

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

**REGULAR MEETING – December 7, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Members: Mejia, Stephens, Zarkos, Poe and Edgar

**Absent:** Council Members: None

**Present:** Staff: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager  
Sandra Levin, Interim City Attorney  
Nita McKay, Assistant City Manager  
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director  
Todd Mattern, Police Chief  
Angie Avery, Recreation & Community Services Dir.  
Bill Huber, City Engineer  
C. Darleen Cordova, Interim City Clerk

**PLEDGE & INVOCATION** – The Presentation of Colors was conducted by Cadets from the Sunburst Academy Color Guard who also led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Council Member Zarkos gave the Invocation.

**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.

Mayor Edgar opened Oral Communications.

Dan Schwartz, Los Alamitos Chamber of Commerce Board Member, provided an updated on Chamber activities and events, and encouraged residents to “buy local”.

Sergeant Yin, Cadre Instructor, Sunburst Academy, briefly explained the benefits of the program and introduced Cadets Concheras, Mahita, Velasquez, Mariscal, and Diaz. They all had different reasons for joining the program but indicated it had made dramatic differences in their lives.

Mayor Edgar stated that the Council was very proud of them and glad they were here.

Laura Williams, Notables Booster Club for the Los Alamitos High School Choir, announced their big concert series at the Performing Arts Center at the High School and the upcoming nationals at the Grand Ole Opry. She also indicated

that the High School has five choirs. Council Member Zarkos indicated that he, Council Member Mejia and the City Manager had heard the Choir perform at the Chamber Breakfast. The Notables put on a phenomenal show.

Laura Herzog, Joint Forces Training Base, provided an update on events at the Base, including the Sunburst Academy graduation, and the third signing for "Helmets to Hardhats".

Richard Vardeman, College Park North, congratulated the Council on its accomplishments over the last year, its professionalism and transparency, and commended Mayor Edgar. He was also pleased with the way negotiations had been conducted to end the composting project at the Base.

Mayor Edgar closed Oral Communications.

**6. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES**

December 7, 2009.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Stephens

Unanimously carried: The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for December 7, 2009, in the amount of \$134,406.02.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**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.

Council Member Mejia and Mayor Pro Tem Poe requested Items 7A and 7C be pulled.

Motion/Second: Poe/Zarkos

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

\*\*\*\*\*CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

**B. Warrants**

The City Council approved the Warrant Register of December 7, 2009, in the amount of \$83,161.56.

**D. Award of Professional Services Agreement with CBM Consulting, Inc., for Construction Management Services for Highlands-Residential Street Resurfacing Project (CIP 09/10-002)**

This report provides a review of the consultant selection process and recommends awarding a contract for construction management services to CBM Consulting Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of KOA Corporation, for Fiscal Year 2009-10 Residential Street Resurfacing Project in the Highlands neighborhood.

City Council authorized the City Manager to approve a Professional Services Agreement with CBM Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$49,750 for construction management of Fiscal Year 2009-10 Highlands-Residential Street Resurfacing Project.

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

7.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting – November 16, 2009.

Council Member Mejia requested additional comments she made be included on pages 6, 7, 11 and 13. She will meet with the City Clerk to make those changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe requested a change on page 13 on the first paragraph at St. Isidore Plaza: change “commercial” to “community”.

Council Member Zarkos clarified that all modifications would be consistent with the meeting tape. Council Member Mejia said all modifications would be consistent with the tape.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Mejia

Unanimously carried: Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting – November 16, 2009, as amended.

**C. Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Highlands-Residential Street Resurfacing Project (CIP No. 09/10-002)**

This report provides for approval of the plans, specifications and cost estimates, and authorization to advertise and solicit bids for the Highlands-Residential Street Resurfacing Project (CIP No. 09/10-002).

Mayor Pro Tem Poe knew the people in the Highlands would be thrilled about this long-needed project. She relayed the tentative schedule, indicating a tentative construction start date of February 15, 2010.

Council Member Mejia had addressed this issue with Mr. Huber regarding her concern for handicapped ramps.

City Engineer Bill Huber summarized the staff report, referred to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council. He indicated that 24 wheelchair ramps are included, at all the intersections where currently there are no ramps, as part of this project.

Council Member Mejia thanked Public Works for taking these needs in consideration. She further questioned Mr. Huber about grant funds remaining from an earlier project and the CIP on Lexington. Council Member Mejia reiterated her earlier request to use remaining funds for ramps throughout Carrier Row because wheelchairs are being damaged. She asked that this request be agendized for the next meeting.

Council Member Stephens questioned staff on grinding and resurfacing with asphalt concrete pavement. Mr. Huber explained staff is bidding for rubberized asphalt and conventional concrete asphalt pavement to obtain a bid differential.

Council Member Stephens asked how the residents are being notified and Mr. Huber explained the very stringent notification requirements.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Zarkos  
Unanimously carried:

1. Approved the project plans and specifications for the Highlands-Residential Street Resurfacing Project; and,
2. Authorized staff to advertise to solicit bid proposals.

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. Consideration of the Draft Comprehensive Update of the City's Housing Element for the Reporting Period of 2006-2014**

Consideration of General Plan Amendment No. 08-02 updating the City Housing Element for the Reporting Period of 2006-2014.

The Community Development Director summarized the staff report, referred to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Mayor Edgar commented that the Housing Element is for the open space on the few minor parcels in the City.

Motion/Second: Zarkos/Mejia  
Unanimously carried: Rescheduled the Public Hearing to December 21, 2009 due to noticing requirements.

## **9. ORDINANCES**

Upon questioning by Mayor Edgar, the City Attorney reported that the following two water ordinances could be considered together.

Community Development Director Mendoza summarized the staff reports, referred to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council.

Council Member Mejia clarified that she had pulled the Minutes of November 16, because she wanted the language regarding the misdemeanor eliminated on the final notification, not removal of the \$200 fine.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe indicated that it had been brought to her attention that there may be inconsistencies with the landscape ordinance and existing Code Section 12.8.08.190 and Title 17. A resident wanted to put bricks in the parkway. She requested this be agendaized in January. The City Manager indicated staff will investigate any inconsistencies.

Council Member Zarkos thanked staff for their herculean efforts and noted that we are approving a water conservation ordinance as it is raining in biblical proportions.

Mayor Poe read the titles of both Ordinances under consideration.

Mayor Edgar opened the meeting to public comment. No one appearing either in favor or in opposition, the Mayor closed the meeting to public comment.

Motion/Second: Poe/Mejia  
Unanimously carried: Adopted the following two Ordinances: No. 09-05, (as amended on page 7, Section 3 B3), and No. 09-07.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance No 09-05 - Water Conservation Ordinance**

At its regular meeting of November 16, 2009, the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 09-05, the Water Conservation Ordinance.

Adopted Ordinance No. 09-05, second reading of an Ordinance, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04, ORDINANCE 538, OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION."

**B. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 09-07 - Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance**

At its regular meeting of November 16, 2009, the City Council conducted a first reading of Ordinance No. 09-07, the Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance.

Adopted Ordinance No. 09-07, second reading of an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS AMENDING SECTION 13 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 13.05 REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE."

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Consideration of Residential Permit Parking Policy

At City Council's July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Poe requested that, due to the reduced use of the nearby Cottonwood Christian Church site, staff review modification of current parking regulations in the Old Town West area. The issue was referred to the Traffic Commission. The Commission determined the City has no policy guidance for removing or modifying existing permit parking programs. The Commission requested staff develop a residential permit parking program to address requests to establish, modify, or remove permit parking. The Commission has reviewed the proposed Residential Permit Parking Policy at its September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> meetings, and recommends approval of the proposed policy.

City Engineer Bill Huber summarized the staff report, referred to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council. Mr. Huber discussed definitions, the review process, notification, parking removal and modification, grandfather clauses, administration, and Traffic Commission review procedures, including the flow chart, sample petition and sample resolution.

The City Manager requested the City Engineer explain the process for residents.

Council Member Mejia expressed concern with the proposed policy, particularly as it related to who was eligible to sign a petition. Mr. Huber explained that only the property owner, as it applies to apartments, could sign a petition. The Traffic Commission felt it should be only one vote per Assessor's Parcel Number (APN).

Upon further questioning by Council Member Mejia, Mr. Huber explained that either the owner or tenant of a single-family residence would be eligible to sign a petition.

Council Member Mejia felt strongly that permit parking issues should not exclude renters and felt we were discriminating against them. Many owners and property management companies are out of state and it may be difficult to contact property owners.

Mr. Huber stated it was not the intent to be discriminatory, but one vote per parcel.

Council Member Mejia commented that unless someone is directly affected by a cause, they don't necessarily take a role in it. Landlords may not be as concerned as a renter. It is pitting a home against apartments. She lives in an apartment and she shares some of the same concerns as neighboring homeowners. Everyone has a right to have a say.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe felt her simple request in July has gone on a long time. She also had issues with this proposal and agreed with Council Member Mejia. Unless you live there, you do not know what the situation really is. She would rather it say something like a "designated representative of the apartment complex". When there are problems for one, it is probably the same problem for everyone. In most cases the residents will select a spokesperson. That might be fairer.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe could not see anything that delineates the number of permits to be issued to one residence. Is it one permit per registered car or registered driver?

The City Engineer said the policy does not spell out the number; that would be spelled out in the resolution, based on the particular circumstances of each neighborhood.

Additionally, Mayor Pro Tem Poe was concerned about the requirement for a permit to be updated annually, prior to July 1. She felt this was too much work for residents, as well as staff. Most residents live here a long time and annual renewal is not necessary; it's not enforceable.

Mr. Huber indicated that this was the current practice and most cities do an annual update to catch the turnover, the address and vehicle changes, etc.

Police Chief Mattern was unable to provide information as to how many residents comply with current policy.

Council Member Zarkos stated that in his experience County-wide, when a tenant leaves they often take the placard with them. The new tenant has to obtain a new parking permit. He understood the rationale, but did not have an issue if that requirement is removed.

Council Member Zarkos was concerned about the two "bullet points" in Section 2.4 on page 2 of the proposed Administrative Regulation. He wanted to know if they could be combined so that there is one representative from the apartment complex (be it resident manager, a resident, or a designate of the property owner), in order to address the concerns of Council Member Mejia and Mayor Pro Tem Poe. The City Attorney said it could be one vote per APN and that the vote could be either from the renter or the owner. The question becomes, How does the City track that in the signature verification process? How do we want to

treat the situation where we get a signature in from both the renter and the owner (more than one signature for an APN)? Does that disqualify all the signatures that came in from that APN or is there some process to handle that situation? It is an administrative problem on how to process the petitions; not a policy problem. Staff will work out a procedure based on Council's direction.

The City Manager said we could control that by developing the petition document itself, with the APN number specified, and with rules on who can sign.

Council Member Zarkos questioned Mr. Huber on the definition of a "block", and clarified the process. Mr. Huber explained that the Traffic Commission makes a determination of whether or not the request meets the policy criteria and if it doesn't, it can be denied and it stops there; or, they can determine it should go on to the City Council. Council Member Zarkos clarified that if a petitioner wants to remove permit parking they need to go through these requirements. He was in favor of the policy, with the amendments.

Council Member Stephens asked if there was any filing fee and Mr. Huber indicated in the negative. Council Member Stephens also wanted renters to have a vote. A large portion of our City is apartments and renters, of which he is one. He wanted this simple and fair for everyone.

Mayor Edgar referred to Section. 2.9, Permit Parking Removal/Modification, on Page 4 of the proposed policy. This was originally the prime area Council wanted to address. He felt we had spent a lot of time going back and forth on this and then have to spend more time on this. We may need a workshop intervention with the Traffic Commission so we don't waste so much time in the future. He supported having apartment renters being able to exercise their vote. Old Town West has a mix of owners and renters. The Mayor thought it would be pretty hard for the rental areas, with a lot of transitory people, to get enough momentum for a permit.

Mayor Edgar thought what we were trying to do is get a policy that we can apply and stay out of the business. Can this policy cleanly remove potential parking permits where we don't want it? In this case, the area around the former Cottonwood Christian Church location. The administrative part of it about renewal is not necessary unless we had different colors etc. He did not think the essence of the policy gets solved in this. Five or six months ago a business wanted to get some permits on Katella, but the issue was who was eligible to get permits. The Mayor still did not see that being dealt with here. The Mayor also wanted the policy to mechanically handle the number of permits so that the Council is not subjectively interpreting this over and over again.

Mayor Edgar tried to reach some common ground so that the Council could move past this item. Can we move forward or do we want to table for a second attempt?

Council Member Mejia felt there was a lack of logic and many residents could not vote (sign) on it. How do we verify that the person is the designated representative? Many people live in apartments 10-15-30 years and so a large percentage of the apartment tenants are not transitory. Each person should have a vote.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Poe  
Unanimously carried:

1. Approved the Residential Permit Parking Policy, as amended:

Each resident in the restricted area (one vote per unit or address) would have the opportunity to sign a petition and be considered a valid signer of that petition; and

No yearly update; and

One parking permit per vehicle (whether resident-owned or corporate-owned).

2. Rescinded Traffic Commission Policy No. 2.

**B. Consideration of Conducting Selected City Council Meetings at Historic Locations in Los Alamitos as part of the City's Upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during 2010**

The City of Los Alamitos will undertake several events during the next year to commemorate the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Staff is requesting that the City Council consider conducting City Council meetings during 2010 at historically significant locations in the City as a method of acknowledging and commemorating the City's history.

City Manager Stewart summarized the staff report, referred to the information contained therein, and answered questions from the City Council. As a starting point, he included three locations: St. Isidore Plaza, the Los Alamitos Museum, and the Joint Forces Training Base.

Larry Strawther was available to discuss technical questions on broadcasting.

Mayor Edgar felt a lot of people thought there was a significant focus on several areas of the City that we want to preserve and bring attention to during our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. St. Isidore Plaza is one of the oldest public buildings in the City and several Council Members are very focused on trying to save that building. He thought it would be important to draw attention to some of these historic buildings. Also, previous Councils have

met at the Base. Pete Carvajal, Chair of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, felt these meetings needed to be televised. The Mayor felt we should try to spend the money to televise these meetings.

Council Member Mejia called staff about costs and indicated Mr. Strawther could respond to questions about possible costs.

Larry Strawther indicated that the costs are variable; it can be very simple, if we don't have to have a lot of moving cameras. Depending on the extent of what the City wants to do, costs could run from \$500 - \$1,000. The difficulty is the live broadcast because you have to have access to a cable drop. He was not quite sure if there was one at St. Isidore.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe stated there was not a cable drop at St. Isidore but she would check to see if there was one at We Care, next door to St. Isidore. She knew that there was one at the Museum and assumed there would be one at the Base.

Mr. Strawther said if we have access to a cable drop, we can send the signal back to City Hall and send it out live with an encoder which they are considering purchasing anyway. You can always send it out live on the Internet at no extra cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe stated that there was Internet capability at St. Isidore.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe thought this was a really exciting idea. It was important for people in the community to recognize that our City was actually started in 1897. She reported that we could not have the meeting in the chapel at St. Isidore, but in the hall. Small groups could be taken on tours through the chapel. The Museum Board was ecstatic about having a meeting there. The Base has been in our community since the early 1940's and she was sure some people had not been there. She felt this was a good way to honor these facilities.

Council Member Mejia thought this was a great idea and confirmed that the cost would come from the PEG monies. She suggested Council also consider the High School and thought the students would enjoy it.

Council Member Zarkos suggested at least one meeting per quarter at one of these four locations.

Council Member Stephens concurred with the recommendations. He also felt it was important to let everyone know about these historic locations.

Motion/Second: Poe/Mejia

Unanimously carried: Conduct at least one Council meeting per quarter during 2010 at four historically significant locations in Los Alamitos (St. Isidore Plaza, Los Alamitos Museum, Joint Forces Training Base and Los Alamitos High School, pending the necessary approvals).

**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. City Council Reorganization**

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

Mayor Edgar explained about the Council reorganization. In some cities the Mayor is directly elected for four years. In Los Alamitos, we go through an appointment process and we have the honor and privilege to serve as Mayor for a year. We also select the Mayor Pro Tem. Procedurally, he relinquished the dais to the Interim City Clerk to conduct the election of Mayor.

The Interim City Clerk accepted nominations for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

Motion/Second: Mejjia/Edgar  
Unanimously carried: Elected Marilyn Poe as Mayor

**Roll Call Vote**

Council Member Mejjia	Aye
Council Member Stephens	Aye
Council Member Zarkos	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Poe	Aye
Mayor Edgar	Aye

Mayor Poe accepted nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Nominations were closed.

Motion/Second: Zarkos/Edgar  
Unanimously carried: Elected Ken Stephens as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Roll Call Vote**

Council Member Edgar	Aye
Council Member Mejjia	Aye
Council Member Stephens	Aye
Council Member Zarkos	Aye
Mayor Poe	Aye

Council Member Edgar introduced his wife, Betty, and thanked her for being so supportive over the past year. Although the position of Mayor is

a ceremonial one, it takes a lot of time to coordinate and his wife had been very understanding and supportive.

Council Member Edgar reviewed 2009. When he became Mayor it was due to a very unfortunate situation. Council Member Edgar discussed the Council's four objectives: (1) establish stability, (2) maintain key services, (3) address financial issues, and (4) improve community relations. Numerous issues were highlighted, including maintaining key services while undergoing draconian budget cuts; replacing the City Manager, appointing a new Council Member (Zarkos), hiring an Interim City Clerk, an Interim City Attorney and hiring two new Police Officers; faced a \$500,000 mid-year deficit and fixed a structural deficit; staff took a 10% pay cut in order to maintain services; improved community relations and the JFTB composting project.

Council Member Edgar thanked Major General Harrel, and the Mayors of Cypress, Seal Beach and Garden Grove and the President of the Rossmoor Community Services District who supported us in our efforts to deal with the composting issue.

Council Member Edgar hoped that the community would see a Council that is working together. We have agreed to disagree and have very constructive disagreements.

Council Member Edgar briefly reviewed departmental and Commission accomplishments for 2009. Copies were also provided to the public. He thanked his Council colleagues and turned the meeting over to Mayor Poe.

Mayor Poe felt Troy Edgar had downplayed his role and guided us through a most-productive year. She also thanked Betty Edgar for allowing her husband to devote so much time to the City. Mayor Edgar went "above and beyond" and conducted the meetings very professionally.

Mayor Poe and the City Council presented Troy Edgar with a plaque in recognition of his outstanding service as Mayor.

Mayor Poe thanked the Council for the confidence they have placed in her leadership ability. She indicated we are looking forward to an exciting year, a year of celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. A lot of activities and events are planned. Mayor Poe was looking forward to working with staff and the community. The Council is here to represent the people of this community and we cannot take our eyes off why we are here, i.e., to do the business of the City. There will be a lot of challenges again this year, including financial.

**Council Member Mejia** congratulated Marilyn Poe and Ken Stephens. She thanked the Sunburst Academy and commented on its value.

**Council Member Mejia** reported on her attendance at recent meetings and events, including the Chamber Breakfast at which the LAHS Choir performed; the SCAG meeting; and the Commissioners' Dinner. She commented that we value the Commissioners' input but like to add to it when we feel it is necessary.

**Council Member Mejia** commented that in looking at the agenda today she saw an old item from David Thompson on Bunker Hill regarding signage on the sidewalks that made it difficult for a wheelchair to access. If this matter has not been addressed in the past and finalized, she requested staff look into it and perhaps re-agendize it for the next meeting.

**Council Member Mejia** questioned the City Manager on items in his Weekly Memo: Page 2, the potential for a solar panel to be placed on commercial property in the City. The City Manager could not be specific since it was still in draft form and was not sure why the company was not looking at a location in Seal Beach, where it is headquartered. They had approached us about a demonstration project in the City. This will be agendized for the Planning Commission and City Council. The City Manager will report to Council as details are locked down.

**Council Member Mejia** questioned the City Manager on Page 3 of the Weekly Memo: community meeting with Woodcrest. Police Chief Mattern reported that staff made a presentation on crime statistics, specific to their neighborhood, for the four residents who attended, and discussed crime prevention measures. Council Member Mejia thanked staff for taking the time to reach out to the community and provide an opportunity for them to voice their concerns.

**Council Member Mejia** was glad to see that we are going to be having the holiday decorating contest again. Each winner will receive a plaque to put in front of their house. She encouraged participation.

**Council Member Zarkos** wanted to thank the "sixth" Council chair—Betty Edgar, for sharing Troy over the last year. Although it was challenging at times, he hoped it was equally rewarding. The five Council "chairs" belong to the City, and the Council has the opportunity to sit here for a period of time as a public trust. Troy's stewardship has been at the highest level of accomplishment. He commended Troy Edgar for all of his efforts, guidance, and for putting us on a course for greater accomplishments.

**Council Member Zarkos** reported on the Orange County Tax Payers Association, where he sits on the Bond Oversight Committee for our school bonds. The McGaugh School remodel was over a \$2 million project and the LAUSD was on time and on budget, with respect to those modifications. They are also moving forward in phasing in the other schools. He reported that the School District was able to negotiate a contract with an inspector, rather than doing a consulting agreement for an

individual school, and they were able to negotiate a four and one-half year agreement, saving the District over \$250,000.

**Mayor Pro Tem Stephens** had the opportunity to observe former Mayor Edgar at the Orange County Sanitation District Meeting and how well he represented our City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Stephens** reported on his attendance at recent meetings and events, including the Commissioners' Dinner. He thanked the Commissioners who are great volunteers, and the Sunburst Academy members for their presentation of colors tonight.

**Mayor Pro Tem Stephens** felt Troy Edgar's leadership was exceptional and exceeded our expectations. The Mayor Pro Tem thanked Mrs. Edgar for lending him to us.

**Mayor Poe** indicated she was glad to hear the report on the community meeting. She also reported on her attendance at recent meetings and events, including the Commissioners' Dinner. She noted that we had to cut a lot of things this year, including decorations, but she was glad we were able to have the Appreciation Dinner. She thanked the Sunburst Academy and was sorry she could not go to their graduation this weekend. She announced that the SCAG compass blueprint grant is moving forward.

**Mayor Poe** stated that the holiday decorating contest was not her idea, but Jane Husser's, a lifetime resident, who volunteered to do the judging and make the plaques because she felt it was such a good thing to do for the community. Recreation Director Avery reported on the contest. This is a grassroots effort, being kept simple, without a lot of rules and categories. Any household or business can enter. Contact Angie Avery if there are any questions.

**12. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. for refreshments. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2009, in the City Council Chambers.

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Troy D. Edgar, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Clerk