

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

REGULAR MEETING – June 20, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:04 p.m., Monday, June 20, 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
Sandra Levin, City Attorney
Anita Agramonte, Finance Director
Angie Avery, Community Services Director
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Adria M. Jimenez, City Clerk
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Dir.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Graham-Mejia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Poe gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. To Los Alamitos High School Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team in Recognition of their the Southern Section CIF Championship

Mayor Stephens and Members of the City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to those in attendance of the Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team. Pictures with Council followed.

B. To the City Council From the Orange County Transportation Authority in Appreciation of Measure M

Larry Crandall, OCTA, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the City Council. Pictures with Council followed.

C. Update on the West County Connectors Project by Kenneth Oh, OCTA

Kenneth Oh and Christina Byrne, OCTA, presented an update on the West County Connectors Project and provided information to City Council.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Boris Reebok, spoke regarding LATV and spoke in support of John Underwood.

Richard Murphy, resident, commented on Item #9, remarked on the congressional redistricting; requested posting the agenda on the website be returned to its original format for ease of use; and, congratulated the City Council and City on the Thursday Night food truck event.

Greg Buseca, spoke in support of John Underwood.

Michael Manard, RCSD, commented on Item #10D.

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

June 20, 2011.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Poe

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for June 20, 2011, in the amount of \$472,228.93.

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.

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

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

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

A. Warrants

June 20, 2011.

B. Approval of Notice of Completion, Alley Rehabilitation Project between Green Avenue and Howard Avenue, from Reagan Street to Maple Street (CIP No. 10/11-03), CDBG Project No. KC 10937

The Alley Rehabilitation Project between Green Avenue and Howard Avenue, from Reagan Street to Maple Street is complete and in compliance with the plans and specifications. Staff is therefore recommending the City Council accept the work as complete, direct filing of the Notice of Completion and release the 10% retention as prescribed by the Public Contracts Codes.

1. Accepted as complete the construction contract by United Paving for the Alley Rehabilitation Project between Green Avenue and Howard Avenue, from Reagan Street to Maple Street; and,
2. Directed the City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion/Final Report with the County Recorder's Office; and,
3. Authorized staff to release the 10% retention, in the amount of \$13,954.57, thirty-five (35) days after recordation of the Notice of Completion.

C. Information Technology Support Services Agreement

The purpose of this report is to award a contract for information technology (IT) support for July 1, 2011 until June 30, 2013.

Authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Scientia Consulting Group, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, for ongoing information technology support for the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013, with an option for two one-year extensions.

D. Adoption of the City of Los Alamitos Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Appropriations Limit

Article XIII B of the California Constitution specifies the amount of allowable revenue the City of Los Alamitos can appropriate from the proceeds of taxes.

Adopted Resolution No. 2011-11 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12."

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the City of Los Alamitos Fiscal Year 2011-12 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

City Charter Sections 1201-1205 govern the development and adoption of the City's Annual Budget. Section 1203 requires a public hearing for public input on the proposed budget. Thereafter, the City Council shall adopt the budget with revisions, if any; establish estimated revenues, expenditure appropriations, and transfers of funds of the City.

Jeff Stewart, City Manager, introduced this item and addressed the issue of the "visual deficit." Mr. Stewart asked Ms. Agramonte, Finance Director, to provide the staff report.

Anita Agramonte, Finance Director, summarized the following items discussed at the previous budget study sessions: General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, General Fund Summary and Fund Balances, and reviewed the performance of the General Fund Balance over the last few years. Ms.

Agramonte also reviewed Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Internal Services Funds, and Capital Project Funds.

Ms. Agramonte answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Stephens opened the Public Hearing. Having no one come forward, Mayor Stephens closed the Public Hearing.

After City Council discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion/Second: Edgar/Stephens
Carried 4/1: (Graham-Mejia "No")

City Council:

1. Conducted a public hearing on the Proposed Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget; and,
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-10 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12."

Council Member Graham-Mejia requested the following statement be placed in the record:

"Thanked the City Council and Public Works for working so hard to restore Orville Lewis Park because that is something that is going to be great for the community. Also, I just thanked the Council for the support on the speed humps. I really would like to see if that's something that can protect the residents that live over in the apartments, but because of some issues with the budget, and you did a phenomenal job, Anita, Los Alamitos Rehab, I wasn't here, unfortunately, for the designation of that \$200,000; that's not something that I'm comfortable with and I know that that's something near and dear to the Council's heart so I'm not going to argue that issue and also the internal service funds being put into the general fund, I'm opposed to that for the reasons I stated earlier. It's not that you didn't do a great job and that I don't support the Council, but I have to vote no with those issues."

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Stephens advised Item #10B will be taken out of order and discussed prior to Item #10A.

B. Authorization to Accept Donation of Tree and Plaque

This report seeks City Council acceptance of the donation to purchase a tree and plaque to honor a resident that has recently passed.

Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director, summarized the staff report and introduced Mr. Moazaez to the City Council and invited him to come forward for comments.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Kusumoto

Unanimously Carried: Accepted the donation for a Cottonwood tree and plaque to memorialize Ms. Forough Moazez on behalf of her family.

A. Consideration of Alternatives for Production of Public Access Portion of the City's PEG Programming

The City's cable television station (LATV) currently airs regular governmental and educational programming, and programming that has been submitted by members of the public, in accordance with LATV guidelines and policies. The public access portion of LATV has not been addressed fully. Staff is presenting options regarding the production of public access programming on LATV for the City Council's consideration, including a proposal for specific services from Mr. John Underwood.

Mr. Stewart summarized the staff report and answered questions from the City Council.

Mr. John Underwood was requested to step forward and answer questions from the City Council.

City Council discussion continued.

Motion/Second: Kusumoto/Graham-Mejia

Return this item to City Staff and ask them to create an RFP to go out to bid for LATV services.

Mr. Larry Strawther was also requested to step forward and answer questions from the City Council.

Additional City Council discussion proceeded.

Amended Motion/Second: Edgar/Graham-Mejia

Unanimously Carried: Send this item back to the City Manager for refinement of a policy and bring back to the City Council for further discussion and direction.

RECESS/RECONVENE

Mayor Stephens recessed the City Council Meeting at 9:45 p.m. At 9:54 p.m., Mayor Stephens reconvened the City Council Meeting with all Council Members present.

C. Professional Services Agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP, for Professional Independent Financial Auditing Services

This agenda item seeks approval of an agreement with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP, to provide professional independent financial auditing services for the City of Los Alamitos.

Finance Director Agramonte summarized the staff report and answered questions from the City Council.

Motion/Second: Poe/Kusumoto

Unanimously Carried: Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Los Alamitos and Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, LLP, for professional independent financial auditing services for fiscal years 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 in amounts not to exceed \$24,975 per year.

D. Request to Appoint a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Discuss and Make Recommendations to the City Council Regarding Potential Annexation Issues

During the past two years, the City Manager has included the potential annexation of the southwest corner of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Katella Avenue in his goals and objectives. Staff is recommending the appointment of a City Council Ad Hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues, identify specific goals and report back to the City Council with recommendations for further action.

Mayor Stephens opened this item up for public comment.

Richard Murphy, resident, commended the City Council on their forward thinking and for being proactive with regard to this item.

Michael Manard, RCSD, spoke in opposition to this item.

Each Council Member commented on this item.

Council Member Graham-Mejia recommended the City Council appoint Council Member Kusumoto and Mayor Stephens to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar recommended the City Council appoint Council Members Kusumoto and Poe to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues.

Mayor Stephens thanked Council Member Graham-Mejia for her nomination and declined the nomination due to other commitments.

After further City Council discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion/Second: Edgar/Stephens

Appoint Council Member Kusumoto and Council Member Poe to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues.

City Council further commented on this item. After additional discussion occurred, the following substitute motion was made:

Substitute Motion: Kusumoto/Graham-Mejia

Failed 2/3: (Edgar, Poe, Stephens "No")

Appoint Council Members Poe and Graham-Mejia to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar withdrew his original motion to appointment Council Member Kusumoto and Council Member Poe to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee.

Motion/Second: Poe/Stephens

Carried 3/1/1: (Graham-Mejia "No" Kusumoto "Abstain")

Re-Appoint Council Members Poe and Mayor Pro Tem Edgar to continue to serve as the ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss potential annexation issues.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

Council Announcements

Council Member Graham-Mejia advised she received a call from the Laras of the Rossmoor Predator Management Team requesting assistance with cleaning brush as some of the homes in the area and appreciated the Laras reaching out to her. She asked for the status of a proclamation in recognition of the hard work; and wished the community a great two weeks. Council Member Graham-Mejia requested information on parking permits for residents of Carrier Row on July 4th.

Council Member Kusumoto stated the College Park North 4th of July Parade and Picnic is coming up; apologized to the other neighborhoods for not being to attend their parades; stated he will be attending a JPIA meeting next week in south Orange County; and, asked Twin Grill be contacted to assist with them with opening earlier in the mornings.

Council Member Poe reminded everyone of the importance of home pool safety and asked the information be placed on the City's website; provided information and commented on the Suburbia 4th of July Parade; thanked Angie Avery, Community Services Director and her staff for their work on the 4th of July Spectacular and asked Ms. Avery to provide information for the public; and, requested a list of groups from Los Alamitos High School to be included in the Museum's Hall of Fame to be displayed for an entire year. Council Member Poe requested an update on the redistricting.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar inquired how local musician Eric Halbig could be placed in the Museum's Hall of Fame; welcomed home Christopher Fishbeck, a 24-year old soldier from Victorville; thanked the Rossmoor Predator Management Team for meeting with the City Manager and stated it was a good example of a constructive working group; reported on the congressional redistricting; reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C. with OCSD; and, provided an update on the Coyote Creek project.

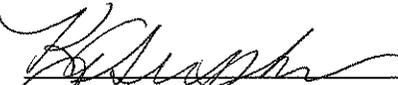
Mayor Stephens asked Ms. Avery to provide information on the 4th of July Spectacular such as entrance areas and fees. He thanked Nancy Karmelich and her committee for their work on the Banners of Honor Program and advised of the upcoming June 30th unveiling. Mayor Stephens thanked William Legarza from Southland Credit Union for the generous thank you letter.

12. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager had nothing to report.

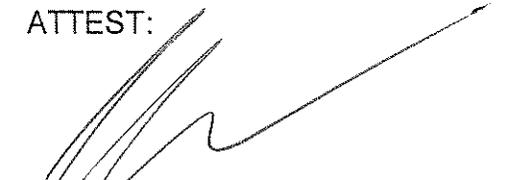
13. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 p.m., Mayor Stephens adjourned the City Council Meeting in memory of Ms. Forough Moazez.



Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:



Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk