

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING Monday, August 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Mayor Nefulda presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Doby, Hibard, Murphy
Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink, Mayor Nefulda

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Michael Claborn, Chief of Police
Craig Covey, Orange County Fire Authority, Chief
Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney
Craig Koehler, Finance Director
Nolan McGaughy, OCFA Captain
Emeline Noda, Recreation and Community Services Director
Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk/Dir. of Communications
Chelsi Wilson, Administrative Services Manager

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Doby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink gave the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of a Certificate to Joe Escalante in Recognition of Being Inducted into the Los Alamitos Museum's Hall of Fame
Mayor Nefulda presented the Certificate. Mr. Escalante spoke briefly.

B. Presentation by the Homeless Liaison Officer (HLO) Providing a City Update
Officer Mirzadeh provided an update regarding the Homeless Liaison Officer.

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

Mayor Nefulda opened Oral Communications.

Carol Churchill spoke in opposition to the charter amendment mailer.

Maggie Marcheese, resident, spoke in opposition to comments made during last month regarding City Manager's contract and spoke regarding her positive experiences with and support of staff.

Mr. Marcheese, resident, spoke in support of Los Alamitos.

Mayor Nefulda closed Oral Communications.

6. UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR

At this time, the Mayor may report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken.

Mayor Nefulda spoke regarding the upcoming Senior Expo on August 21, Serve Los Al and Celebrate Los Al on September 14, and Community Center Grand Re-opening and Ribbon Cutting on October 4.

7. UPDATES FROM THE CITY STAFF

At this time, City Staff 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.

City Manager Simmons stated he would pull item 10A until a later date.

8. WARRANTS

A. Warrants (Finance)

The attached Warrant Register contains checks and electronic funds transfers from July 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024.

Motion/Second: Hibard/Doby

Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Warrants from July 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024, in the amount of \$3,153,627.93.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Nefulda	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink	Aye
Council Member Doby	Aye
Council Member Hibard	Aye
Council Member Murphy	Aye

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink pulled item 9G.
Council Member Murphy pulled item 9C.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Hibard

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

A. Approval of Minutes (Administration)

Approved the City Council Regular Adjourned minutes of July 22, 2024.

B. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities' 2024 Annual Conference & Expo (Administration)

The League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo will be held in Long Beach, California from October 16-18, 2024. The League is requesting City Council designation of a Voting Delegate to the Annual Business Meeting. This item is for Council designation of a Voting Delegate and Alternate.

The City Council:

1. Appointed Mayor Jordan Nefulda to serve as the City's Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities 2024 Annual Business Meeting; and,
2. Appointed Mayor Pro Tem Shelley Hasselbrink to serve as the City's Alternate Voting Delegate in the event of the Voting Delegate's absence.

D. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report - June 2024 (Finance)

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

The City Council received and filed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – June 2024.

E. 2023 Annual Military Equipment Report (Police)

Assembly Bill 481 requires any law enforcement agency that maintains, acquires, and/or uses “military equipment,” as defined by statute, to obtain the approval, by ordinance, of the agency’s governing body. Further, any local agency governing body that has approved such an ordinance must review that ordinance annually and vote whether to renew such ordinance.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-34, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, RENEWING ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 04, 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)".

F. Orange County Grand Jury Report - Law Enforcement's Response to Mental Health Calls for Service (Police)

Response to the May 30, 2024, Orange County Grand Jury Report titled, Law Enforcement's Response to Mental Health Calls for Service.

The City Council:

1. Approved the attached response to the Orange County Grand Jury report titled "Law Enforcement's Response to Mental Health Calls for Service".
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the response letter on behalf of the City Council.

H. Orange County Grand Jury Report - Talking Trash: Recyclables and Organic Waste (Development Services)

The 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury (OCGJ) investigated how Orange County jurisdictions comply with the requirements and goals of the State of California Senate Bill 1383, which affects single-family residential units. The investigation is documented through a 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report titled “Talking Trash: Recyclables and Organic Waste.” The report revealed that the approaches to meeting Senate Bill 1383’s requirements vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. To maintain compliance with Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), the Orange County Grand Jury requires responses from each of the agencies affected by the report’s findings, which includes the City of Fountain Valley, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and thirty-two (32) other Orange County cities.

The presiding judge of the Superior Court must receive a response to each of the Grand Jury report findings and recommendations by September 10,

2024. City staff is seeking approval to respond to the Orange County Grand Jury.

The City Council:

1. Approved the attached response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury Report titled "Talking Trash: Recyclables and Organic Waste."
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the response letter on behalf of the City Council.

I. Award of Bid to Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the Street Improvements on Various Streets FY 2022-2023 Project (CIP No. 23/24-03) (Development Services)

This item recommends the awarding of a bid to begin the Street Improvements on Various Streets FY 2022-2023 Project (CIP No. 23/24-03). The City proposes to grind and overlay and slurry seal various residential streets throughout the City as part of the ongoing commitment to the pavement management program.

The City Council:

1. Awarded contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc., for construction for the Street Improvements on Various Streets FY 2022-2023 Project (CIP No. 23/24-03) project in the amount of \$1,405,000.00; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the Street Improvements on Various Streets FY 2022-2023 Project (CIP No. 23/24-03) project; and,
3. Authorized the City Manager to add work and execute change orders in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of 10% or \$179,000.

J. Award of Bid to Cat Tracking, Inc. for the Lexington Drive Traffic Calming, Visibility Improvement, and Parking Marking Modifications (CIP No. 23/24-09) (Development Services)

This item recommends the award of a bid to begin the installation of the Lexington Drive Traffic Calming, Visibility Improvement, and Parking Marking Modifications Project.

The City Council:

1. Awarded contract for construction for the Lexington Drive Traffic Calming, Visibility Improvement, and Parking Marking Modifications

Project (CIP No. 23/24-09) to Cat Tracking, Inc. for \$19,950; and,

2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Cat Tracking, Inc., for the Lexington Drive Traffic Calming, Visibility Improvement, and Parking Marking Modifications Project (CIP No. 23/24-09); and,
3. Authorized the City Manager to add work and execute change orders in the amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of 20% or \$3,990.

K. Award of Bid to Buckley Building, Inc. for the Los Alamitos Police Department Vehicle Canopy Project (CIP No. 23/24-07) (Development Services)

This item recommends awarding a bid to Buckley Building, Inc., DBA Outdoor Shade Concepts to begin the Los Alamitos Police Department Vehicle Canopy Project (CIP No. 23/24-07).

The City Council:

1. Awarded of contract for the Los Alamitos Police Department Vehicle Canopy Project (CIP No. 23/24-07) for \$95,240 to Buckley Building, Inc., DBA Outdoor Shade Concepts;
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Buckley Building, Inc., DBA Outdoor Shade Concepts for the Los Alamitos Police Department Vehicle Canopy Project (CIP No. 23/24-07); and,
3. Authorized the City Manager to add work and execute change orders in an amount not to exceed the contingency reserve of 10% or \$9,524.

L. Approval of the Request for Bids (RFB) 2025-01 and Authorization to Bid for On-Call Services for Hardscape Maintenance (Development Services)

This item facilitates the solicitation of bids to provide On-Call Services for Hardscape Maintenance citywide.

The City Council:

1. Approved the Request for Bids (RFB) 2025-01 and Authorization to Bid for On-Call Services for Hardscape Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and,
2. Authorized staff to advertise and solicit bid proposals.

End of Consent Calendar

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

C. Resolution No. 2024-14 – City Council Handbook (2024 Edition) (Administration)

For the Council's consideration is the City Council Handbook. The handbook highlights and enhances usability, relevance, and effectiveness in supporting Council Members in their roles.

City Council and Staff discussed the following:

- Council adopted policy for action minutes
- Clarification regarding the dress code policy
- Enforcement would not lead to disqualification in voting
- If there were violations, the discussion would come back to the council as a whole for a motion or censure
- Handbook provides guidelines and courtesy measures for Council to use their best judgment
- Council communication with Staff is to flow through the City Manager

Ms. Churchill requested to make a comment. Mayor Nefulda advised public comment period had closed.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Doby

Unanimously Carried: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-14, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE COUNCIL MEMBER HANDBOOK (2024 EDITION)".

G. Orange County Grand Jury Report - E-Bikes Friends or Foe (Police)

Response to the June 20, 2024, Orange County Grand Jury Report titled, "E-bikes Friend or Foe."

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink requested and received an update on E-Bikes from Chief Claborn.

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Doby

Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Approved the response to the Orange County Grand Jury report titled "E- bikes Friend or Foe".
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign the response letter on behalf of the City Council.

10. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Salary Schedule Clean-Up Changes for Non-Represented, California Teamsters 911, and Part-Time Employees (Administration)

This report seeks consideration to approve the various Salary Schedule clean-up changes to the Non-Represented Employees, California Teamsters 911, and Part- Time Employees.

City Manager Simmons tabled this item to a future date.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-35, entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND UPDATING THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES SALARY SCHEDULE” and,
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-36, entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, AMENDING AND UPDATING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CALIFORNIA TEAMSTERS LOCAL 911,” and,
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-37, entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND UPDATING THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS PART-TIME HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE”

11. 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 Doby spoke regarding attendance at Coffee with a Cop, the Association of California Cities—Orange County (ACC-OC) Legislative Roundtable; Congresswoman Steele’s Nonprofit of Distinctions Awards; a check presentation ceremony by Congresswoman Steele for Laurel Park; ACC-OC briefing on electric helicopters at John Wayne Airport; Concert in the Park at Orville Lewis, and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Board policy and board meetings; she requested Library Renovation information be added to the City’s website; and spoke of the upcoming Nites on Pine.

Council Member Hibard spoke regarding ownership discrepancies with the Parkwood Homeowners Association; attendance at the Coffee with a Cop; Association of California Cities—Orange County (ACC-OC) Legislative

Roundtable; Orange County Fair Welcome Dinner; Chamber of Commerce Breakfast; Congresswoman Steele's Nonprofit of Distinctions Awards; ACC-OC briefing on electric helicopters at John Wayne Airport; a check presentation ceremony by Congresswoman Steele for Laurel Park; Concert in the Park in the Highlands; and, Rotary Annual Fishing Derby. She encouraged residents to reach out to her.

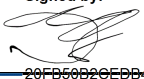
Council Member Murphy spoke regarding attendance at the Rotary Annual Fishing Derby, Orange County Fair Welcome Dinner, Association of California Cities—Orange County (ACC-OC) Legislative Roundtable, and a check presentation ceremony by Congresswoman Steele for Laurel Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at Congresswoman Steele's Nonprofit of Distinctions Awards, a check presentation ceremony by Congresswoman Steele for Laurel Park, Concern in the Park at Cottonwood, and Celebration of Life for former Council Member Leon Sjostrom.

Mayor Nefulda spoke regarding his attendance at the Orange County Sanitation Board meeting and advised that he had attended similar events as his colleagues. He stated his support for Concerts in the Park and looked forward to attending future community events.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m. to Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Signed by:

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Jordan B. Nefulda, Mayor

Attest:

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Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk