MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – December 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER
The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2019 in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Kusumoto presiding.

2. ROLL CALL
Present: Council Members: Chirco, Grose, Hasselbrink, Mayor Pro Tem Murphy, Mayor Kusumoto

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Les Johnson, Interim City Manager
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Eric Hendrickson, Finance Director
Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Tom Oliver, Associate Planner
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Ron Roberts, Battalion Chief Orange County Fire Authority

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Colonel Ducich, Joint Forces Training Base Commander, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION
Mayor Kusumoto gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS
The City Council presented recognitions to the recipients.

A. Presentations to Mayor Kusumoto from Outside Agencies for his Service as Mayor

B. Presentation of a Tile Plaque to David L. Hunt, City Engineer, in Support of 10 Years of Service to the City of Los Alamitos

C. Presentations of Certificates of Recognition to Participants of the “Creating Quality of Life” Partnership Program
   • Memorial Care Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach
   • Grating Pacific
   • Los Alamitos Senior Club
   • Southland Credit Union
• Republic Services
• Friday Night Lights
• American Youth Soccer Organization Region 159

D. Presentations to Los Alamitos Volunteer Program Scholarship Recipients

• Norma Pena, Gold Scholarship
• Travis Kimbrell, Silver Scholarship
• Brooklyn Davis, Bronze Scholarship

RECESS
The City Council took a brief recess at 6:24 p.m.

RECONVENE
The City Council reconvened in Regular session at 6:35 p.m.

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 Kusumoto opened Oral Communications.

Richard Vardeman thanked Staff and Council for ensuring the replacement of the pump at Fenley Station. City Engineer Hunt provided an update on the project.

Linda Townsend and Pam Sirchey spoke in favor of removing the permit parking.

Mayor Kusumoto 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.

Dean Grose spoke regarding attendance at the West-Comm Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting, quarterly tour of the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB), Chamber Mixer, Regional Military Affairs Committee (RMAC), Employee Holiday Lunch, Charity lunch with donation to Precious Life Shelter, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Economic Summit, Sunburst Youth Academy (SBYA) Graduation of Class 24, Winter Wonderland, meeting with Staff to discuss Fiscal Sustainability, 79th Sustainment Holiday Party, Santa’s Workshop at the JFTB. He thanked the Mayor the outstanding job he has down leading the City the past year.

Council Member Chirco spoke regarding attendance at the American Legion Annual Fundraiser Breakfast, Winter Wonderland, Annual Commissioner Dinner, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVC) Board meeting, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.
Council Member Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at the gradation of Orange County Fire Authority’s Academy 48 and 49, Winter Wonderland, Commissioner Dinner, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy spoke regarding attendance at the Orange County Sanitation District, Best of Los Al Awards, Commissioner Dinner, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mayor Kusumoto advised he been traveling for work this month and spoke regarding attendance at the American Legion Annual Fundraiser Breakfast. Orange County Tesla Club, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

8. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Recreation Manager Ron Noda spoke regarding the 2020 Race on the Base.

Interim City Manager Johnson spoke regarding Winter Wonderland, advised the Administrative Offices would be closed the week of December 23, invited attendance to the Fiscal Sustainability Workshop scheduled for January 14, 2020, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

9. WARRANTS

Motion/Second: Murphy/Grose
Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Warrants for November 19, 2019 to December 16, 2019, in the amount of $914,559.27, 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 December 17, 2019 to January 20, 2020.

ROLL CALL
Mayor Kusumoto Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Murphy Aye
Council Member Chirco Aye
Council Member Grose Aye
Council Member Hasselbrink 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: Hasselbrink/Chirco
Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar Items:

A. Approval of Minutes
Approved the City Council Regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2019.
B. Appointments to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and Traffic Commission (City Clerk)

This report provided relevant information by which the City Council may appoint members to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and Traffic Commission.

The City Council:

1. Appointed the following applicants to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission for a three-year term, expiring December 2022:

   Alexander Duran       Tanya Doby       Joe Orozco

2. Appointed the following applicants to the Traffic Commission for a three-year term expiring December 2022:

   Randy Hill       Javier Mejia       Daniel Patz       Elliot Singer

3. Directed the City Clerk to recruit for the remaining one unexpired term on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission and one full term on the Traffic Commission.

C. Annual Traffic and Park Mitigation Fee Report (Finance)

Any city that collects Traffic Mitigation Fees or Park Development Fees must prepare an annual report detailing the activities of these funds.

The City Council received and filed the City’s Traffic Improvement Mitigation Fund and Park Development Fund report as presented for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

D. Approval of Final Tract Map 18098 (4071 Farquhar Ave) (Development Services)

Final Tract Map 18098 for the subdivision of airspace of a single parcel for condominium purposes, located at 4071 Farquhar Ave, is ready for submission to the County Recorder’s Office for final review (Applicant: Eddie and Donna Kesky).

The City Council:


2. Directed the City Clerk to endorse on the title sheet of Tract Map 18098, the certificate which embodies the approval of said maps, and submit maps to the County of Orange Recorder’s Office.
E. Approval of Final Tract Map 18099 (4061 Farquhar Ave) (Development Services)

Final Tract Map 18099 for the subdivision of airspace of a single parcel for condominium purposes, located at 4061 Farquhar Avenue, is ready for submission to the County Recorder’s Office for final review (Applicant: Neoklis Zamvakellis and Alison Stapakis).

The City Council:


2. Directed the City Clerk to endorse on the title sheet of Tract Map 18099, the certificate which embodies the approval of said maps, and submit maps to the County of Orange Recorder’s Office.

F. Approval of two (2) Open-Ended (Equity) Lease Rate Agreements with Enterprise Management Inc., via the Sourcewell Competitive Purchasing Program (Development Services)

This report sought approval of two (2) vehicle lease agreements with Enterprise Fleet Management Inc., via the Sourcewell Competitive Purchasing Program (Contract #060618-EFM).

The City Council:

1. Authorized the Interim City Manager to execute two (2) Open-Ended (Equity) Lease Rate agreements; and,

2. Authorized the Interim City Manager to enter into the Maintenance Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Request to Remove Permit Parking on all Streets in New Dutch Haven Neighborhood (Development Services)

Certain streets in the New Dutch Haven neighborhood have been limited to permit parking since 1981, though historically this restriction has not been enforced consistently. The New Dutch Haven neighborhood permit parking program was originally implemented due to parking impacts associated with the Los Alamitos Race Track, from patrons not wanting to pay for parking at the Track and therefore parking in the neighborhood. On June 17, 2019 the City of Los Alamitos Traffic Commission and the City Council, in a joint meeting, directed staff to commence enforcement of the parking permit restrictions in New Dutch Haven. Following notice of enforcement being provided, residents of the New Dutch Haven neighborhood submitted four separate petitions to the City requesting removal of permit parking on Bunker Hill Drive, Bennington Street, Antietam Avenue, and Mindora Street.
Mayor Kusumoto opened the Public Hearing for comment.

George Townsend questioned if the signage would come down and Staff confirmed it would.

Mayor Kusumoto closed the Public Hearing for comment.

Motion/Second: Grose/Murphy

B. Request to Remove Permit Parking on all streets in Carrier Row Neighborhood (Development Services)
Certain streets in the Carrier Row neighborhood have been limited to permit parking since 2004, though historically this restriction has not been enforced consistently. The permit parking was originally implemented due to parking impacts from a business in proximity to Katella Avenue and Saratoga Drive. The business did not have their own parking which resulted in workers and patrons parking in the neighborhood. The business has since moved out of the area. On June 17, 2019 the City of Los Alamitos Traffic Commission and the City Council, in a joint meeting, directed staff to commence enforcement of the parking permit restrictions in Carrier Row. Thereafter, residents of the Carrier Row neighborhood submitted three separate petitions requesting to remove permit parking on Saratoga Drive, Langley Drive and Green Avenue.

Interim City Manager Johnson summarized the staff report.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the Public Hearing for comment.

Pam Sirchey stated support for including Green Street and removing the restrictions from all of Carrier Row. She questioned when the signs would come down and advised enforcement has continued. She requested the signs be bagged until they’re removed.

Julie Decker questioned the represented percentages and was advised those have been updated.

Mayor Kusumoto closed the Public Hearing for comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy thanked the Traffic Commission for its work.

Council Member Hasselbrink advised this decision went through a longer process due to the lack of response received at the Traffic Commission level the first time. She indicated that even though the process took longer, the residents spoke up loud and clear.
Motion/Second: Murphy/Chirco


Consideration of a General Plan Amendment (GPA 19-01B) and Zoning Map Amendment (ZOA 19-01) requesting approval to change the General Plan land use designation from Planned Industrial to Professional Office and to change the Zoning designation from Planned Light Industrial (P-M) to Commercial Professional Office (C-O) for the property located at 4281 Katella Avenue.

Interim City Manager Johnson summarized the staff report.

Council Member Grose advised that he leases property immediately north of the subject property; however, this decision would have no effect on his lease and he intended to participate in the discussion.

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

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

1. Discussed the Planning Commission’s recommended General Plan Amendments; and, if appropriate,

2. Determined that the proposed use is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) – the project is covered by the general rule that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects, which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA; and, if appropriate,

4. Introduced, waived reading in full and authorized reading by title only of Ordinance No. 2019-08, and set for adoption; and,

5. City Attorney Daudt read by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2019-08, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (ZOA) 19-01 TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT FOR FOUR PARCELS ON 3.9 ACRES FROM PLANNED LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (P-M) TO COMMERCIAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (C-O) AT 4281 KATELLA AVENUE, (APNS 241-241-20, 241-241-21, 241-241-25 & 241-241-26) (APPLICANT: PERRY BANNER)."

12. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Bid for Arterial Street Sign Replacement Project (CIP No. 19/20-04) (Development Services)

Staff proposes to replace all of the traffic signal overhead arterial street name signs over the next three years. The sign faces are aging with many becoming difficult to read. Most of these signs are internally illuminated signs, which have become an increasing maintenance expense due to the age. The new signs will not be illuminated, but reflective street name signs. Signs to be replaced the first year will be along Los Alamitos Boulevard from Katella Avenue to Cerritos Avenue.

City Engineer Hunt summarized staff report.

Mayor Kusumoto opened the item for public comment. There being no one present wishing to space, Mayor Kusumoto closed the item for public comment.

City Council thanked Staff for the addition research and thanked City Engineer Hunt for his service over the past 8 years.

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

1. Approved the plans and specification for the construction for Arterial Street Name Sign Replacement Project (CIP No. 19/20-04); and,

2. Authorized Staff to advertise and solicit bid proposals.

13. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Comments by Outgoing Mayor Kusumoto

Mayor Kusumoto Spoke briefly regarding his service and thanked the Council and Staff for a successful year. He announced his resignation effective immediately and advised he would be relocating for work.
B. **Presentation to Mayor Kusumoto from the City Council for his Service as Mayor**

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy presented a gavel plaque and Council thanked Mayor Kusumoto for his service and wished him luck in his future.

Mayor Kusumoto resigned and left the dais.

C. **City Council Reorganization** (City Clerk)

This report provides relevant information for the City Council's annual reorganization, by the election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The City's Charter requires roll call votes be taken for the election of these two Officers.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy turned the meeting over to City Clerk Quintanar.

City Clerk Quintanar summarized the Staff report and then opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Council Member Chirco nominated Council Member Murphy for the office of Mayor.

There being no further nominations, City Clerk Quintanar closed the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

City Clerk Quintanar called for a roll call vote to appoint Council Member Murphy to the Office of Mayor.

**ROLL CALL**

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City Clerk Quintanar congratulated Mayor Murphy and opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Murphy nominated Council Member Chirco.

There being no further nominations, City Clerk Quintanar closed the floor for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

City Clerk Quintanar called for a roll call vote to appoint Council Member Chirco to the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

**ROLL CALL**

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City Clerk Quintanar congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Chirco and turned the meeting over to Mayor Murphy.

D **City Council Member Appointments/Reappointments as Representatives to other Agencies and City Committees for 2020**

(City Clerk)

This report provides relevant information for the City Council’s annual appointments/reappointments of Council Members as representatives to other Agencies.

Mayor Murphy advised the Los Alamitos Unified School District Ad Hoc Committee would be considered after a new City Manager was appointed.

Mayor Murphy suggested Council keep their current appointments and suggested allowing the incoming Council Member to take over Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. City Clerk Quintanar clarified the League of California Cities representatives would be updated to reflect the Mayor as Delegate and Mayor Pro tem as alternate and suggested keeping Mayor Pro Tem Chirco as the appointee so OCMVCD until a new appointment was made. Council consensus was received.

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

1. **Made the following appointments to Representatives to Other Agencies:**

   - **Orange County Fire Authority**
     Delegate: Hasselbrink

   - **Orange County Sanitation District**
     Delegate: Murphy
     Alternate: Grose

   - **League of California Cities-State Division and City Selection Meeting**
     Delegate: Murphy
     Alternate: Chirco

   - **Orange County Library Advisory Board**
     Delegate: Chirco
     Alternate: Murphy

   - **West Cities Communications Center JPA Board**
     Delegate: Grose
     Alternate: Murphy

   - **Budget Standing Committee**
     Delegates: Chirco and Hasselbrink

   - **City Manager Appointment Ad-Hoc**
     Delegates: Chirco and Hasselbrink

3. Authorized the City Clerk to complete California Form 806, Agency Report of: Public Official Appointments and post on the City’s website.

Council inquired how to proceed with the Council vacancy. City Attorney Daudt advised an item would need to come back to Council for discussion. Council stated support for a Special meeting to discuss.

14. ADJOURNMENT
The City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Attest:

Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Windméra Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk