

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

SPECIAL MEETING – January 22, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:16 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2019, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Kusumoto presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Chirco, Grose (arrived at 5:19 p.m.), Hasselbrink, Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, Mayor Kusumoto

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret Plumlee, City Manager
Sean Connolly, Police Captain
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Les Johnson, Development Services Director
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Eric Nunez, Police Chief
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Maria-Luisa Valdez, Finance Director
Chelsi Wilson, Executive Assistant/Benefits

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

This workshop allowed Council to discuss items of interest for 2019 and provide direction to Staff for future agenda items at which time Staff reports would be prepared. Discussion was limited to subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council.

A. Council Meetings and Communications

Council will discuss possible ways to enhance City Council meetings and provide direction to Staff. Items of interest include a month-by-month calendar of events and issues and suggestions on how Council can improve management of the body. Items that may be considered include but are not limited to how items are added to an agenda, presentations, Council comments, and direction to Staff to bring forward a policy at another date.

Mayor Kusumoto introduced the item and asked for input from the Council.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Introduction of Staff at Council Meetings
- Police Chief update on neighborhood crime statistics at Council meetings
- Procedure for discussion of items with request to limit comments to 2 to 5 minutes for efficiency

- Municipal Code allows individual Council Member to place an agenda item on the agenda
- Preference to remain with two Council Members to place an item procedure
- Staff to bring back a policy regarding agenda and adding items
- Agenda Planning Guide is provided to Mayor only to avoid inadvertent Brown Act Violations
- Questions from Council should be submitted to City Manager no later than Sunday evening, with responses provided to Council by noon on Monday

Mayor Kusumoto pulled item 3C forward

C. Request Meeting with Congressman Lowenthal

Council will discuss the interest in appointing two Council Members to meet with Congressman Lowenthal and possible agenda items for the meeting.

Council discussed the desire to renew the relationship with Congressman Lowenthal and meet his new field representative. Council consensus was received for Council Member Chirco and Grose to attend the meeting. Representatives from the Los Alamitos Unified School District would be invited to attend once the meeting was scheduled.

Council expressed an interest in meeting with newly elected Senator Umberg and Assembly Member Diep.

D. Membership in Outside Agencies

Council will discuss its memberships in outside agencies, the level of engagement and role of the Council, and the Council's responsibilities. The Council has active membership in the following organizations:

	<u>Annual</u>
Association of Defense Communities (ADC)	\$ 240
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 300
League of California Cities (LOCC)	\$ 5,844
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)	\$ 1,871
Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG)	\$ 3,773
Southern California Association of Government (SCAG)	\$1,330

Council expressed a desire to be more involved with the entities it has memberships with. Council Member Hasselbrink stated she would like to become more active in the ADC and possibly attend the Annual Summit. Mayor Kusumoto indicated he would like to see someone else attend the SCAG Annual Conference this year. Council directed Staff to have the new leadership at SCAG introduced at a Council meeting.

B. Liaison Assignments to Local Agencies and Organizations

Council will discuss interest in providing representatives to attend local agencies and organization meetings. Organizations of interest include Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD), Rossmoor Community Service

District, Rossmoor-Los Alamitos Sewer District, Joint Forces Training Base Morale and Welfare, etc.

Mayor Kusumoto stated it would be good to have Council attend meetings for surrounding agencies when possible to stay informed. He asked for volunteers and requested no more than two for each organization.

Council Member Hasselbrink expressed an interest in LAUSD.

Council Member Murphy expressed in an interest in the Sewer District.

Mayor Kusumoto and Council Member Chirco expressed an interest in RSCD.

Council Member Grose expressed an interest in the Joint Forces Training Base.

Mayor Kusumoto indicated these were not formal appointments, but a means to stay informed and Council would attend as they could.

- E. Preparation and Planning for Potential Election Year Ballot Measures**
Council will discuss the need for potential ballot measures related to Charter amendments, bonds, and tax changes.

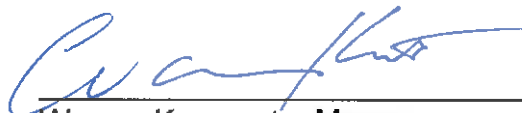
Mayor Kusumoto stated there was no election in 2019, but expressed support for any proposed ballot measure to come before Council before the August deadline.

- F. Future Schedule**
Council will discuss the need for future workshops and propose potential dates in three to six months.

Council stated support for the strategic calendar and workshops of this format. Council was encouraged to contact Staff to should future meetings be needed. Council Member Grose expressed an interest in having joint meetings with each Commission to discuss policies. Council directed the City Clerk to schedule to meetings with Senator Umberg and Assemblyman Diep for Mayor Kusumoto and Mayor Pro Tem Murphy.

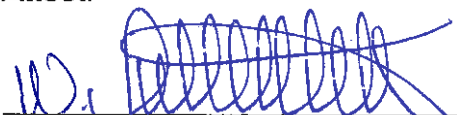
4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Warren Kusumoto, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk