

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

SPECIAL MEETING – June 1, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Special Session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2020, via video conference, 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 video conference.

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
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Eric Nunez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Ron Roberts, Orange County Fire Authority Chief

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Award of Contract for the 2020 Fireworks Display at the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular (Recreation)

This report recommended award of a contract for the 2020 Fireworks Display. The display would be launched from the Joint Forces Training Base, but no spectators would be permitted onsite.

City Manager Simmons summarized the Staff report and answered questions from the City Council.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) confirmed the event could take place on the Base with a smaller cope of viewing only with stipulations to move spectators off the base when fireworks ended
- Seal Beach is supportive and offering financial assistance
- Cypress will not be participating

- JFTB position may change before the event based on the state of emergency and there are still several unknowns
- Event can be canceled up to 15 days before the event for a fee of \$1,300
- Concerns regarding planning time and ensuring proper protections
- Participants would need to stay in area of their vehicle and only be allowed on the base from approximately 7:30 p.m. until right after the 9:00 p.m. firework show
- There would be no entertainment other than the 22 minute firework show
- Currently walk ons are not allowed
- South County cities have reconsidered moving forward with their firework shows
- Request to allow CERT to participate in the event
- More in depth planning needs to occur with the JFTB including max capacity for cars with social distancing; seating outside of cars
- Support for fireworks only if allowed to view from the JFTB
- Funds for the operation of the event (i.e. staffing, parking, restrooms) are included within the operational budget
- Additional cost for parking and cones would need to be negotiated with the vendor and are unknown at this time
- Discussion regarding why other cities have canceled their events
- JFTB will not allow charging to park on the base
- Review of the cancellation terms and ability to reserve the fireworks for next year if desired

Motion/Second: Grose/Hasselbrink

Approve Staff recommendation with Option A and bring back for further discussion to finalize the event on June 15, 2020.

Mayor Murphy requested an amendment to add the event will only move forward if participants can be on the base.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

- Logistics of the Base tarmac and needed space for social distancing
- Parking overflow into the neighborhoods
- Possibility of requiring participants to stay within their vehicles

City Attorney Daudt advised the Council the item tonight was to approve the contract for purchase of fireworks. If the motion moves, Council will execute agreement and be obligated to pay deposit to the vendor. The City has the option to reschedule the event up to 15 days prior. Alternatively, if Council requires additional information, additional conversation outside approval of contract would be needed.

Mayor Murphy retracted his amendment.

Motion/Second: Grose/Hasselbrink
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Awarded the contract for the 2020 Fireworks Display (Option A) to Fireworks & Stage FX America in the amount of \$32,000; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the Professional Service Agreement with Fireworks & Stage FX America for the 2020 Fireworks Display (Option A); and,
3. Directed Staff to bring back final details for the 2020 Firework Show to the June 15, 2020 City Council meeting.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): (1 potential case)

City Attorney Daudt read the items aloud.

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 8:31 p.m.

City Attorney Daudt stated there was no reportable action.

Council Member Grose advised there was an emergency item for Closed Session that required immediate action and requested the item be placed on the agenda by a majority vote of the City Council.

Motion/Second: Grose/Chirco

Unanimously Carried: The City Council approved adding the emergency item to the agenda in Closed Session.

ROLL CALL

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

City Attorney Daudt indicated the item for Closed Session discussion would be a Threat to Public Services or Facilities per Government Code Section 54957.

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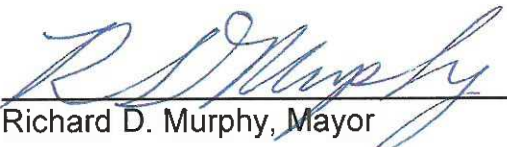
RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Special Session at 6:28 p.m.

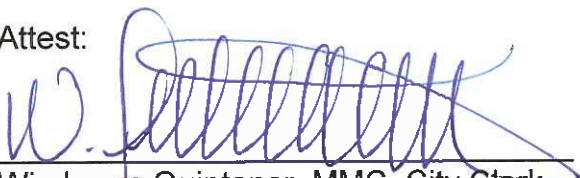
City Attorney Daudt stated there was no reportable action.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:


Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk