eric Christensen, Rossmoor
- Mike Sanders, Rossmoor

- Dorothy Fitzgerald, Rossmoor
- Brenda Gorman, Rossmoor

Judy Klabouch, Chairman of the Board for the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Council Members who attended the Chamber Legislative Mixer at the ORCO Center last Friday night and reminded the public of the Chamber Breakfast this Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. Ms. Klabouch announced Wings, Wheels, and Rotors will be held on October 23, 2011, and the "State of the City" will be held on November 16, 2011. In conclusion, Ms. Klabouch stated she was a long-time resident of Rossmoor and opposed the annexation of the southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Mayor Stephens closed Oral Communications.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mayor Stephens presented Chief Todd Mattern with a Proclamation declaring the month of September as "National Preparedness Month."

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

September 6, 2011.

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for September 6, 2011, in the amount of \$418,272.69

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Graham-Mejia	Aye
Council Member Kusumoto	Aye
Council Member Poe	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Edgar	Aye
Mayor Stephens	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.

Council Member Graham-Mejia pulled Item #7A and Item #7D

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Edgar

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

*****CONSENT CALENDAR*****

B. Warrants

September 6, 2011.

Approved the warrants for September 6, 2011, in the amount of \$65,808.07

C. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of a Replacement Police Patrol Vehicle (Public Works)

This is Consideration and acceptance of bids for the purchase of a replacement Sergeants/Mobile Command 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicle (PPV).

The Police Patrol Units are on a rotational replacement schedule which is determined by age and mileage of the vehicles application. Police vehicles accumulate mileage more drastically than a normally driven vehicle. The Sergeants/Mobile Command SUV Chevrolet Tahoe is driven every shift of every day and is put through extreme operating conditions. The Watch Commander's Patrol Vehicle, a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV, is 6 years old and has accumulated 114,251 miles. During the 2011/2012 budget process, the City Council approved purchase of one (1) new, unused 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to approve the purchase of one (1) Sergeants/Mobile Command 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV; award a Purchase Order for the lowest responsible bid to Wondries Fleet Group, in the amount of \$31,959.37, and reject all other bids.

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

8A. Approval of Minutes

Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 15, 2011

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Carried: 4/1 (Graham-Mejia "No") Council Member Graham-Mejia stated for the record that because action minutes lack information for historical purposes she is opposed to their approval.

8D. Authorization to Purchase a New Community Pool Heater

This report recommends action that facilitates replacement of the Community Pool Heater at the Joint Forces Training Base. The Community Pool is currently operating using only the back-up heater, which is not the optimum situation for the future. At the May 3, 2010, City Council meeting the new heater was approved as part of the 2010-11 Pool Fund expenditures.

Council Member Graham-Mejia asked staff if any businesses from Los Alamitos bid on the community pool heater.

City Engineer Hunt replied that he did not recall the location of the bidders. He stated the pool heater is specialized equipment, due to the pool's

Olympic size, and that most residential pool companies do not service this type of equipment.

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

1. Authorized the City Manager to approve the purchase of a pool heater for the Community Pool; and,
2. Awarded a Purchase Order for the lowest responsible bid to Plumbers Warehouse, in the amount of \$16,655.76, and reject all other bids.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Bid for Coyote Creek Park and Approve the Name of the New City Park**

The City is seeking to construct a low impact recreation parkway area in the SCE right-of-way along the Coyote Creek, behind Oak Middle School. Toward that end, the City has received a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) in the amount of \$1,440,000. At this time, the RMC has requested that we wrap everything up into one resolution which would approve the plans and specifications, officially name the park "Coyote Creek Park," and authorize staff to advertise and solicit bids.

City Engineer Hunt summarized the staff report, referring to the information contained therein and answered questions from the City Council.

City Manager Stewart stated that this is the last formal action the City Council will need to take if Resolution No. 2011-16 is adopted. The last act for the City would be to execute the lease agreement, which the Council has approved in draft form. City Manager Stewart stated he is authorized to sign the lease agreement and thanked staff for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, who is the City's representative to the RMC, also thanked staff for their hard work and thanked the City Council for their continued support on this issue.

Council Member Kusumoto thanked Mayor Pro Tem Edgar and City Engineer Hunt for their hard work on this project.

Council Member Poe also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Edgar along with current and past staff who have worked on this project.

Council Member Mejia also thanked Mayor Pro Tem Edgar along with current and past staff, with a special thanks to the City's previous Mayor, Ken Parker.

Mayor Stephens stated this is a four-acre park that will be available for the public to use in its natural habitat and thanked everyone involved in this project.

Mayor Stephens opened oral communications.

Dean Grose, resident, requested the Council consider pulling No. 3, "the naming of the park," and sending it back to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Grose disagrees with the term "Park," as he feels it is not a park in the traditional sense, and believes the name should reflect more of a nature center.

Mayor Stephens closed oral communications.

City Manager Stewart stated that this is a time sensitive issue and stands by staff's recommendations.

Mayor Stephens asked if the park could be renamed in the future.

City Engineer Hunt responded in the affirmative.

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

Adopted City Council Resolution No. 2011-16, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, OFFICIAL NAMING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO COYOTE CREEK PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT."

B. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding General Rate Request Case by Golden State Water Company

The City received notice from the Golden State Water Company that it has filed a plan with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to establish water rates for 2013 through 2015. The plan Recommends Increases for water customers in the company's Region 3 cities, which includes the City of Los Alamitos. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar requested this item be placed on the agenda for City Council discussion.

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

Following discussion by the City Council, it was agreed to direct the City Manager to contact adjacent cities/Rossmoor regarding water rate increases and report back to the City Council.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

Council Announcements

At this time, Council Members may also report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except to provide staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

Council Member Graham-Mejia asked City Manager Stewart if there was an update to the Ad Hoc Committee regarding annexation of the southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Blvd.; asked for clarification on the travel policy; stated that on September 11th, at 8:45 a.m., the Fire Station on Green will be having a moment of silence for all those who lost their lives on September 11th and encouraged the public to attend. Council Member Graham-Mejia inquired about representation on SCAG and asked the City Attorney what her expectation should be when she asks that something to be noted for the record. Council Member Graham-Mejia encouraged the public to sign up for the CERT program on October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5. Council Member Graham-Mejia requested staff evaluate the timing of the signals at Los Alamitos and Bradbury, and Lexington and Katella.

In conclusion, Council Member Graham-Mejia requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Staff Sergeant Andrew J. Harwell who lost his life on August 6th in Afghanistan.

City Manager Stewart responded to Council Member Graham-Mejia regarding the annexation of the fourth corner and stated that the ad hoc committee has met once. He also stated there was not a formal policy on travel reimbursements and he would look further into the travel policy. City Manager Stewart stated there has been no movement on the SCAG representation at this time.

Assistant Highsmith City Attorney responded to Council Member Graham-Mejia stating that requests noted for the record should be reflected in the minutes.

Council Member Kusumoto recognized the City staff for signing an emergency preparedness oath stating they will respond to City Hall in the event of an emergency or report to a local EOC. Council Member Kusumoto stated he attended a CJPIA Board meeting; attended the yearly West County Legislative Mixer at the ORCO Center and thanked the Stanton Chamber of Commerce for hosting the event. Council Member Kusumoto further stated he reviewed the League of California Cities resolutions and does not believe there is a need for him to attend. Council Member Kusumoto stated he will be attending the CJPIA Risk Management Conference in October. In conclusion, Council Member Kusumoto stated that September 15 – October 15, is “National Hispanic Heritage Month,” which celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Council Member Poe reported that she attended the West Com meeting on August 16, along with Chief Mattern; attended the yearly West County Legislative Mixer at the ORCO Center on September 2; and thanked the City of Stanton for

hosting the annual mixer. Council Member Poe asked staff if it is FEMA who designates where the public should go in the event of a disaster.

Police Chief Mattern responded the shelters are designated by FEMA at the time of the disaster.

Council Member Poe encouraged the public to attend the moment of silence at our local Fire Station on Green Street on September 11, at 8:45 a.m. In Conclusion Council Member Poe invited the public to attend Los Alamitos Museum's "Citizen of the Year" event On September 18, at 2 p.m. She stated that this year Jim and Shirley Bailey have been selected for their lifelong commitment to Los Alamitos and Rossmoor.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar reported on attending the yearly West County Legislative Mixer at the ORCO Center on September 2, and stated the benefits of attending the yearly Legislative Mixer. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar gave special thanks to Judy Klabouch for her commitment to the Community and outstanding representation as the President of the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar gave an update on the Orange County Sanitation District and stated they were in the process of completing their reorganization and their volunteer lunch. He stated the Orange County Sanitation District provides community outreach and that their volunteers give tours of the facility to the community. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar thanked the residents that spoke during oral communications for their thoughtful, direct and respectful input regarding consideration of the annexation of the southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar encouraged the residents of Los Alamitos, who feel strongly about this issue, to come forward and be heard. In conclusion, Mayor Pro Tem Edgar thanked the Los Alamitos Unified School District for the outstanding job they have done utilizing the bond money to refurbish the interior and exterior of the schools.

Mayor Stephens asked the City Manager to respond to the request by J.M. Ivler during Oral Communications.

City Manager Stewart responded that the request was to add the questions to the official minutes of July 18, 2011, but was not given direction to respond to the questions. City Manager Stewart stated that he has no objection to responding to Mr. Ivler's questions, but was not the direction given by the City Council to prepare a response.

Mayor Stephens also thanked the residents who spoke during Oral Communications for taking the time to come before the Council regarding the annexation of the southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Boulevard. Mayor Stephens thanked Police Chief Mattern for the hard work our Police Officers have provided in guiding residents through the back-to-school traffic. In conclusion, Mayor Stephens reminded the public to attend the moment of silence at our local Fire Station on Green Street on September 11, at 8:45 a.m.

11. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

The City Manager had nothing to report.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

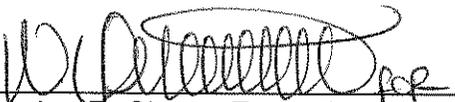
Mayor Stephens adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:00 p.m. in memory of Staff Sergeant Andrew J. Harwell who lost his life on August 6, 2011 in Afghanistan

The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for MONDAY, September 19, 2011, in the City Council Chambers.



Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice E. Shore, Executive Assistant