

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

REGULAR MEETING - Monday, August 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 5:37 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2022, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Mayor Hasselbrink presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Bates, Chirco, Mayor Hasselbrink
Mayor Pro Tem Doby (arrived at 5:41 p.m.)

Absent: Council Members: Nefulda

Present: Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Michael Claborn, Police Chief
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Craig Koehler, Finance Director
Ron Noda, Development Services
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk
Jennifer Sisoiev, Community Services Manager
Ron Roberts, Orange County Fire Authority Battalion Chief

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and paragraph (1) of subdivision (e) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case).

City Attorney Daudt read the item aloud.

RECESS

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:37 p.m.

RECONVENE

The City Council reconvened in Adjourned Regular session at 6:02 p.m.

City Attorney Daudt stated there was no reportable action.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Doby gave the Invocation.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hasselbrink and the Council presented the awards.

A. Presentation of the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to the Finance Department (Administration)

Finance Director Koehler accepted the award and introduced the newest members of the Finance Department: Finance Manager John Balderas; Senior Finance Assistant Maria Ibanez; and Finance Assistant Brandi Villegas.

7. 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.

Mayor Hasselbrink opened Oral Communications. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Hasselbrink closed Oral Communications.

8. 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 Chirco spoke regarding attendance at the Concert Series events, working at the Los Alamitos Community Foundation Beer Garden, National Night Out, the upcoming Los Alamitos Community Foundation Board meeting, and, celebrating his parents' 50th wedding anniversary. He announced that he would not be running for re- election this November and spoke positively about his service with the City.

Council Member Bates spoke regarding attendance at the Orange County Public Library Board Meeting, provided an update regarding Orange County Sanitation District's ongoing trunk sewer project, attendance at the ribbon cutting for Xpress Urgent Care, and attendance at the Revenue and Taxation Policy committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Doby spoke regarding attendance at the ribbon cutting for Xpress Urgent Care and Premier Dance Studio, Government Officials Dinner at the Orange County Fair, and the Orange County Vector and Mosquito Control District Board meeting. She read aloud Grandmother Mosquito available online at www.ocvector.org.

Mayor Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at the Concerts in the Park series, National Night Out. Los Alamitos Community Foundation Board meeting. She spoke of upcoming events for the Los Alamitos Community Foundation Casino Night in the Community Center and the grand opening of the STEM building at Los Alamitos High School. She stated she was running unopposed for Council this November.

9. ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Simmons asked for and received a summary of remaining summer events from Community Services Manager Sisoiev.

10. WARRANTS

A. Warrants (Finance)

The attached Warrant Register contains checks and electronic funds transfers for the period from July 7, 2022 to August 1, 2022.

Council Member Bates asked for and received clarification for various items on the Warrant Register.

Motion/Second:

Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Warrants for the period from July 7, 2022 to August 1, 2022, in the amount of \$1,832,256.43.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Hasselbrink	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Doby	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Chirco	Aye
Council Member Nefulda	Absent

11. 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 Bates received clarification on Items 10C and 10E.

Motion/Second: Chirco/Doby

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

A. Approval of Minutes

The City Council approved the City Council minutes for the Regular meeting

of July 18, 2022.

B. Findings Required by AB 361 for the Continued Use of Teleconferencing for Meetings (Administration)

For the City Council to continue to have the option to meet via teleconference during the pandemic, AB 361 requires the City Council make specific findings at least every thirty (30) days.

The City Council made the following findings by a majority vote:

1. A state of emergency has been proclaimed by California's Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues to be in effect; and,
2. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and,
3. State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19.

C. Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-04 - AB 481 Military Equipment Use Policy (Police)

Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), codified in Government Code sections 7070 through 7075, requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, via adoption of a "military equipment" use policy by approval from their governing body, prior to the agency funding, acquiring, or using military equipment.

AB 481 became effective January 1, 2022. Per AB 481, law enforcement agencies are now required to first obtain approval for this policy content from their respective governing body. Following approval, law enforcement agencies are further required to submit an annual military equipment report to the governing body for as long as the equipment is available for use. Agencies are also required to attach a military equipment inventory to the policy.

City Council and Staff discussed the preparations the Police Department has made in order to respond to critical incidents at the schools. Clarification was provided that the School Resource Officer would be available at all the schools within the school district.

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-04 entitled "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY 709, MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 481 (AB 481)".

D. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report - June 2022 (Finance)

The item for City Council consideration is receipt of the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report.

The City Council received and filed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – June 2022.

E. Amendment No. 1 with North Star Land Care for Additional Monthly Maintenance Services (Development Services)

This item seeks approval to expand the maintenance services rendered by North Star Land Care.

Council and Staff discussed the balance of the workload between internal staff and contracted services.

The City Council authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with North Star Land Care for augmented maintenance services at an cost of \$2,426.00/month.

F. Amendment No. 1 with Joncowest LLC for Additional Janitorial Services at a City Facility (Development Services)

This item seeks approval to expand the janitorial services rendered by Joncowest LLC.

The City Council authorized the Mayor to execute Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Amendment No. 1 with Joncowest LLC for augmented monthly janitorial services at a cost of \$880.00/month.

G. Rejection of Bids for Requests for Proposals (RFP) 2022-02 Sterns Park Improvement Project (Development Services)

Bids for Requests for Proposals (RFP) 2022-02 Sterns Park Improvement Project were opened on July 6, 2022. Two bids were received. One was nonresponsive and the second surpassed the appropriated budget, which took into account design, construction and inspection. As a result, staff is recommending the rejection of the submitted bids.

The City Council rejected all bids received for Requests for Proposals (RFP) 2022-02 Sterns Park Improvement Project.

12. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Economic Development Plan Phase II (Development Services)

This item presents for Council's discussion various economic development programs designed to enhance Los Alamitos' economic sustainability and growth.

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Hasselbrink requested Council Members be involved in dropping off new residential packets.

Motion/Second: Chirco/Doby
Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Discussed economic development program; and,
2. Authorized Staff to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the proposed economic development programs.

13. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Comprehensive Update of the City's Housing Element for the Reporting Period of 2021-2029 (Development Services)

Council will consider approval of a draft comprehensive update of the City's Housing Element for the reporting period of 2021-2029 and adoption of a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report and introduced the City's consultant, Nicole Sauviat Criste of Terra Nova Planning and Research.

Mayor Hasselbrink opened the Public Hearing for public comment. There being no one present wishing to speak, Mayor Hasselbrink closed the Public Hearing for public comment.

Council and Staff discussed opposition to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers, the State's approval process, opposition to unfunded State mandates, and the zoning effects State mandates have on the City's composition.

Motion/Second: Bates/Doby Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Opened the Public Hearing and took testimony; and,
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2022-20, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 21-01, UPDATING THE LSO ALAMITOS HOUSING ELEMENT (2021-209)."

14. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Shelley Hasselbrink

Shelley Hasselbrink, Mayor

Attest:

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Windmera Quintanar

Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk