

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

REGULAR MEETING – February 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2009, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Grose presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Mejia, Stephens, Poe and Grose

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Nita McKay, Interim City Manager
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 – The invocation was given by Council Member Stephens.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Rotary “Student of the Month”
Winners: Megan McElligatt – October 2008; Kendra Kautz – November 2008;
Kymerlee Burch – December 2008; and Stephanie Griswold – January 2009.

Rotary President-Elect, Allen McLean introduced the Students of the Month and Mayor Grose, and the City Council presented Certificates of Recognition.

B. Presentation by OCTA regarding West County Connector Project

Nile Barrett, OCTA representative, gave a Power Point presentation on the West County Connector Project and Rose Casey, OCTA Program Manager, gave a Power Point presentation on the 405-San Diego freeway and answered questions from the City Council.

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 Grose opened Oral Communications.

Heather Hagan, JFTB representative, reported on the following upcoming events: 1) Race on the Base - February 21; 2) RMAC Meeting - February 24; and, 3) American Red Cross Annual Blood Drive - April 2.

Pat Blancher, resident, expressed concern regarding Item 8D, and hoped further discussion would take place.

Allen McLean, Chamber representative, spoke of the following upcoming events: 1) Wake Up Breakfast - February 6, 7:30 a.m.; 2) State of the City Lunch – February 11, 11:45 a.m.; 3) Mixer at Holistic Medical Group – February 8 from 5-7 p.m.; 4) Stage Dance Center Ribbon Cutting – February 19; and 5) Golf Tournament at Old Ranch Country Club – March 20.

JM Ivler, resident, expressed disappointment his previous concerns had not been addressed: 1) enforcement of no left turns out of the 24 Hour Center; 2) denying a left turn pocket to Cypress; 3) Lexington stop sign removal; 4) enforcement of turns onto Katella from Lexington; and, 5) rezoning the Arrowhead property. He felt Council was not being transparent.

Mayor Grose directed staff to address Mr. Ivler's issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe thought staff had been directed to forward these items to the Traffic Commission. Interim City Manager McKay stated staff had forwarded items 1-4.

Council Member Mejia asked that future resident concerns be agendized, and residents be notified.

Mayor Grose asked if item 5 would be presented to the Planning Commission in the future. Community Development Director Mendoza stated prior to taking any action, the proper CEQA documentation would be required.

Council Member Mejia stressed the importance of Council being prepared to move forward on rezoning should the Arrowhead property become available.

Mayor Grose closed Oral Communications.

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

February 2, 2009.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Mejia

Unanimously carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for February 2, 2009, in the amount of \$240,276.28.

Roll Call Vote

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| Council Member Edgar | Aye |
| Council Member Mejia | Aye |
| Council Member Stephens | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Poe | Aye |
| Mayor Grose | 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.

Council Member Edgar pulled item 8A1.

Mayor Grose pulled item 8D.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Poe

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

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- 2. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 19, 2009.
- 3. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2009.

B. Warrants

The City Council approved the Warrant Register of February 2, 2009, in the amount of \$63,195.07.

C. Request for Temporary Sign Permit-10881 Reagan Street

This was a request for an extension of a temporary sign (banner) at 10881 Reagan Street.

The City Council approved the Temporary Banner Permit application for one (1) year.

E. Employment Agreement -Interim City Manager (Nita McKay)

This report addressed the terms and conditions of a new Employment Agreement with Interim City Manager Nita McKay.

The City Council approved the Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager Nita McKay.

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting - January 12, 2009.

Council Member Edgar referred to page 2, paragraph 3, and requested the following amendment: "read aloud and submitted a letter to the City", and requested the removal of the affixed letter from the minutes.

Council Member Edgar made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Poe.

Council Member Mejia made a substitute motion to leave the letter attached for historical purposes. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Poe

Carried 4-1(Mejia cast the dissenting vote): The City Council approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 12, 2009, as amended.

D. Consideration of Transferring the Los Alamitos Cable Television films collection to the County of Orange Archivist and City Council Approval of Deed of Gift

City staff had communicated with the Orange County Archivist about the possible transfer of the Los Alamitos Cable Television film collection to the County. Discussions developed into a proposal by the County to accept, preserve and manage the City's aging film collection. The transfer required the City to approve the attached Deed of Gift, without cost to the City of Los Alamitos.

Mayor Grose continued this item to the LATV work shop on Tuesday, February 17 at 5 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Website Upgrade and Redesign

This was a request to approve a contract between the City of Los Alamitos and Active Network, Inc. to redesign the City's website.

Recreation and Community Services Director Avery summarized the staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council. Emeline Moya, Recreation Supervisor, and Corey Lakin, Aquatics Supervisor, gave a Power Point presentation.

Council Member Mejia asked for an estimate of last year's cost and how often the design company was contacted. Recreation and Community Services Director Avery stated Recreation information was updated on a weekly basis, adding the new website would allow staff to update the website daily at no additional cost.

Council Member Mejia stated that while she supported an updated website, she did not support spending extra funds at this time, especially since staff was being cut.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe asked if the cost was already included in the Budget. Recreation and Community Services Director Avery responded in the affirmative, stating it would be a Budget cut if not approved.

Mayor Grose supported having additional forms available online with the option for online payments, and asked what was included in the annual license fee. Recreation Supervisor Moya stated the cost included hosting and maintaining the website, technical support and continual training; however, there would be an additional charge of \$75 a month for online payment services.

Mayor Grose stated in the future he would like to see the location of bidders on staff reports. He asked if all City information would be located on the same site, if sufficient firewalls would be in place, and if there would be a daily master back up. Recreation Supervisor Moya responded in the affirmative.

Motion/Second: Grose/Edgar

Carried 4-1(Mejia cast the dissenting vote): City Council:

1. Authorized the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Los Alamitos and Active Network, Inc. to redesign the City's website; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute a 3-year contract between the City of Los Alamitos and Active Network, Inc. for a licensing fee to be paid on an annual basis to host and maintain the website.

10. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe informed Council that long time resident and valued member of the community, Cindy Stephens, had passed away and requested the meeting be closed in her memory.

Council Member Stephens reported his attendance at the New Mayors and Council Members training in Sacramento, stating it was beneficial and informative. He then reported attendance at an OCSD meeting.

Council Member Edgar reported attendance at the following events: 1) OCFA Meeting – January 22; 2) OCSD Meeting with Council Member Stephens; 3) Chamber Installation Lunch with Mayor Pro Tem Poe; and, 4) Senior Appreciation Annual Lunch with Mayor Grose. He stated Fire Chief Chip Prather announced his resignation effective July 2.

Council Member Mejia asked staff to agendaize a policy requesting Ad Hoc Committees provide information to all Council Members as part of the agenda packet. She then congratulated Interim City Manager McKay on the approval of her contract.

Mayor Grose asked about the legality of Council Member Mejia's request. City Attorney Derleth stated it was not inappropriate to submit information at a Council meeting, pointing out Council Member Mejia was requesting an internal policy to have the information provided in the agenda.

Mayor Grose reported his attendance at the following meetings: 1) LOCC Conference in Sacramento – January 20; 2) La Palma City Council Meeting – January 6; 3) Garden Grove City Council Meeting – January 13; 4) Seal Beach Council Meeting – January 26; 5) LOCC General Meeting – January 8, where he was selected as SCAG's District 20 representative; 6) Interview with local CNN – January 8; 7) appearance on Studio Café – January 27; 8) Hawaiian Gardens Library Grand Opening and JFTB's Change of Command Ceremony – January 10; 9) Chamber Mixer – January 15; 10) Legislative Affairs Meeting – January 16; 11) Ribbon Cutting for the US Census Bureau in Santa Ana – January 30; 12) LOCC Policy Committee Meetings – January 21-23; 13) JFTB Intelligence Center opening – January 28; and 14) Senior Appreciation Lunch with Council Member Edgar. He then congratulated Fire Chief Prather on his retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe reported attendance at the the Cypress State of the City, and congratulated Fire Chief Prather on his retirement.

11. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER - None.

- **The City Council announced they would reconvene to the Special Mid Year Budget meeting for further discussion – after the adjournment of this Regular meeting.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. in memory of long time resident Cindy Stevens. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for TUESDAY, February 17, 2009, in the City Council Chambers.

Dean Grose, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan C. Vanderpool, City Clerk