MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – June 18, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER
The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:12 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2018, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Edgar presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
Sean Connolly, Police Captain
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk
Maria-Luisa Valdez, Interim Administrative Services Director
Andy Perea, Interim Community Development Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Edgar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION
Council Member Murphy gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of Commendations to Camryn To and David Quintanilla for Their Volunteer Work with Casa Youth Shelter’s Youth Leadership Program
Mayor Edgar and Council presented Commendations to Ms. To and Mr. Quintanilla. Pamela Sepulveda, Casa Youth Shelter Community Outreach Director, spoke briefly on the Youth Leadership Program.

B. Presentation of a Proclamation to Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Representative for Drowning Awareness Week
Mayor Edgar and Council presented a Proclamation to Chief Acosta, OCFA. Chief Acosta spoke briefly.

C. Presentation of a Commendation to Mark Zito, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, HSI Orange County, U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, for his Partnership with the City Mayor Edgar and Council presented a Commendation and Tile Plaque to Mr. Zito. Mr. Zito spoke briefly.
D. Presentation of a Resolution of Support from Linda MacDonald, President, Long Beach Republican Women Federated, Nancy Hathcock, President, Roosmoor/Los Alamitos Republican Women Federated and Pat Biggerstaff, President Seal Beach Republican Women Federated
Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Hathcock, and Ms. Biggerstaff presented the City Council with a Resolution of Support and spoke briefly.

E. Presentation of Annual Report from Orange County Human Relations Commission Representative
Orange County Human relations Commission representative gave the Annual Report and provided copies to Council.

Mayor Edgar advised the Museum would be doing a presentation as part of item 10D.

Margaret Hendrik gave a PowerPoint presentation and requested a commemorative plaque for the museum. She provided additional historical information on the plaque program and buildings.

Mayor Edgar advised this topic was not listed in the report and directed staff to bring back a future agenda item to discuss historical designation for the museum building.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
At this time, any individual in the audience may come forward to speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes per speaker.

Mayor Edgar opened Oral Communications.

Pete Carvajal, resident, stated he had served on Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission since 2003. He stated opposition to Council’s recent actions regarding SB54 and resigned from the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission.

Monica, Community United, stated opposition to Council adopting an ordinance that is unlawful and hurts immigrant communities.

Henry Josefberg, resident and plaintiff, stated opposition to Council’s action regarding SB54, believed these actions were a political career move and brought about the letter demanding districting. He requested Council rescind its ordinance until the court ruling.

Joel Block, Rossmoor resident, stated opposition to Council’s ordinance and spoke regarding immigration issues. He believed this had been a political decision and should not have been brought into a non-partisan atmosphere. He stated support for good governance.

Barbara J. stated support for federal mandate and the first amendment calling for the separation of church and state. She stated praying “in Jesus” name is very offensive and requested council remove the “In God we Trust” plaque from the Chamber.
Barbara Farrell, resident, stated support for Los Alamitos doing its part to help improve the homeless issue in Orange County. She requested Council reverse its anti-sanctuary ordinance as it was a waste of taxpayer dollars. She believed it would destroy the relationship between the police and community and stated support for sanctuary cities.

Shelley Henderson, Chairman of Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the upcoming Chamber Breakfast on July 13 and 1st Robo Drone Day on June 24.

Judy Klabough, business owner, clarified the Republican Woman had invited themselves and stated support for the work Council was doing.

Monica T. stated support for SB54 and advised of an upcoming vigil on June 22 at Laurel Park to keep families together.

Robin Esler, Cypress resident, stated support for Council’s action and thanked it for taking the initiative.

Mayor Edgar closed Oral Communications.

7. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS
At this time, Council Members may also report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future Agenda.

Council Member Chirco spoke regarding attendance at the Hotel Ground Breaking, Budget Standing Committee meeting, Public Hearings regarding Voting Districts, upcoming Serve Los Al on June 29-30, and 4th of July Spectacular.

Council Member Murphy spoke regarding attendance at the Voting District meetings, Police Officers Appreciation event, Los Alamitos High School Graduation, and Hotel Ground Breaking.

Council Member Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at the Chamber breakfast, Hotel Groundbreaking, Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation, requested the graduation class be invited to Council meetings, Los Alamitos High School Graduation, upcoming Movie and Music in the Park Saturday at Laurel Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto spoke regarding attendance at the West-Comm Special Meeting, upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting and attendance at the Voting District Public hearings.

Mayor Edgar Spoke regarding attendance at the Hotel Ground Breaking, Los Alamitos High School Graduation, upcoming 4th of July Spectacular and Serve Los Al event.

8. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER
City Manager Plumlee asked for and received an update on the upcoming 4th of July Spectacular to be held on the Base, Music and Movies event series, and Serve Los Al event on June 29th and 30th.
Mayor Edgar asked for and received an overview of the race series medals and advised of the upcoming Cypress Community event on July 28th. He questioned the recent paving of the bike trail and requested Staff monitor the graffiti.

City Engineer Hunt advised Los Angeles County had paved the other side for its maintenance trucks and it would not be striped.

9. WARRANTS

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Murphy
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the Warrants for June 18, 2018, in the amount of $141,722.23 ratified the Warrants for May 22, 2018 to June 17, 2018 in the amount of $671,178.83, 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 June 19, 2018 to July 15, 2018.

ROLL CALL
Mayor Edgar Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto Aye
Council Member Chirco Aye
Council Member Hasselbrink Aye
Council Member Murphy Aye

10. CONSENT CALENDAR
All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Council Member requests separate action on a specific item.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Chirco
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

A. Approval of Minutes (City Clerk)
Approved the City Council minutes of April 16, 2018 – Special, May 11, 2018 – Special, May 21, 2018 – Special, May 21, 2018 Regular, May 29, 2018 – Special, and June 4, 2018 – Special.

B. Resolutions Pertaining to the November 6, 2018, General Municipal Election (City Clerk)
The City of Los Alamitos General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. It is City policy to consolidate the local election with the County of Orange. In order to enable such consolidation, it is necessary to adopt resolutions calling and giving notice of the election, requesting consolidation with the County, and adopting regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of candidates’ statements.

The City Council:

HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY’S CHARTER” and,

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-19, entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO § 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE”; and,

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-20, entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018.”

C. Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program

(Development Services)

Annual submittal of Measure M2 eligibility documentation to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is required to remain eligible to receive Measure M2 sales tax revenue funds. The submittal documentation this year requires City Council approval of an updated Measure M2 Seven Year Capital Improvement Program. Staff has prepared a Capital Improvement Program covering the Fiscal Years FY 2018-19 through FY 2024-25 that the City Council approved on June 18, 2018, and is prepared to submit this and other required documentation to OCTA upon approval by the City Council.

The City Council approved and authorized Staff to submit to the Orange County Transportation Authority the Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2024-25, to comply with Measure M2 eligibility criteria.

D. Los Alamitos Museum Association Proposed Schedule, Activity Plan, and Budget

(Recreation)

The Los Alamitos Museum Association’s proposed schedule, activity plan, balance sheet, and budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year are being provided to the City Council for approval.

The City Council:

1. Approved the Los Alamitos Museum Association’s proposed schedule, activity plan, and budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19; and,

2. Authorized the City Manager and/or his designee to approve any change to the schedule, activity plan, and budget within his spending authority and notify the City Council in writing.
E. The League of California Cities’ 2018 Annual Conference & Expo (City Manager)

This report sought authorization for City Manager, Bret Plumlee to attend the 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo.

The City Council authorized the City Manager to attend the conference and all associated travel expenses in an amount not to exceed $570.

F. Annual Appropriations Limit (Administrative Services)

Article XIII B of the California Constitution specifies the amount of allowable revenue the City of Los Alamitos can appropriate from the proceeds of taxes.


G. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with OUR Los Al for Cable Operations Manager Services (Administrative Services)

The purpose of this report was to amend the Professional Services Agreement with OUR Los Al, extending the term to June 30, 2019, for cable operations manager services.

The City Council authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with OUR Los Al, extending the contract term to June 30, 2018 and increasing the fee schedule.

H. Approval of Notice of Completion for ADA Cerritos Avenue Sidewalks Improvement Project (CIP No. 17/18-03) (Development Services)

The ADA Cerritos Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project (CIP No. 17/18-03) project is complete and in compliance with the plans and specifications. Therefore, Staff recommends that City Council accept the work as complete, direct filing of the Notice of Completion and authorize retention release as prescribed by the Public Contract Code.

The City Council:

1. Accepted as complete the construction contract by Golden State Constructors, Inc. for the ADA Cerritos Ave Sidewalks Improvement Project (CIP No. 17/18-03) ; and,

2. Directed the City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion/Final Report with the County Recorder’s office; and,

3. Authorized Staff to release the 5% retention to the contractor, in the amount of $3,485.56, thirty-five (35) days after recordation of the Notice of Completion.
I. Insurance Renewal for the Period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019  
(Administrative Services)

This report requested authority to continue participation in the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority’s General Liability and Excess Worker’s Compensation Program and to purchase Property Insurance from Landmark American Insurance Company for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

The City Council:

1. Approved the City’s continued participation in the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority’s General Liability Program from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at an estimated premium cost not to exceed $76,000; and,

2. Approved the City’s continued participation in the California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority’s Excess Worker’s Compensation Program from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 at an estimated premium cost not to exceed $155,000; and,

3. Approved the purchase of Property Insurance from Landmark American Insurance Company in a premium amount not to exceed $87,000 for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; and,

4. Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to renew insurance for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Adoption of the City of Los Alamitos Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget  
(Administrative Services)

City Charter Sections 1201-1205 govern the development and adoption of the City’s Annual Budget. Section 1203 requires a public hearing for public input on the proposed budget. Thereafter, the City Council shall adopt the budget with revisions, if any; establish estimated revenues, expenditure appropriations, and transfers of funds of the City.

Interim Administrative Services Director Valdez summarized the Staff report and answered questions from the City Council.

City Council and Staff discussed the following:

- Informative budget approval process including Budget Standing Committee meetings
- Departments being able to decrease expenditures without eliminating services or people
- Moving Labrouilette Park up into the current budget for improvements
- Sound and realistic budget to help the City stay balanced throughout the year

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- Support for Staff working through the process with Council
- Concern increased Attorney fees were not taken into account

Mayor Edgar opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Shelley Henderson, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, referred to the gap closures and questioned if there was an expected increase in new businesses and when the new hotel would open.

Interim Administrative Services Director Valdez advised the gap closure included a Consumer Price Index increase of 1.7%, as opposed to the 3.7% suggested by the Department of Labor, to business license as required by the Municipal Code. The new hotel is scheduled to open in April 2019 with aggressive development.

City Manager Plumlee stated that alternative budget gap closures would be required if the hotel does not open as planned. Staff was working on additional offsets to bring forward at mid-year if needed.

Barbara Farrell, resident, thanked Council for addressing Little Cottonwood Park as it would serve the residents of Apartment Row better.

Council Member Hasselbrink clarified it was Larbourdette Park since the playground equipment was 20 years old and needed rubberized resurfacing.

Monica T. stated opposition to the amount of resources spent on laws that hurt the immigrant community. She believed the community was being fiscally hurt.

Mayor Edgar clarified 55% of the budget was for law enforcement and the actions of council were not anti-immigrant but to keep control of the Police Department. He urged Ms. Monica to consider the Council's perspective.

Ms. Monica stated it was up to the Federal government to oversee such issues and she was concerned about the attorney budget.

Mayor Edgar closed the Public Hearing for comments.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Support for the successful budget process
- Concern for 10 year projection and upcoming fiscal concerns such as increasing pension costs
- Support for monitoring the Attorney budget and understanding that litigation is a part of doing business
- Support for replacing the Fenley Pump Station and generator for emergency services
- Continued prudent monitory of Vehicle Replacement fund was necessary
- Structural deficit and need to start considering future options to increase revenue (i.e. increased fees, sales tax) to maintain quality of life in the City
- Overview of budget history and review of staffing levels
• Support for starting public outreach now regarding fiscal situation

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Kusumoto
Motion: Discontinue membership in Association of California Cities – Orange Council (ACC-OC).

City Council and Staff discussed the following:

• Change in leadership and services at ACC-OC
• Expensive Membership may no longer be beneficial to the City
• League of California Cities (LOCC) provides a great policy advocate
• Costly events are during the day and hard to attend when working full-time
• Support for reviewing all dues/memberships and the benefits they provide in July
• Brief history of ACC-OC
• Opposition to ACC-OC’s approach on the homelessness issue
• Support for a presentation by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
• Staff has a similar perspective as Council regarding membership in ACC-OC although the new Director was making improvements towards a regional impact
• Legislative advocacy was handled by the LOCC

Council Member Hasselbrink withdrew her motion.

Council unanimously supported directing Staff to bring back a report with all memberships for review, outlining the cost and benefits to staff. Council requested representatives from ACC-OC, LOCC, and SCAG make presentations at the July meeting as well.

Motion/Second: Chirco/Murphy
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Conducted a public hearing on the Proposed Annual Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget; and,

2. Directed Staff to bring back a report to the July meeting with all memberships for review, outlining the cost and benefits to Staff and requested representatives from ACC-OC, LOCC, and SCAG: and,


ROLL CALL
Mayor Edgar Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto Aye
B. City of Los Alamitos Fiscal Year 2018-19 Master Fee Schedule Update (Administrative Services)

In an effort to keep cost recovery in parity with the services rendered it is recommended that the Budget Standing Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed Master Fee Schedule update, which includes an increase in applicable fees based on a 3.8% increase in the consumer price index, and other revisions and clarifications.

Interim Development Services Director Perea summarized the Staff report and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Edgar opened the Public Hearing for comments. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Edgar closed the Public Hearing for comments.

Council Member Chirco advised the Budget Standing Committee had reviewed the fees and they were logical. He requested Staff look into the valuation based inspection fees before the next update.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Hasselbrink
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Reviewed the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Master Fee Schedule Update, and;

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-15, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE BY: (1) ADJUSTING CERTAIN USER FEES BASED ON THE INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI); (2) APPROVING OTHER REVISIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS; AND (3) ADOPTING A POLICY TO ANNUALLY REVIEW AND UPDATE THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE COMMENSURATE WITH CHANGES TO THE CPI."

ROLL CALL
Mayor Edgar Aye
Mayor Pro Temp Kusumoto Aye
Council Member Chirco Aye
Council Member Hasselbrink Aye
Council Member Murphy Aye

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Personnel Changes Related to the Organizational Study (Administrative Services)

This report outlines the various personnel related changes and new job descriptions identified in the Organizational Study. Pursuant to California
Government Code section 54953(c)(3), an oral report summarizing the recommendation must be made in open session prior to the City Council taking final action on this item.

City Manager Plumlee summarized the Staff report.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Chirco
Unanimously Carried: the City Council:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-21, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST, LEAD FOREMAN, RECREATION SUPERVISOR, AND MAINTENANCE WORKER I"; and,


B. Request to Attorney General Becerra for Roundtable Discussion  (Edgar)
Mayor Edgar has reached out to Attorney General Becerra requesting an open forum in the City of Los Alamitos to discuss sanctuary law and the effect it has on small cities.

Mayor Edgar summarized the Staff report and answered questions from the City Council. His intent was to educate the community from Mr. Becerra's perspective. He had received notice Mr. Becerra could not participate and asked if Council had any comments.

Mayor Pro Temp Kusumoto had been interested in the forum to educate the community and possibly allow the Council to reconsider the ordinance. He suggested extending an invitation with a date certain to Mr. Becerra to help the community understand the California Values Act.

Council Member Hasselbrink expressed concern for hosting a potential political platform with the upcoming election. She suggested inviting the author of the bill.

Council Members Chirco and Murphy had no comment.

Mayor Edgar stated there was no need for further action. Council received and filed the report.
13. CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Daudt read the items aloud.

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator
   City Negotiator: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
   Employee Organization: Los Alamitos Police Officers Association
   Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator
   City Negotiator: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
   Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 911
   Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

C. Conference with Labor Negotiator
   City Negotiator: Bret M. Plumlee, City Manager
   Unrepresented Employees: Executive Management, Middle Management and Non-Management Employees
   Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
   Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
   Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case No. 30-2018-00987018-CU-WM-CXC.

E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
   Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of
   Government Code Section 54956.9: 2 potential cases.

F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
   Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
   Name of Case: Cross-Complaint by City of Santa Ana, Orange County Catholic Worker v. Orange County et. al.
   United States District Court, Central District of California – Southern Division, Case No. SACV18-0155-DOC.

RECESS
The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

RECONVENE
The City Council reconvened in Regular session at 10:40 p.m.

City Attorney Daudt advised there was no reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT
The City Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Attest: ________________________________
Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk

Troy D. Edgar, Mayor