

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

SPECIAL MEETING – December 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:01 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2015, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Murphy presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Grose, Hasselbrink, Kusumoto,
Mayor Pro Tem Edgar, Mayor Murphy

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Cary Reisman, City Attorney
Jason Al-Imam, Administrative Services Director
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent
Corey Lakin, Recreation and Community Services Director
Todd Mattern, Chief of Police
Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Agency Negotiators: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk
Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

City Manager Plumlee read the title aloud.

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 5:28 p.m.

City Attorney Reisman stated no formal votes were requested or taken.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Interview Applicants for Commissions (5:30 p.m.)

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

Mayor Murphy stated instead of asking the generic questions, he'd request the applicants make an opening statement and the Council would ask questions as needed.

Applicant Cuiilty gave an introduction.

Applicant DeBolt gave an introduction.

Mayor Pro Tem Edgar stated concern as an incumbent, Applicant Debolt had been confrontational towards Staff during meetings and asked what Applicant DeBolt saw the Commission's role with Staff to be.

Applicant Debolt summarized his history with the City as a Council Member and Commission Member. He indicated his belief that Staff were not the decision makers and felt it was important for Commissioners to keep an open mind through deliberation. He stated he had no animosity towards decisions that went against what he supported.

There was a brief discussion regarding the last appeal that came before Council.

Applicant Grose gave an introduction.

Applicant Loe was not present.

Mayor Murphy questioned if a joint workshop could be held with the Planning Commission as suggested by Applicant Debolt. He questioned if a policy could be brought forward to reappoint incumbents without interviewing.

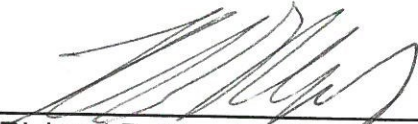
City Clerk Quintanar briefly explained the current process and advised a revised policy to address incumbents could be drafted in the future.

Council Member Grose stated support for a workshop that would open communication and provide insight on what the City can do to enhance the community. He indicated he was hesitant to stray from the current appointment policy.

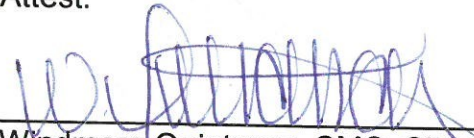
Motion/Second: Kusumoto/Edgar
Unanimously Carried: The City Council appointed the following applicants to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 2018: Mary Anne Culty, Art DeBolt, Wendy Grose, and Gary Loe.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 5:44 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:


Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk