

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

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**July 21, 2025**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 21, 2025, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Mayor Hasselbrink presiding.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Council Members: None

**Present:** Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager  
Barbara Biscocho, Finance Manager  
Kyle Cain, Admin. Captain, Orange County Fire Authority  
Michael Claborn, Chief of Police  
Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney  
Craig Koehler, Finance Director  
Matthew Lightener, Management Analyst  
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

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Hibard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. INVOCATION**

Council Member Loe gave the Invocation.

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Oath of Office and Promotion for Los Alamitos Police Officer Gossett to the Rank of Sergeant**

Chief Claborn performed the Oath of Office for Officer Gossett.

Mayor Hasselbrink presented the listed awards.

##### **B. Presentation of a Certificate to Heidi Fong, Co-Owner of Meloodie's Dance Theater, in Recognition of Being Featured in the Mayor's Business Spotlight**

##### **C. Presentation of Certificate to Cheryl Vuong, Owner of Rise Up Athletics, in**

## **Recognition of Being Named a Los Alamitos Legacy Business Recipient**

- D. Presentation by Mike Dorman, Director of Engineering of Orange County Sanitation District, regarding the Cypress Trunk Sewer Project**  
Mr. Dorman gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Hasselbrink advised that Council agendas can be viewed on the City's website, and tablets were available for use if needed.

### **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.

Mayor Hasselbrink opened Oral Communications.

Anne Mallari spoke in opposition to the traffic at Cerritos and Humbolt and expressed thanks for the programs through Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.

Wendy Seeley, business owner, stated concerns regarding the striping on Cerritos Ave.

Frank Marchese spoke in favor of the City and thanked the Council for addressing the parking on Lexington.

Mayor Hasselbrink closed Oral Communications.

### **7. 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 Hasselbrink spoke regarding attendance at the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Leadership Summing and Golden Hub Awards, Airport Land Use Commission Board Meeting, Municipal Water District of Orange County dinner, Paws in the Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July Firework show, Suburbia Estates 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and ACC-OC Summer Legislation Reception. Mayor Hasselbrink referred to Council Member Hibard's June 9, 2025, regarding the United States Think Tank trip, and clarified it was not a city event she was not representing Los Alamitos, and not City funds were expended.

### **8. 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 requested an update from Development Services Director Noda.

Development Services Director Noda provided an update on Nites on Pine.

City Manager Simmons reported on the progress the City has accomplished in the last five years and advised that, effective immediately, Development Services Director Noda would be promoted to Assistant City Manager. Additional documents will come to the Council at a future meeting.

## 9. WARRANTS

### A. Warrants (Finance)

The attached Warrant Register contains checks and electronic funds transfers for the period from June 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

Motion/Second: Doby/Hibard

Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Warrants from June 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, for \$2,346,571.15.

### ROLL CALL

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| Mayor Hasselbrink      | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Doby     | Aye |
| Council Member Hibard  | Aye |
| Council Member Loe     | Aye |
| Council Member Nefulda | Aye |

## 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.

Council Member questioned item 10C.

Motion/Second: Doby/Nefulda

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

### A. Approval of Minutes (Administration)

Approved the City Council minutes for the Adjourned Regular meeting on June 9, 2025.

### B. 2024-2025 Orange County Grand Jury Report titled "Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals"(Development Services)

A response to the May 20, 2025, Orange County Jury Report titled "Long-Term Solutions to Short-Term Rentals".

The City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a response letter to the findings of the Orange County Grand Jury concerning Short-Term Rentals.

### C. Request to Waive Permit Fees for a Nonprofit Organization (Development Services)

Pursuant to Los Alamitos Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 17.30.040 Application Fees, City Council may waive certain fees for nonprofit organizations. This item is for City Council consideration of a request by Precious Life Shelter, a nonprofit social service facility in the City, for approval to waive Site Development Permit (SDP) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Development Fees for an upcoming development at its site.

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

Development Services Director Noda stated the City's Regional Housing Needs

Assessment (RHNA) requires 16 low-income units, and these 10 units would count towards that number.

Mayor Hasselbrink stated support.

The City Council authorized the City Manager or his designee to approve the waiver of Site Development Permit (SDP) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) fees for the nonprofit organization Precious Life Shelter.

**D. Award of Bid to Western State Builders for Soroptimist Park Renovation Project Construction Services (CIP NO. 24/25-08) (Development Services)**

This item recommended the award of a construction contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Western State Builders, for the Soroptimist Park Improvement Project (CIP No. 24/25-08) in the amount of \$197,150.65. The Park will see significant improvements to its original design and is a part of the City's commitment to modernizing recreational open spaces.

The City Council:

1. Awarded a construction contract to Western State Builders for the Soroptimist Park Improvement Project – CIP No. 24/25-08 in the amount of \$197,150.65; and,
2. Authorized the Mayor to execute the contract with Western State Builders for the Soroptimist Park Improvement Project; and,
3. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute change orders as needed, in an amount not to exceed a construction contingency of \$20,500; and,
4. Appropriated an additional \$52,000 from the General Fund for a total project budget of \$371,949.

**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 directions to report back or to place the item on a future Agenda.

Council Members Hibard and Nefulda stated nothing to report.

Council Member Loe thanked City Staff for all their hard work; stated attendance at the Paws in the Park, Nites on Pine, and Municipal Water District of Orange County dinner; and, requested the Fiscal Sustainability Pledge be brought to Council to reaffirm support.

Mayor Hasselbrink stated Division Chief Craig Covey, Orange County Fire Authority, was currently assisting with the incident in Texas and expressed well wishes for everyone affected.

Mayor Pro Tem Doby stated support for the Fiscal Sustainability reaffirmation and reported attendance at the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Leadership

Summing and Golden Hub Awards, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Board meeting, Sunburst Youth Academy Class of 35 Graduation, Orange County Council of Governments Board meeting, Orange County Sanitation District Board meeting, Roundtable Discussion with Orange County Fire Authority, ACC-OC Board meeting, and ACC-OC Summer Legislation Reception.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Shelley Hasselbrink, Mayor

Attest:

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Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk