

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

SPECIAL MEETING – November 18, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 4:34 p.m., Monday, November 18, 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: Gregory D. Korduner, Interim City Manager
Cary Reisman, City Attorney
Tony Brandyberry, Public Works Superintendent
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. City Option to Retain or Delegate Authority for Award of Ambulance Contract (City Manager)

Prior to the start of the Orange County Fire Authority Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Authority needs to know if the City wishes to retain or delegate its authority to award the contract. Currently, the City of Los Alamitos delegates Authority.

Interim City Manager Korduner summarized the staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Chief Jones gave a brief presentation.

Mayor Pro Tem Graham-Mejia inquired if cities similar to the size of Los Alamitos contracted their own ambulance services.

Chief Jones answered in the affirmative and indicated San Clemente, Westminster, and Buena Park. He stated he did not have the data with him, but he felt Westminster was more comparable to Los Alamitos as they had three ambulance trucks.

Mayor Kusumoto inquired if the controversy regarding bidders had any bearings on this process.

Chief Jones answered in the affirmative. He indicated companies bid on different exclusive operation areas (EOA) and some cities were more advantageous than others in regards to revenue. He speculated there would be a lot of interested parties bidding on the project and high probability bidders will be dissatisfied with the results which could lead to litigation. He stated should the City chooses to retain authority a representative would need to commit approximately a full-time week to review bids and be involved in the process at OCFA headquarters. He indicated the City could participate in the process even if it delegates authority and clarified the City would still have a vote. He stated OCFA would solicit and review bids, keep the City informed through the whole process, and suggest who it thought would best meet the city's needs.

Mayor Kusumoto inquired if there was a savings delegating to OCFA.

Chief Jones stated he was unclear if it was a better value for the city and added it's an involved process. He pointed out the responsibility and liability is the City's; however, there is anonymity going through OCFA.

Council Member Grose stated support for delegating authority and inquired if the City is out of the selection process should it delegate.

Chief Jones stated the top two bidders would be brought forward with OCFA's recommendation. The City can go against the recommendation.

Council Member Grose inquired if the City would take on the liability should it go against the recommendation.

Chief Jones answered in the negative and added the bidders will have already been vetted. He pointed out there were many issues that could arise in the process.

Jim Gross, CJPIA representative, stated the Authority has taken the position that it's best to delegate to OCFA.

Mayor Kusumoto inquired why it was recommended.

Mr. Gross stated it was strictly from a risk management and loss litigation perspective.

Motion/Second: Graham-Mejia/Edgar

Unanimously Carried: The City Council delegated authority for award of ambulance contract to Orange County Fire Authority.

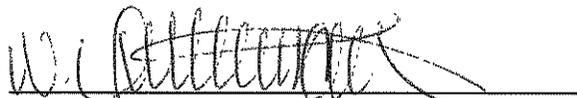
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



Warren Kusumoto, Mayor

Attest:



Windmera Quintanar, CMC, City Clerk