

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS****REGULAR MEETING – December 1, 2008****THESE MINUTES ISSUED FOR
INFORMATION ONLY AND ARE
SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT AND
APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING.****CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2008, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Parker presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Driscoll, Edgar, Grose, Mejia and Parker

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: David L. Rudat, Interim City Manager
Dean Derleth, City Attorney
Nita McKay, Administrative Services Director
Angie Avery, Recreation & Community Services Director
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
Bill Huber, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer
Todd Mattern, Police Chief
Patricia Gorczyca, Assistant to the City Manager
Susan C. Vanderpool, City Clerk

4. INVOCATION - Council Member Grose gave the invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Gourmet Café & Pie Co.**
No one from Gourmet Café & Pie Co. was present to receive the Certificate.
- B. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Mathew Sorenson, of Santa Ana S.W.A.T. for Citizen of the Year, 2008**
Mayor Parker and the City Council presented Mathew Sorenson with a Certificate of Recognition for Citizen of the Year 2008.
- C. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Barbara Caudana for Citizen of the Month, December 2008**
Mayor Parker and the City Council presented Barbara Caudana with a Certificate of Recognition for Citizen of the month of December 2008.
- D. Presentation of Plaques of Appreciation to Outgoing Mayor Parker and Council Member Driscoll**
Mayor Pro Tem Mejia and the City Council presented outgoing Mayor Parker and Council Member Driscoll with Plaques of Appreciation and Certificates from the offices of Assemblyman Silva, Senator Harman, Congressman Royce and Chairman Moorlach of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.

Mayor Parker opened Oral Communications.

JM Ivler, representing NAC Los Al, presented Plaques of Appreciation to outgoing Mayor Parker and Council Member Driscoll for their service to the City.

Mayor Parker closed Oral Communications.

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

December 1, 2008.

Motion/Second: Driscoll/Edgar

Unanimously carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for December 1, 2008, in the amount of \$ 92,753.23.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Driscoll	Aye
Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Mejia	Aye
Mayor Parker	Aye

8. 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: Edgar/Grose

Unanimously carried: The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

*****CONSENT CALENDAR*****

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2008.
2. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2008.
3. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2008.

B. Warrants

Approved the Warrant Register of December 1, 2008, in the amount of \$70,262.84.

C. Establish the Assistant City Manager position as a budgeted position within the City's Fiscal Year 2008-09 Operating Budget

This was a request for authorization to establish the Assistant City Manager position as a budgeted (funded) position, and unfund the Administrative Services Director position. Both positions exist within the Los Alamitos Executive Management Schedule.

The City Council approved the funding of the Assistant City Manager position and unfund the Administrative Services Director position within the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Operating Budget.

D. Award of Professional Services Agreement for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Carrier Row Street Rehabilitation Project (CIP 08/09-02)

This report recommended provision of construction management and inspection services that would facilitate the construction of the Carrier Row Street Rehabilitation Project.

The City Council authorized the Interim City Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with CBM Inc. in the amount of \$57,995 for Construction Management and Inspection Services.

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

Council Member Driscoll thanked her family for all their support during her tenure on the City Council. She then mentioned some of the projects accomplished, and thanked Mayor Parker for mentoring her. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Mejia, along with staff, for supporting her as a Council Member.

Mayor Parker gave a brief speech, highlighting accomplishments made during his tenure on the City Council. He thanked his family for supporting him during his eight years on the Council.

9. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Certification of November 4, 2008 Election Results

This report related to the certified statement of the vote from the Orange County Registrar of Voters, for the General Municipal Election.

City Clerk Vanderpool summarized the staff report.

Council Member Driscoll stated her intent to vote "No" because she thought the winners of the election should have denounced the smear campaign against her and Mayor Parker, and they had not.

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Carried 4-1 (Driscoll cast the dissenting vote): The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2008-41, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008, DECLARING THE RESULTS, AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW".

B. Oath of Office

The City Clerk shall administer the Oath of Office to Council Members Elect, Marilyn Poe and Ken Stephens, and present them with Certificates of Election.

City Clerk Vanderpool administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Marilyn Poe and Ken Stephens, and presented them with Certificates of Election.

The City Council took a five minute break

10. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

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

City Clerk Vanderpool opened the nominations for Mayor. Council Member Stephens nominated Council Member Grose, seconded by Council Member Poe.

Motion/Second: Stephens/Poe

Unanimously carried: The City Council elected **Dean Grose as Mayor**.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Poe	Aye
Council Member Stephens	Aye
Council Member Mejia	Aye
Council Member Grose	Aye

Mayor Grose thanked the Council for the vote of confidence in electing him Mayor, and opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Edgar nominated Council Member Poe, seconded by Mayor Grose.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Grose

Unanimously carried: The City Council elected **Marilynn Poe as Mayor Pro Tem**.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Poe	Aye
Council Member Stephens	Aye
Council Member Mejia	Aye
Mayor Grose	Aye

Mayor Grose thanked Council Member Mejia for voting in the spirit of helpfulness and teamwork. He stated there would be a formal swearing in ceremony soon, and invited the new Council Members to make comments at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe thanked all those that had supported her during the election, adding she had been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community. She wanted to reach out to those who had not supported her bid for Council, stating she was always available to hear resident comments and concerns.

Council Member Stephens thanked all who supported him during the election, especially his wife and son. He went on to thank Council Member Mejia for beginning this new term with a spirit of helpfulness.

Council Member Mejia stated the perception regarding the last Council was skewed, and losing Mr. Parker and Ms. Driscoll was a loss to the City. She then welcomed the new Council Members.

Council Member Edgar expressed excitement with the new Council, stating it was time to come together as a more cohesive body. He thanked all that voted, and welcomed the new Council Members.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2008, in the City Council Chambers.

Dean Grose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan C. Vanderpool, City Clerk