

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

REGULAR MEETING – October 19, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:04 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2020, in the Community Center, 10911 Oak St., Mayor Murphy presiding.

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
David Cain, Fiscal Sustainability Manager
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Craig Koehler, Interim Finance Director
Emeline Noda, Acting Rec. and Community Srvc. Director
Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager
Eric Nunez, Chief of Police
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Ron Roberts, Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief
Chelsi Wilson, Executive Assistant/Benefits

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Grose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Murphy gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Murphy presented the listed recognitions.

- A. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition for California Parks and Recreation Society Volunteer Merit Awards for an Organization to Blair Pietrini of Grateful Hearts**
- B. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition for California Parks and Recreation Society Volunteer Merit Awards for an Individual to Manuel Gouveia**

- C. **Presentation of a Proclamation for Small Business Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Warren De Los Angeles, Edward Torres, and Robert Cordero of Tribe Fitness**
- D. **Presentation by Robert Acosta, Emergency Services Coordinator, Providing an Update on the City's Response to COVID-19**
Emergency Services Coordinator Acosta gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the City Council.

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. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes per speaker.

Jody Roubanis, spoke in favor of Safe Routes to School and encouraged community participation and input for the Active Transportation Plan.

7. 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.

Council Member Grose spoke regarding attendance at the following: the Regional Military Affairs Commission, Orange County Council of Governments, American Defense Communities Military Summit, Change of Command for the 79th Sustainment Command, League of California Cities Policy Meeting, helitanker Press Conference at the Joint Forces Training Base, White House Local Elected Officials Briefings, Southern California Association of Governments meeting, and the Orange County Tax Association program. He encouraged everyone to research their ballots items and vote.

Council Member Doby spoke regarding attendance at the following: , helitanker Press Conference at the Joint Forces Training Base, Human Relations Committee, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, and Coffee with a Cop.

Council Member Hasselbrink provided an overview of the helitanker and advised she had attended several virtual meetings.

Council Member Chirco spoke regarding attendance at the Coffee with a Cop and the Orange County Library Advisory Commission, and encouraged residents to educate themselves on Measure Y and vote early.

Mayor Murphy spoke regarding meetings with Orange County Mayors group and their opposition towards the recent Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers and encouraged residents to research their ballot items and vote.

9. WARRANTS,

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Chirco

Unanimously Carried: Ratified the Warrants for October 19, 2020 in the amount of \$919,236.12 and authorized the City Manager to approve such expenditures as are legally due and within an unexhausted balance of an appropriation against which the same may be charged for the time period of October 20, 2020 to November 15, 2020.

ROLL CALL

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

8. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Simmons requested updates from various departments.

Acting Recreation and Community Services Director Noda spoke regarding upcoming events, Drive Up File and Food Festival, Drive-through Trunk or Treat, First Annual Halloween Decorating event, Escape Los Al and Spooky Egg Hunt.

Acting Deputy City Manager Noda spoke regarding the Active Transportation Plan and encouraged residents to participate in the community workshops.

Chief Nunez spoke regarding the recent Coffee with a Cop event, scheduled presentation for November regarding the Homeless Liaison Officer Program, and the postponement of the drug take back in light of COVID-19 risks.

City Manager Simmons spoke in support of Emergency Services Coordinator Acosta's efforts during the local emergency and congratulated Chief Nunez and Council for having the foresight to have such a position in place.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Council Member requests separate action on a specific item.

Motion/Second: Chirco/Hasselbrink

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

A. Approval of Minutes

(City Clerk)

Approved the City Council Regular Minutes of September 21, 2020, and Special Minutes of October 12, 2020.

B. Resolution No. 2020-32 – Establishing a CARES Act Fund Budget in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Finance)

This item recommended adoption Resolution No. 2020-32 that will amend the City of Los Alamitos Fiscal Year 2020/21 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget by establishing a CARES Act Fund Budget.

The City Council adopted a Resolution No. 2020-32, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA BY ESTABLISHING A CARES ACT FUND BUDGET IN REPOSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC".

C. 2020 Operational Area Agreement (Police)

The item was consideration to adopt the revised 2020 Orange County Operational Agreement as approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on May 19, 2020.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-31, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2020 REVISION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA AGREEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 19 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2400 ET SEQ. AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8550 ET SEQ."

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 2020-33 – Opposing the Modified Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology and Assessment (Development Services)

The proposed resolution was prepared for City Council to consider opposing the modified RHNA allocation methodology. It requests intervention by the Southern California Association of Governments and the California Department of Housing and Community Development to reconsider the application of the modified Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology. It also urges the convening of the RHNA Litigation Study Team to review this item with an eye to correcting mistakes in the counting of needed housing units.

City Manager Simmons provided an overview of the item, answered questions from the City Council, and advised the City would be addressing the larger issue of the allocation numbers being fundamentally incorrect with the Resolution and at the City's allocation level through the appeals process.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Grose

Unanimously Carried: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-33, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE MODIFIED REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY AND ASSESMENT".

B. Los Alamitos Measure Y Fiscal Accountability Pledge (Finance)

At its regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 the Los Alamitos City Council voted unanimously to place a 1½¢ sales tax measure on the November ballot for voter consideration. The title of the ballot measure is Los Alamitos Quality of Life, 911 Police Response, Business / Job Protection Measure. The County of Orange assigned this as "Measure Y" for the November 3, 2020 ballot.

If Measure Y is passed by a majority of Los Alamitos voters, all funds generated will remain under local control and for the benefit of the Los Alamitos community. Revenue would be subject to independent annual audits and regular reports back to the community to detail how money is being spent.

To provide additional transparency and accountability a "Fiscal Accountability Pledge" was developed that would outline the City's commitment to where any significant increase in City of Los Alamitos revenues would be allocated.

City Manager Simmons provided an overview and answered questions from the City Council.

City Council and Staff discussed the following topics:

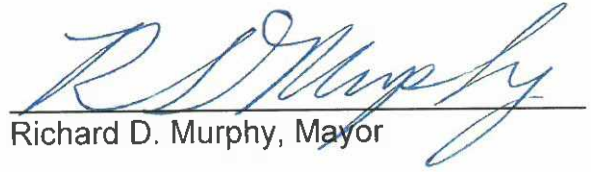
- Difference between property and sales tax
- Support for the clarification the Pledge provides
- Encouraged residents to educate themselves and vote
- Support for the City receiving the additional sales tax over another jurisdiction as allowed by statute
- Support for keeping the quality of life in Los Alamitos
- Overview of the extensive process the City undertook to close the budget gap over the years including reducing the staff by 1/3
- Explanation of General Tax
- Concern the State may take available sales tax under the guise of COVID-19
- Support for continued public safety and community events

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

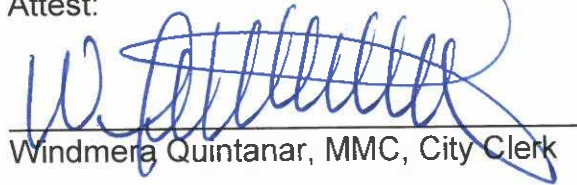
1. Discussed the proposed Fiscal Accountability Pledge; and,
2. Adopted the Fiscal Accountability Pledge, as a guide to helping the Los Alamitos community maintain the "Quality of Life" for our residents and business community.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


Richard D. Murphy, Mayor

Attest:


Windmer Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk