

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

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Mayor Pro Tem Poe presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Edgar, Mejia, and Poe

Absent: Council Members: Stephens and Grose

Present: Staff: Nita McKay, Interim City Manager
Steven Mendoza, Community Development Director
William Huber, Interim Public Works Director
Bruce McAlpine, Police Captain
Angie Avery, Recreation and Community Services Director
Patti Gorczyca, Assistant to the City Manager
Windmera Quintanar, Department Secretary

Mayor Pro Tem Poe stated Mayor Grose and Council Member Stephens were not present because they were attending a conference in Sacramento.

3 & 4. Mayor Pro Tem Poe led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Council Member Mejia stated she had a Point of Order to address. Mayor Pro Tem Poe asked Interim City Manager McKay if the City Attorney had contacted regarding this issue. Interim City Manager McKay responded in the affirmative, stating City Attorney Derleth advised Council Comments would be the appropriate place to bring up items not agendized.

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 Pro Tem Poe opened Oral Communications.

Sharon Berg, resident, expressed disappointment that Council Member Mejia had not signed the recent statement wishing residents Happy Holidays and that she had refused to sign the pledge to residents. She felt the appointment of Council Member Grose to Mayor had righted the wrong that took place in the 2006 Election when Council Member Mejia had been chosen in his place. She stated she did not see team spirit on the Council, and asked all to use their caution to avoid a stacked Council.

JM Ivler, resident, spoke about the following issues: 1) Police Department enforcement of the no left turn from 24 Hour Fitness onto Katella; 2) displeasure with the amount of 3 way stops on Lexington for the benefit of the church; 3) thanked Council for the arrows on Lexington and

Katella and asked for additional enforcement; and 4) asked for possible rezoning for the property on the northwest corner of Katella and Lexington.

Allen McLean, Chamber Representative, spoke of the following upcoming events: 1) State of the City Lunch – February 11 at the Navy Golf Course; 2) Police Appreciation Lunch – March 11 at the Navy Golf Course; and, 3) the Chamber Inaugural Lunch – January 22, 11:30 a.m. at the Old Ranch Country Club.

The following residents spoke in opposition to modifying the median on Katella to allow for left turn: Rob Feldman, Brad Sheridan, Laura Williams, Brad Taylor, and Jody Shloss.

Diane Singletary, resident, expressed concern over the coyote issue in her neighborhood, stating several neighborhood cats had gone missing. She stated a neighbor had baited traps in their front yard, and asked if there was a policy for such acts. She stated she would like a policy for the use of baited traps to be agendized.

Frances Gabler, resident, submitted an article from the publication "Your Town" entitled "Town offers session to grow small businesses."

Jody Shloss, resident, expressed disappointment in Council's micro-managing of staff, and thought Council should focus on setting policy and keeping the residents safe and healthy. She stressed the need for teamwork, and felt it was unfair Council Member Mejia was taken out of rotation for Mayor and excluded from being appointed to the Boards she had an interest in.

Chuck Sylvia, resident, spoke on the following issues: 1) the danger of left turn lanes; 2) eliminating 2 of the 3 left turn lanes to Carrier Way, and, 3) the amount of stop signs encountered from his home to City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe closed Oral Communications.

6. REGISTER OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES

January 20, 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe highlighted the US Bank charge for McAullife Field sand and pointed out these were ongoing costs incurred for the upkeep of fields in the City.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Mejia

Carried 3-0 (Grose and Stephens were absent): The City Council approved the Register of Major Expenditures for January 20, 2009, in the amount of \$237,278.27.

Roll Call Vote

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

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 pulled Item 7A2.

Motion/Second: Edgar/Mejia

Carried 3-0 (Grose and Stephens were absent): The City Council approved the following Consent Calendar items:

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approved the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 5, 2009.

B. Warrants

Approved the Warrant Register of January 20, 2009, in the amount of \$57,432.73.

C. Resolution No. 2009-01 - Revising the Salary and Benefit Resolution for Non-Represented Employees and Repealing Resolution 2008-15

This report addressed the repeal of Resolution No. 2008-15, and the adoption of Resolution No. 2009-01, in order to revise the medical insurance contribution benefit provided to non-represented employees.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009-01, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15."

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

A. Approval of Minutes

2. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 5, 2009.

Council Member Mejia referred to page 4, paragraph 9, and stated she would like additional comments to be added and would contact the City Clerk.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Poe

Carried 3-0 (Grose and Stephens were absent): The City Council approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 5, 2009, with revisions.

*** The minutes of the Special Meeting of January 5, 2009, will go back to Council for approval since no revisions were stated during open session.**

8. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe stated this had been a light agenda due to the fact not all Council was present.

Council Member Edgar announced Nita McKay had been appointed as Interim City Manager. He stated due to PERS restrictions, David Rudat was no longer able to continue service with the City. He then indicated the number of Closed Sessions had increased recently partly due to the fact labor negotiations with the Unions had begun. He indicated Union contracts for the Police Association and the Employee Association were due to expire in June and April respectively and Council was taking a proactive approach.

Council Member Mejia expressed disappointment the City Attorney had not been present at several of the past meetings. While she understood this was done to reduce cost, she did not think it was wise and felt Council needed the City Attorney's guidance at all meetings. She expressed concern regarding the following items: 1) Closed Sessions scheduled for Interim/Permanent City Manager after Nita McKay had already been appointed Interim City Manager; and, 2) who authorized previous Interim City Manager Rudat to revise his schedule from the 32 hours a week directed by Council. She felt the Rules and Regulations were not being adhered to. She encouraged residents to be positive and work on moving forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Poe spoke of her attendance at the following: 1) OC Library Association Board Meeting; and, 2) the High School Football Team's Annual Banquet. She stated she looked forward to attending the Chamber's Inaugural Dinner, and would be presenting certificates for the recipients on behalf of Mayor Grose. She asked the information presented by JM Ivler be passed on to the Traffic Commission, and suggested the Traffic Commission look into the permit parking by the old Cottonwood Church to see if it was still necessary since the church was not utilized as much. She stated long-time resident Margret Rucker had passed away at age 90, and asked the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

Council Member Edgar asked for clarification on the Point of Order made by Council Member Mejia.

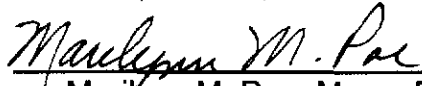
Council Member Mejia clarified the Point of Action she wanted was to agendize the City Attorney's hours, as she felt he should be there at all times; and, to investigate former Interim City Manager Rudat's hours after the holiday vacation. She then reported attendance at the recent SCAG meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of long time resident Margret Rucker, at 8:12 p.m. The next meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council Chambers.


Marilynn M. Poe, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Susan C. Vanderpool, City Clerk

