

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

SPECIAL MEETING – October 12, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:01 p.m., Monday, October 12, 2020, via videoconference, Mayor Murphy presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the City Council attended via videoconference.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Doby, Grose, Hasselbrink,
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco, Mayor Murphy

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Craig Koehler, Interim Finance Director
Emeline Noda, Acting Rec. & Community Services Director
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Eric Nunez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Mike Sheeham, OCFA Battalion Chief
Chelsi Wilson, Executive Assistant/Benefits

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

A. Old Town West – Traffic Calming Option

On August 5, 2019, the City received a petition signed by residents of Old Town West neighborhood residing mainly on Chestnut Street and Walnut Street requesting installation of speed humps to reduce speeding and increase safety of pedestrians. The Traffic Commission is recommending a traffic calming project that would include lane narrowing and striping modification. The proposed project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be evaluated for a 10-12 month period and if deemed effective, phase 2 will be brought back to City Council as part of the Capital Improvement Project list.

Mayor Murphy and Council Member Grose recused themselves stating they live in the neighborhood under discussion. City Clerk Quintanar opened a “breakout room” via Zoom excluding Mayor Murphy and Council Member Grose from the discussion.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda summarized the Staff report.

City Clerk Quintanar advised written comments were provided to Council and uploaded to the website. Council had received one request to speak.

Bruce Murphy, resident, opposed the left turn lanes and red curbs. He stated speed humps should be considered in the second phase, crosswalks should be more visible and have crossing guards. He stated support for the measure traffic calming plan overall.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Signal at Sausalito in anticipation of new housing developments
- Phase I recommends striping and lane narrowing to reduce speeding in a sample area
- Residents state speeding concerns despite traffic survey results
- Direction to communicate with the residents throughout the process including the phased approach and potential for speed humps
- Specifications and costs for speed humps
- Concerns that speed humps divert traffic and slow down emergency response vehicles
- Direction to bring back a Speed Hump Policy
- Police presence in the area
- Duration of the observation period and desire to move quicker
- Possibility of observation period being reduced should sufficient data be collected (i.e. neighbor reports, police observations, citations, accidents, etc.)
- Concern petition represents only 14% of the neighborhood
- Cost of Phase I covered by Measure M funds. Future phases would come back to Council for approval through the Capital Improvement Project budget.
- Traffic survey was for two 24-hour periods with an average speed of 33 mph

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Chirco

Carried 3/0 (Grose and Murphy recused): The City Council:

1. Approved the Traffic Calming Project in the Old Town West Neighborhood as recommend by the Traffic Commission; and,
2. Authorized Staff to solicit bids to begin facilitating the proposed Phase I calming measures.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Murphy	Recused
Mayor Pro Tem Chirco	Aye
Council Member Doby	Aye
Council Member Grose	Recused
Council Member Hasselbrink	Aye

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (one potential case).

City Attorney Daudt read the item aloud.

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

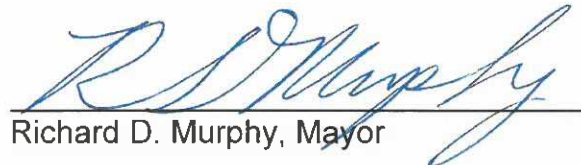
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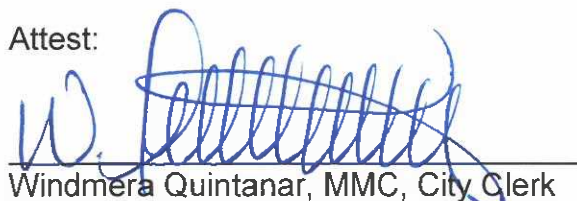
The City Council reconvened in Regular Session at 6:38 p.m.

City Attorney Daudt stated by unanimous vote, the City Council directed staff to file an appeal with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) challenging the City's 6th Cycle RHNA allocation and further directing staff to return with a resolution memorializing the City's opposition to the 6th Cycle RHNA methodology.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:

Windmer Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk