

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, September 8, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
Council Member Mejia
Council Member Stephens
Council Member Zarkos
Mayor Pro Tem Poe
Mayor Edgar
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Council Member Stephens
4. **INVOCATION** Mayor Pro Tem Poe
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. **Presentation of Plaques of Appreciation to outgoing Planning Commissioners Matthew Harty and Jody Shloss, and Personnel Appeals Commissioner Elliott Singer**
 - B. **Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Members of the Los Alamitos Volunteer Program**
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.

7. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

September 8, 2009.

Roll Call Vote

- Council Member Mejia
- Council Member Stephens
- Council Member Zarkos
- Mayor Pro Tem Poe
- Mayor Edgar

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.

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

A. Approval of Minutes (City Clerk)

- 1. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 3, 2009.
- 2. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 17, 2009.

B. Warrants (Finance)

September 8, 2009.

C. Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (PD)

Under the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), the City of Los Alamitos is eligible to receive \$10,784 in federal funding to assist law enforcement efforts in the prevention and/or reduction of crime.

Recommendation: Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement to Transfer Funds for FY 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

D. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with KFM Engineering Inc. for Pavement Management Program Services (Public Works)

July of 2009, staff solicited proposals from qualified firms to provide an update of the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP) as required under the voter approved countywide Measure M Funding Program. The update is required in order for the City to receive funding through the Measure M Program.

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with KFM Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$18,160 to update the City's Pavement Management Program.

E. Consideration of Resolution Approving Amended Joint Powers Agreement, including Bylaws, for the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), which Redefines Board Membership, Voting Provisions, Dues and other OCCOG Operational Issues (Comm Dev)

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) is requesting cities to consider the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement.

Adoption of this Resolution would commit the City to annual dues at a cost currently of \$2,187.44.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-17, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (OCCOG) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT; and,
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement and transmit the signed OCCOG Joint Powers Agreement to the OCCOG Interim Executive Director.

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

9. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2009-16 - Establishing a Floodplain Management Ordinance (Public Works)

The City met with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the summer of 2008, to assess the City's floodplain programs. By in large, the review was favorable since the City currently follows all floodplain management practices. The one exception is the City has not adopted a Floodplain Management Ordinance. The ordinance is needed for compliance with Federal regulations and to receive Federal emergency disaster funding. Staff has prepared such an ordinance based on the Federal model ordinance and is presenting it for City Council's review and approval.

Recommendation: Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance 2009-16, first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 15.16 OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED 'FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE'."

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Application Deadline for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission (City Clerk)

Availability Notice for the opening on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commissions as 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 Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission; or,

2. Direct staff to re-open the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission filing period for an additional 30 days.

- B. Extending Time Limits for Temporary Banners (Com Dev)**
Consider extending the time limit for businesses to display banners until January 18, 2010.

Recommendation: Authorize staff to prepare appropriate Code Amendments to allow for a time extension for banners (temporary signs) and present at future Council meeting.

- C. Cost, Schedule and Information for a General Plan Update (Com Dev)**
During the August 3, 2009 Council meeting, Council requested that information regarding a General Plan Update be brought forward including estimated costs and a preliminary schedule for the tasks.

Recommendation: Action as Council deems appropriate.

- D. Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo (Recreation)**
The Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting the City's assistance with the Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo, to be held on the Los Alamitos Army Airfield at the Joint Forces Training Base on Sunday, October 25.

Recommendation: Consider authorization of resources as specified in this report to the Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo, hosted by the Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIATED BUSINESS

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.

- A. Potential Follow Up to Traffic Collision at the Intersection of Florista and Chestnut Streets**

A traffic collision involving two vehicles occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m., September 1, 2009, at the intersection of Florista and Chestnut Streets. The incident resulted in one minor injury. Council Member Zarkos requested that the issue be placed on the Council agenda for discussion and potential action.

Recommendation: Should the Council wish to review existing traffic safety measures at the intersection of Florista and Chestnut Streets, staff recommends forwarding this issue to the Traffic Commission for additional study.

B. Consideration of Policy Direction to the Planning Commission Regarding Commission Practices, Caseload and Quorum Issues

The City Council took action on July 20, 2009, to fill all expired terms on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was slated to meet on August 10, 2009, but did not do so due to a lack of quorum. Additionally, there have been recent concerns regarding the standards and practices of the Planning Commission regarding the manner in which issues are forwarded to the City Council for consideration and the method of providing final approvals for new businesses in the City. Accordingly, the City Council may seek to provide direction to the Planning Commission regarding desired future practices and policies, consider the current caseload of the Planning Commission and discuss potential changes in the membership of the Commission.

Recommendation: Should the City Council choose to take action on this item, it would be appropriate to consider options including the following:

1. Provide specific direction to the Planning Commission regarding its policies and practices; and/or,
2. Request a status report on the current caseload of the Planning Commission; and/or,
3. Schedule a joint workshop with the Planning Commission; and/or,
4. Consider alternatives to the current composition of the Planning Commission; and/or,
5. Action as Council deems appropriate.

12. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: City Manager

Authority: Government Code Section 54957

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 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 3rd day of September, 2009.

Windmera Quintanar, Department Secretary