

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

SPECIAL MEETING – December 16, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:02 p.m., Monday, December 16, 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

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
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. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Interview Applicants for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, Planning, and Traffic Commissions

This report provided relevant information by which the City Council may appoint members to Commission vacancies.

Mayor Kusumoto introduced the item. City Clerk Quintanar summarized the item, referring to the information contained in the Staff report.

The City Council interviewed Thomas Lindsey for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission.

Council Member Murphy recused himself from the Planning Commission interviews and stated Ms. Culty was his sister. He left the dais.

The City Council interviewed Larry Andrade and Mary Anne Culty for Planning Commission.

Council Member Murphy took his seat at the dais. He made a motion to forgo interviews for the Traffic Commission applicants, Javier Mejia and Daniel Patz, seconded by Council Member Edgar.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia recused herself from voting and stated Mr. Mejia was her husband.

City Clerk Quintanar clarified the motion was to decline interviews and reappoint the two Traffic Commission applicants Javier Mejia and Daniel Patz.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Edgar

Carried 4/0 (Graham-Mejia abstained): The City Council appointed Javier Mejia and Daniel Patz to the Traffic Commission with terms expiring December 2016.

City Clerk Quintanar explained the process for Commission appointment and advised a motion and a second would be needed for each nominee. She directed Council to complete the Indication of Support sheets. The Indications of Support were given to City Clerk Quintanar to tally.

Council Member Murphy advised he would not be indicating support for the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Quintanar read the indications of support for the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission: Thomas Lindsey – 5.

Motion/Second: Grose/Graham-Mejia

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Thomas Lindsey to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission, with a term expiring December 2014.

City Clerk Quintanar read the indications of support for the Planning Commission: Larry Andrade – 1; and, Mary Anne Cuiilty – 3.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Grose

Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed Mary Anne Cuiilty to the Planning Commission, with a term expiring December 2015.

Mayor Kusumoto invited the Traffic Commission applicants to address the Council if desired.

Commissioner Patz indicated he enjoyed his term on the Traffic Commission and he appreciated the respect and team work of his fellow Commissioners. He thanked the Council and indicated appreciation for the opportunity.

Council Member Grose requested Staff bring back a policy for discussion regarding Commission appointment, including term limits, and the possibility of Council Members individually appointing Commissioners who

would have the same terms as their respective Council Member. He stated concern that Commissioners may be letting their personal preference interfere with what is best for the City. He referred to the process in 2006 and indicated it was a good start, but felt a more specific policy was needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia stated support and referred to term limits. She indicated serving on a Commission was a unique opportunity and she would like to see more people engaged.

Council Member Murphy and Edgar stated support.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9. Claim received from California Military Department on November 27, 2013 (Regular City Council Meeting, December 16, 2013, Agenda Item 9A).

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

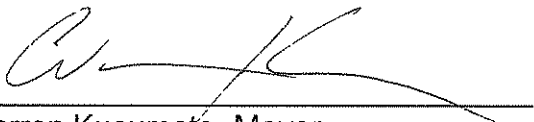
RECONVENED

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 5:59 p.m.

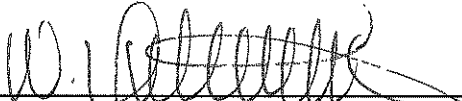
There was no reportable action.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 5:59 p.m.


Warren Kusumoto, Mayor

Attest:


Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk