

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 5, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Edgar
Council Member Mejia
Council Member Stephens
Mayor Pro Tem Poe
Mayor Grose

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Grose

5. 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.

6. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

January 5, 2009.

Roll Call Vote

Council Member Edgar
Council Member Mejia
Council Member Stephens
Mayor Pro Tem Poe
Mayor Grose

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

A. Warrants (Finance)
January 5, 2009.

B. Application Deadline for Planning and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commissions (Administration)
Availability Notices for openings on the Planning and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissions were sent to local newspapers and posted at City Hall, the Community Services Center, the Museum and the City’s website.

Recommendation:

1. Direct staff to arrange interviews with the City Council for the applicants to the Planning Commission; and,
2. Direct staff to re-open the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission filing period.

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Topics

Mayor Grose requested staff place the following issues for discussion on the January 5, 2009, City Council agenda: City Council’s Vision for 2009 (including reviewing City Council adopted goals); City Council Policy Manual; City Council meeting procedures (i.e., rotation of pledge of allegiance, invocation, and discussions; Boards and Commissions (i.e., establishing joint meetings, training for members, selection of members for vacancies, workshop to outline duties for all Commissions; City Council participation in Chamber of Commerce “State of the City”; City Council group photo on web site (presented as “the team”, not just the Mayor); Internal communications (i.e., monthly City employee newsletter; City’s travel policy (including City Council travel); Review of the City Council budget for FY 2008-09, including areas where City Council can make reductions, as requested of other departments; and, Consideration of implementing a separate LATV Board and establishing a 501c(3).

Recommendation: Action as City Council deems appropriate.

9. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

Council Reports From City-Affiliated Committees, AB1234 Reporting, and Council Remarks

At this time, Council Members may 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.

A. Consideration of City Council Assignments - Appointments/ Reappointments of City Councilmembers as Representatives to other Agencies (Administration)

This report provides relevant information for the City Council's annual appointments/reappointments of Council Members as representatives to other Agencies. **(This item was continued from the December 15, 2008, meeting.)**

Recommendation: Review the remaining open Assignments, and provide direction as appropriate.

10. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009, in the City Council Chambers.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 31st day of December, 2008.


Susan C. Vanderpool, City Clerk