

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

REGULAR MEETING – May 20, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:04 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2013, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Kusumoto presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Grose, Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem
Graham-Mejia, Mayor Kusumoto

Sunburst Youth Academy Student Council:

DominiQ Castanon	Bithia Garcia	Fabian Reynoso
Harold Orozco	Emely Mercado	Tino Ruiz
Sandy Arellano	Guadalupe Perez	Seke Snoh
Brenda Copple	Joseph Reyes	Angello Mundaca
Carmen Flores		Adrianna Vargas

Absent: Council Members: None

Student Council: Marco Palacios

Present: Staff: Gregory D. Korduner, Interim City Manager
Steve Skolnik, Interim City Attorney
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Supt.
Joshua A. Brooks, Finance Director
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Corey Lakin, Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
Cassandra Palmer, Support Services Manager
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cadet Castanon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Cadet Mundaca led the Invocation.

Council Member Grose gave a brief introduction of the Sunburst Youth Academy.

Cadet Castanon introduced the graduating class.

Major Armstrong gave an overview of the program and thanked the City Council for the opportunity to participate.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Althea Miller, LATV-3 Producer**

The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Althea Miller. Ms. Miller thanked the Council.

B. **Presentation of Proclamation to Chief Abel, Orange County Fire Authority, for "Drowning Prevention Summer"**

The Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation to Chief Abel for "Drowning Prevention Summer".

C. **Presentation to the City Council by Recreation and Community Services Director Lakin and Recreation Manager Moya of an American Flag Flown in Battle on "Spartan 41" and Mementos from the Race on the Base "Shadow Run" in Afghanistan**

Director Lakin and Recreation Manager Moya gave a brief background on the national Race on the Base "Shadow Run" and presented the City Council with mementos.

D. **Introduction of the Youth Ambassadors by Johnnie Strohmyer, Chamber of Commerce**

Josh Wilson, Young Professionals, introduced the 2013 Youth Ambassador to the Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award winner, Nicholas Rigdon, and the 2013 We Hire Los Al Scholarship Award winner, Elle Merrill.

Council Member Edgar announced he would be leaving the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. for an event on the East coast.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Kusumoto opened Oral Communications.

Shelly Henderson, Editor of OC Breeze and Cypress resident, spoke regarding the flyer being circulated regarding Mayor Kusumoto and the reference made to the OC Breeze.

Liga O'Loane, resident, requested "off leash" hours at Orville Lewis Park from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Lois Waddle, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Cypress development.

Don Seward, Cypress resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Cypress development.

Chuck Silvia, resident, spoke regarding the recent accusations made towards Mayor Kusumoto.

Carol Silvia, resident, spoke in favor of Mayor Kusumoto stepping down and stated support for Council Member Murphy being Mayor.

JM Ivler, resident, stated support for Council's actions regarding the proposed Cypress development.

Pat Blancher, resident, stated opposition to returning to summary minutes and stated support for establishing Council meeting time limits.

Pete Carvajal, resident, stated opposition to the proposed field fee increases.

Caro Biri, resident, stated support for Council's actions regarding the proposed Cypress development and Mayor Kusumoto.

Mayor Kusumoto closed Oral Communications.

Mayor Kusumoto stated he did have a meeting with Cypress Council Member Bailey and had advised the attendees he was recording the conversation and placed the recorder on the table. He gave a brief background on the meeting.

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Register of Major Expenditures for April 15, 2013, to May 20, 2013, in the amount of \$1,348,453.75, and authorized the City Manager to approve such expenditures as are legally due and within an unexhausted balance of an appropriation against which the same may be charged for the time period of May 21, 2013, to June 16, 2013.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye
Council Member Murphy	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia	Aye
Mayor Kusumoto	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 Grose pulled item 8C.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Edgar

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

A. Approval of Minutes (City Clerk)

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013.

B. Warrants (Finance)

Approved the Warrants for May 20, 2013, in the amount of \$58,693.59, and ratified the Warrants for the time period for April 16, 2013, to May 19, 2013, in the amount of \$149,892.86, and authorized the City Manager to approve such expenditures as are legally due and within an unexhausted balance of an appropriation against which the same may be charged for the time period of May 21, 2013, to June 16, 2013.

D. Los Alamitos Cable Television – Disposal of Obsolete Equipment (Finance)

The Los Alamitos Cable Television Commission requested the City Council approve the disposal of obsolete equipment related to the operation of Los Alamitos Television (LATV).

The City Council approved the disposal of the listed obsolete equipment.

E. Establishment of a Preferred Vendor List for On-Call CEQA Services (Community Development)

This report recommended four consultants to select from as needed for on-call California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) services for projects that require environmental assessment studies that go beyond categorical exemptions.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to establish a preferred vendor list comprised of Keeton Kreitzer, PCR Services, GRC Associates, and The Planning Center, for large projects.

F. Agreement for Prosecution Services by the District Attorney of Orange County (City Manager)

The City of Los Alamitos has contracted for prosecution services with the Orange County District Attorney's Office for years past. The current agreement for prosecution services expires on June 30, 2013. Government Code Section 51302 states that Agreements cannot be

extended beyond a five year period without the affirmative action of both parties. The new Agreement is proposed for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2013.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement for Prosecution Services by the District Attorney of Orange County.

G. Pool Service and Maintenance Contract (Recreation)

This agenda item was a contract for service and maintenance of the pool.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Commercial Aquatic Services Inc. for service and maintenance at the pool. This contract was for a one-year period with two optional one-year extensions. The contract is not to exceed \$15,000 annually.

H. Activities Guide Brochure Printing Contract (Recreation)

This agenda item was a contract for the printing of the Recreation and Community Services Activities Guide.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the one-year contract with two one-year optional extensions in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per year with Weber Printing Company, Inc. to print the Recreation and Community Services Activities Guide.

**I. Award Bid for Museum Roof Repair Project (CIP No. 12/13-05)
(Public Works)**

This report recommended action to begin facilitating the construction of the Museum Roof Repair Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-05).

The City Council:

1. Awarded construction of the Museum Roof Repair Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-05) to All Weather Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$28,500.00; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract for the project; and,
3. Due to the age of the building and the small size of the contract, authorized City Engineer to execute change orders, if necessary, in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of \$5,700.00, which is 20% of the original contract amount.

**J. Award Bid for Commercial Street Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-06)
(Public Works)**

This report recommended action to begin facilitating the construction of the Commercial Street Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-06) which

consists of four commercial streets: Cerritos Avenue between Bloomfield Street and Santa Clara Street; Los Vaqueros Circle; southern section of Humboldt Street; and, Reagan Street between Briggeman Drive and Catalina Street.

The City Council:

1. Awarded construction of the Commercial Street Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-06) to Sequel Contractors in the amount of \$510,457.80; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract for the project; and,
3. Authorized City Engineer to execute change orders, if necessary, in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of \$51,046.00, which is 10% of the original contract amount.

**K. Award Bid for Coyote Creek Park Project (CIP No. 12/13-04)
(Public Works)**

This report recommended action to begin facilitating the construction of the Coyote Creek Park Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-04).

The City Council:

1. Awarded construction of the Coyote Creek Park Improvement Project (CIP No. 12/13-03) to Pima Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$601,487.86; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract for the project; and,
3. Authorized City Manager to execute change orders and alternate bid items, if necessary, in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of \$120,297.57, which is 20% of the original contract amount.

End of Consent Calendar

Items pulled from Consent Calendar

C. City Council Policy on Summary Minutes (City Clerk)
On April 15, 2013, Council voted to return to Summary Minutes as the formal record of the City. This report formalizes that policy.

Council Member Grose clarified Granicus would be discussed later on the agenda. He advised he would hold his questions until then.

Motion/Second: Grose/Graham-Mejia

Unanimously Carried: The City Council adopted Resolution 2013-08, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS ESTABLISHING SUMMARY MINUTES FORMAT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS."

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **Software Options for Transparency** (City Clerk)

On April 15, 2013, Council briefly discussed the possibility of incorporating available technology to help streamline the minute preparation process, as well as providing additional transparency.

City Clerk Quintanar introduced Maryann Mooney, Granicus Regional Sales Executive, and turned the presentation over to her.

Ms. Mooney introduced Steve Pascucci, Director of Sales, and they gave a brief overview of Granicus' available suites and emphasized the transparency and efficiency that would be provided.

Council Member Grose inquired if the cost in the Staff report was per month and asked for an explanation on the voting system.

Mr. Pascucci answered in the affirmative and clarified there were three different parts to choose from: voting system, minute efficiency software, and video streaming. He stated the voting system would be tablets mounted to the dais that would allow the Council Members not only to vote but to view the agenda as well. He stated the price included the training and set up and would integrate with the current flow of the meetings.

Council Member Grose inquired whether all the Commissions would be able to utilize the software including streaming, and the additional cost for tablets for the seven Commissioners.

Mr. Pascucci indicated the proposal was for networking the Council Chamber and could include all bodies that utilized the facility. He clarified two additional touch screens would need to be purchased and could be done for close to the proposed cost.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the item for public comment. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Kusumoto closed the item for public comment.

Council Member Grose stated support for moving toward current technology and expanding use to the Commissions. He recognized the initial cost was substantial, but felt the monthly cost could be absorbed in

the City Clerk's budget. He stated the voting system could be gradually eased into and the product would be good for transparency.

Council Member Edgar inquired how the item would be paid for.

Interim City Manager Korduner indicated there was not funding in the budget, stated Staff could analyze further if Council desired, and stated the reserves could be utilized.

Council Member Edgar expressed concern regarding the lack of funding and stated support for transparency. He asked for examples of nearby cities of similar size that utilize this product.

Ms. Mooney listed several agencies in the county including the County of Orange, La Habra, and La Palma.

Council Member Murphy stated a concern for the voting system being included and expressed interest in exploring other companies.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia stated concerns for funding and expressed support for exploring other companies.

Mayor Kusumoto inquired to the ownership and lifecycle of the voting hardware.

Ms. Mooney stated the City would purchase the hardware that came with a three year warranty. She added typically the Samsung tablets lasted four to five years; however, technology was always changing.

Mayor Kusumoto stated opposition due to the lack of funding and stated support for preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and seeing what options were available.

Council Member Grose requested Staff bring the item back for future consideration after an RFP was prepared. He felt the program would be beneficial in minute preparation, reduction in Staff time, and accessibility of commission meetings. He requested the upload of the agenda be returned to hyperlinked Staff reports.

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Directed Staff to release an RFP for services; and,
2. Directed Staff to analyze possible funding opportunities; and,

3. Directed Staff to hyperlink the individual Staff reports of the City Council agenda on the City's webpage.

B. Winter Wonderland (Recreation)

This report provided the City Council with information about the December special event Winter Wonderland. Staff was seeking approval to continue co-hosting the revenue-offset event.

Recreation and Community Services Director Lakin summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Kusumoto stated the budget for the event had been explained to him last year and he no longer was concerned; however, he did state a concern for the non-secular nature of the event and encouraged Staff to embrace all regions and cultures.

Recreation and Community Services Director Lakin stated Staff had worked diligently to make the event as non-religious as possible in the short amount of time the event was planned. He pointed out several cities had tree lighting events and Staff would be open to suggestions.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the item for public comment.

JM Ivler, resident, stated support for the event being non-secular.

Mayor Kusumoto closed the item for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia congratulated Staff on the marketing piece and stated support for the event. She suggested the tree lighting be moved to a more public place (i.e. Laurel Park) if not this year, then in upcoming years.

Motion/Second: Grose/Murphy

Carried 4-1 (Kusumoto cast the dissenting vote): The City Council authorized Staff to continue co-hosting the Winter Wonderland event with the Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals.

C. Item Removed

Mayor Kusumoto pulled item 8E forward.

E. Consideration of the Legislative Platform for 2013 (City Manager)

The Legislative Action Report identified the City's Legislative Platform for 2013 and provided program procedures for the City to effectively participate in the legislative process.

Interim City Manager Korduner summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Murphy expressed concern the policy had not been addressed annually.

Interim City Manager Korduner stated the policy had not been revisited since 2008 and advised Council could change the policy to be continuous and have only changes to the policy come before Council.

Council Member Edgar stated expressed concern for conflicting policy regarding Council position. He stated support for having a clear process and procedure moving forward. He stated as representatives on other boards Council Members needed a clear policy to report back the Council's position. He expressed concern the policy being presented was inconsistent with the Municipal Code.

Interim City Manager Korduner stated he felt the policy was consistent and pointed out the section of the policy that addressed Council expressing a position.

Council Member Edgar reiterated concern the policy did not state clear parameters for Council Member's taking a position and representing the Council as a whole.

Mayor Kusumoto appreciated Council Member Edgar's concerns and supported positions coming to the Council for a vote. He requested the item be postponed to next month for a healthy discussion.

Motion/Second: Kusumoto/Graham-Mejia
Unanimously Carried: The City Council postponed discussion until June 17, 2013.

Council Member Edgar left the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

RECESS

The City Council took a brief recess at 7:31 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Regular session at 7:42 p.m.

- D. Proposition 30-Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) (City Manager)**
Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia requested Council discuss Governor Brown's proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for public education.

Interim City Manager Korduner summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia stated she had attended the Los Alamitos Unified School District's Board meeting where the Board stated opposition to LCFF as proposed and expressed support for having a subcommittee review the proposal.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the item for public comment. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Kusumoto closed the item for public comment.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Grose

Unanimously Carried: the City Council directed the City Manager to draft a letter to urge the legislature to vet the LCFF Proposal through policy committees and public hearings before making a decision.

F. Establishing Council Meeting Time Limits (City Clerk)

On April 15, 2013, Council Member Grose, with the support of Mayor Kusumoto, requested Staff research the possibility of not starting any new business after 10:00 p.m. This item discusses establishing Council meeting time limits.

Mayor Kusumoto postponed this item to the June 17, 2013 meeting.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

Council Member Murphy spoke regarding the following topics: opposition to the circulating flyer regarding Mayor Kusumoto; attendance at the CPRS Awards and Installation Banquet in honor of life time volunteers Tom and Vivian Rothwell; Valentino's Pizza Monday fundraiser; and, advised of the upcoming Young Professionals Mixer on Thursday.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia asked that the request for "off leash" hours at Orville Lewis park be agendaized for the June 17, 2013 meeting.

Council Member Grose spoke regarding the following topics: requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of Janice Wahlstrom, wife of former Council member; new Star Base program at the JFTB; and, reported a list of recently attended events could be located on his website (www.losal.net).

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia stated opposition to the flyer being circulated regarding Mayor Kusumoto and stated her belief that it was a diversion tactic to

take focus off the Prologis development. She encouraged residents to stay focused on the bigger issue of the Prologis development.

Mayor Kusumoto reported attendance at the SCAG Annual Conference in Palm Desert and thanked Council Member Grose for coordinating the Sunburst Youth Academy's participation in the Council meeting.

11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Interim City Manager Korduner reported Los Alamitos High School Football Coach, John Barnes, would be inducted into the Hall of Fame and the Girl's Lacrosse team won the US Lacrosse Southern Section Championship for the 5th year in a row. He stated he would be sending out letters of congratulations.

City Attorney Reisman stated he had participated in the Joint Forces Training Base tour and found it very informative.

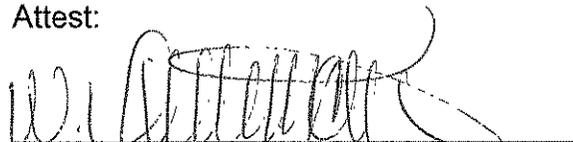
12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. in memory of Janice Wahlstrom.



Warren Kusumoto, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk