

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

**REGULAR MEETING – April 18, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:05 p.m., Monday, April 18, 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 Manager  
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 Kusumoto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar gave the Invocation.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Race on the Base Sponsor Recognition – Golden State Water**

Mayor Stephens presented John Dewey, Golden State Water Co., with a Certificate of Appreciation. Pictures with Council followed.

**B. Proclamation Presentation – Donate for Life**

This item was postponed.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Rebecca Lara, Rossmoor Predator Management Team (RPMT), addressed comments made by Mayor Pro Tem Edgar at a previous Council Meeting.

Beth Pibun, resident, commented on the importance of the Base in Los Alamitos and her support for the Black Hawk Helicopter Company's transfer to JFTB.

Pat Blanchard, resident, spoke on the importance of the Base, and, commented on a previous speaker's comments. She recommended residents do not allow their dogs to go outside at night if they are in fear of coyotes.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Poe

Unanimously Carried: Authorized the City Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Prevailing Wages requirement with Kreuzer Consulting Group, in the amount of \$22,500 to update the City's Pavement Management Program.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Cooperation Agreement – Amendment Two for Fiscal Year 2012-2014**

The County of Orange Housing and Community Services Department has notified the City to renew the (CDBG) Program Cooperation Agreement for funds received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director, summarized the staff report and answered questions from the City Council. Mr. Mendoza advised there is a revised agreement submitted by the County and provided copies to the City Council for their review.

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved and authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment Two to the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of Los Alamitos for participation in the Urban County Program to utilize CDBG program funds for Fiscal Year 2012-2014.

10. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS**

**Council Announcements**

**Council Member Kusumoto** thanked the Mayor for allowing him to present a Proclamation to Colonel Ryan and Governor Brown at the California Cadet Corps 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; reported on his attendance at the OC City Selection Committee Meeting and educational seminar; thanked the City Council for allowing him to present a Commendation to the Los Alamitos High School Wrestling Team on their success as Sunset League Champions; and, stated he is "going green" for Council agendas, which is why he has a laptop on the dias.

**Council Member Poe** thanked the young people in the audience for attending tonight's meeting; reported on her attendance at the California Parks and Recreation Society District 10 Awards Banquet and congratulated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee for receiving the Volunteer Merit Award and announced Corey Lakin received the President's Award. Ms. Poe requested to see a realistic cost of allowing street banners in the City; asked that plans for a underground utility project in the alley between Katella Avenue and Farquhar be reconsidered; asked a workshop or informational meeting on the Black Hawk Helicopter Company's move to JFTB be scheduled for residents; and, requested the City Council adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Patty Royce, wife of Ed Royce, Sr.

**Mayor Pro Tem Edgar** stated a school board member has requested the City re-establish the City/School ad-hoc committee to address upcoming concerns; reported on his attendance at the OC City Selection Committee Meeting and noted Joe Carcio of Huntington Beach was elected to LAFCO; reported on his attendance at the OCSD meeting; stated he attended the OC Municipal Water District Aqueduct trip of the Delta/Colorado River; advised the general plan ad-hoc committee is reviewing the three proposals received; noted the City Employee's Association MOU was on tonight's agenda and thanked the Council and employees for their work on negotiations; thanked Council Member Graham-Mejia for getting he and his wife last minute tickets to watch the Los Alamitos High School Choir perform in New York City; and, announced this Thursday eight gourmet food trucks, in conjunction with Starbucks, will be in the parking lot of US Bank. Mr. Edgar thanked Council Members Graham-Mejia and Poe for assisting in extending the timeline for the Black Hawk public comment period; commented on the passing of Patty Royce; and, addressed the comments made by Rebecca Lara, stating he realizes there is a coyote issue and appreciates their work; however, in regards to Rossmoor's issue of latent powers, Mr. Edgar asked the community to look at Los Alamitos as having no policy. He stated he would like to personally meet with the Laras to address their concerns. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar advised residents of the West County Connectors project and the on-going construction on the 22 Freeway and the closure of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street off-ramp.

**Mayor Stephens** reported on his attendance at the OCFA Budget/Finance Committee Meeting and provided an update on the OCFA's Arson Abatement Program; reported he attended a Mayor's Meeting held by Jim Sylva who provided a legislative update and information on budget problems; provided information on the Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to be held April 30<sup>th</sup>; and, commented on a letter he received from a Cypress resident regarding the excellent handling of a domestic disturbance situation by Los Alamitos Police Officer Kim.

**Council Member Graham-Mejia** reported on a blood/bone marrow drive for Tai Quinonez, and thanked Shelley Hasselbrink, Cat Driscoll, Carson and Cooper Hasselbrink, Kayla Taylor, and her son Gabe Mejia, for their assistance with the event. She congratulated the Los Alamitos High School Choir for winning the National Championship Show Choir Competition in New York City and requested the City present a proclamation to the Choir. She extended a special thank you to BG Jones for his persistence in extending the public comment timeline; thanked Angie Avery, Community Services Director, for being a great mentor to her staff. Council Member Graham-Mejia asked the City Manager to address a letter sent by a resident regarding the informational flyers the City handed out on the Black Hawk Team; and, commented on the food trailers. She confirmed with the City Manager that even though Mr. Strawther decided not to renew his contract with the City for the next six months, he is still honoring his contract till the end of this month. She thanked Mr. Strawther and CSMP for their work.

Mayor Stephens thanked Boy Scout Troop #658 for attending tonight's meeting and thanked the Scout Masters and parents for their volunteer time.

**11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

As requested by Council Member Graham-Mejia, Mr. Stewart provided information on the flyers recently distributed to residents regarding the Black Hawk Helicopter Company's reassignment to JFTB.

Mr. Stewart also provided additional information on the Food Trucks coming to Los Alamitos on Thursday.

**12. RECESS/CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Stephens read the Closed Session item and immediately recessed into Closed Session.

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

**The City Council finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.**

Name of Case: City of Los Alamitos vs. Citizens for a Fair Trash Contract  
Case Number: Orange County Superior Court Case #00420414  
Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

**13. RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Stephens reconvened the City Council Meeting at 10:27 p.m., and advised there is no reportable action. Mayor Stephens immediately adjourned the City Council Meeting.

  
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Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Adria M. Jimenez, CMC  
City Clerk