

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

REGULAR MEETING – May 2, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:21 p.m., Monday, May 2, 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 Poe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Graham-Mejia gave the Invocation.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Laurie Schiada, resident, invited the City Council and residents to participate in the Relay for Life, July 16-17, Los Alamitos High School.

Richard Murphy, resident, asked the City Council to request Caltrans to increase the construction work schedule for the 7th Street Bridge in Long Beach, and the scheduled reconstruction of the Seal Beach Bridge.

J.M. Ivler, resident, stated the "In God We Trust" plaque located in the Council Chambers should not be posted. Mr. Ivler also commented on the Invocation held at the beginning of the meeting.

Alice Jempsa, resident, advised solicitors are coming to her residence in the late evening hours without a City solicitor's permit. She requested the City inform solicitors of the requirements for obtaining a permit.

6. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

May 2, 2011.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Poe

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for May 2, 2011, in the amount of \$251, 393.83.

Roll Call Vote

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

7. 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 Kusumoto pulled Consent Calendar Item #7A.

Council Member Graham-Mejia pulled Consent Calendar Item #7D.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Poe

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

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

B. Warrants

May 2, 2011.

C. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Computers

This report seeks City Council authorization to purchase fifteen (15) replacement desktop computers for distribution in City Departments.

Authorized the expenditure of \$11,594.85 from the Fiscal year 2010-11 Budget, account number 53.512.5450, for the purchase of fifteen (15) replacement desktop computers from a sole source vendor for distribution in City Departments.

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 21, 2011.

Council Member Kusumoto stated he pulled this item because he believes the summary regarding the Rossmoor Latent Powers discussion was too brief.

After Council discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion/Second: Poe/Edgar

Carried 3/2: (Graham-Mejia/Kusumoto "Abstain")

Approved Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 21, 2011.

D. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Douglas L. Wood for the Provision of Services Related to the Administration of LATV

The City's agreement with CSMP for the administration and program scheduling of LATV will expire on April 30, 2011. Staff is proposing that the City Council approve a professional services agreement with Mr. Douglas L. Wood to manage those duties temporarily while the City considers the future structure of LATV.

Council Member Graham-Mejia asked City Manager Stewart to provide a brief staff report on LATV and what the monies are for.

Mr. Stewart advised Mr. Wood has agreed to pick up the items previously handled by CSMP which includes programming the server and providing additional programming as necessary, in addition to his duties of broadcasting the Council Meetings for the next couple of months until the City decide how to move forward with the structure of LATV.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Poe

Unanimously Carried: Approved the attached agreement with Douglas L. Wood for the provision of services related to LATV.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. United States Army Reserve (USAR) Black Hawk Helicopter Company at Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB)

Consideration of Response letter to USAR regarding Environmental Assessment of Black Hawk Company at JFTB.

Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director, provided background information and advised a draft letter is attached for City Council consideration and approval.

After Council discussion, the City Council agreed to approve the attached letter with the following editions: 1) Omit the last three lines of paragraph 3, "Based upon this feedback the City of Los Alamitos is concerned about increased impacts resulting from the additional Black Hawk unit and its impacts to the quality of life," 2) Include "We are supportive of military uses that are consistent with the mission of the base and compatible with surrounding uses."

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Poe

Unanimously Carried: The City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the attached letter, with the noted editions, and forward to USAR.

B. Evaluation of General Plan Consultants

The General Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee has evaluated the General Plan proposals and developed a matrix. The Subcommittee is providing a progress update to the City Council prior to City Manager and Community Development Director interviews and rating of the two top rated firms.

Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director, summarized the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar addressed questions from the City Council about pricing and scoring of the proposals.

Council Member Graham-Mejia requested her statement be added to the record: "In the future, I would like that I think something as important as spending the City's money should not be handled by an adhoc committee, though I do appreciate all the work that Mayor Pro Tem Edgar and Council Member Kusumoto have done and they're both absolutely perfect for the job I just think that as Council Members we learn from each other and it would have been a perfect opportunity for those of us who don't have the background you do to learn from this so if we're on an adhoc committee in the future should we continue to go that way we take that knowledge through on how to make this happen and make it happen well."

As a member of the adhoc subcommittee, Council Member Kusumoto commented on the rating process of the proposals.

Motion/Second: Poe/Stephens

Unanimously Carried: 1) Received and Filed Recommendation of Ad Hoc Subcommittee; and, 2) Accepted recommendation of consulting firms to be interviewed by City Manager and Community Development Director.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS **Council Announcements**

Council Member Poe invited residents and contractors to a community meeting on May 11th at the Community Center to discuss the City's building regulations; thanked staff for a good start on the budget process; commented on solicitors in the area and thanked Ms. Jempsa for bringing her concern forward; thanked members of the Schiada family for participating in the Relay for Life and encouraged everyone to participate.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar thanked Finance Manager Agramonte for her hard work on the budget and stated he feels the items captured will be institutionalized and could help future Councils; reported on his meeting regarding the consolidation of the police departments of Cypress, Seal Beach, and Los Alamitos, noting it was an informal discussion and an idea as a potential solution to budget reductions. Mr. Edgar added he did not advise the City Council of the meeting for fear of violating the Brown Act. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar reported on his attendance at the OCSD Board Meeting and advised Connie Underhill, Placentia Council Member,

suffered a heart attack and is recovering at Anaheim General Hospital. Mayor Pro Tem Edgar advised of Casa Youth Shelter's Pizza Mondays fundraiser, in cooperation with Valentino's Pizza, and encouraged the community to participate; and, reported on a the gourmet trucks coming to Los Alamitos on Thursdays working with Starbucks and St. Isidore's Plaza.

Mayor Stephens reported on his attendance at the OCFA Budget and Finance Committee Meeting; thanked Laurie Schiada for providing information on the Relay for Life; reported on his attendance at the Precious Life Shelter fundraiser event Saturday evening and thanked Teresa Murphy for coordinating the event.

Council Member Graham-Mejia requested the City Council formally recognize the police officers who were recently involved in the investigation of vehicle burglaries and the recovery of property stolen from those vehicles; requested the City advise residents of solicitor permit information, including what the City's solicitor permit looks like; requested City staff review why residents can no longer have livestock (chickens) and if the Council chooses, look at reinstating the allowance of chickens with precautionary measures. Council Member Graham-Mejia commented on the police services consolidation meeting stating she was surprised to learn about the issue because she had not heard about it. She stated that the residents she has spoken with want to keep our police department and do not want to comingle, and understands there may be fiscal benefits, and if they are going to look at consolidating the departments that the residents would like it on the ballot in the next election. She addressed Mr. Ivler's comments about the Invocation, and advised there is no disrespect intended. She asked what are the options to allow other faiths to come and pray.

Sandra Levin, City Attorney, stated she has seen other City's open it up, but the City cannot limit access.

Council Member Kusumoto commented on the police department discussion and stated he understands the need and timing issues and asked if there is some way to notify Council without having a Brown Act violation; confirmed the Mayor is attending the upcoming City Selection Committee Meeting; advised he is attending Colonel Grimm's retirement ceremony and luncheon; stated he attended the gourmet food truck event and inquired if the recent event was successful; advised May is Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month and provided brief historical information; and, advised Glenn Tanaka is conducting a fundraiser on June 18th at his Irvine farm to benefit the farmers in Japan devastated by the tsunami.

10. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stewart had nothing to report.

11. RECESS/CLOSED SESSION

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

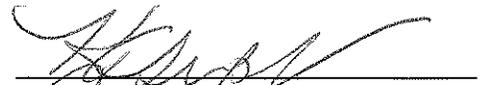
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

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)

12. RECONVENE/ADJOURNMENT

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



Kenneth Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:



Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk