

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council met in Adjourned Regular Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2026, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, Mayor Hasselbrink presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Members: None

Present: Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Barbara Biscocho, Finance Manager
Michael Claborn, Chief of Police
Kyle Kain, Captain Orange County Fire Authority
Michael S. Daudt, City Attorney
Craig Koehler, Finance Director
Matthew Lightener, Management Analyst
Jason Bruton, Recreation Manager
Irving Montenegro, Jr, Development Services Manager
Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk/Director of Communications
Chelsi Wilson, Administrative Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Nefulda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Council Member Hasselbrink gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Legislative Update Provided by Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen
Supervisor Nguyen provided a legislative update.

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 Doby opened Oral Communications.

Resident Ed stated opposition to item 11B.

Mayor Doby 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 Doby stated she had no announcements at this time.

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 except to provide direction to Staff to place an item on a future agenda.

City Manager Simmons stated item 10D should be corrected to Amendment 2, provided an update on the opening day of Sunburst Field, the Strategic Planning Workshop with Council, and the future study session, with March being the inaugural session to discuss Commission composition.

Manager Bruton elaborated on opening day at Sunburst field, spoke regarding upcoming Race on the Base and Weekend of Art, and encouraged residents to use the Los Al Link through the Circuit app.

9. WARRANTS

A. Warrants (Finance)

The attached Warrant Register contains checks and electronic funds transfers for the period from January 1, 2026, to January 26, 2026

Motion/Second: Nefulda/Hasselbrink

Unanimously Carried: The City Council ratified the Warrants from January 1, 2026, to January 26, 2026, for \$1,979,173.61.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Nefulda

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

A. Approval of Minutes (Administration)

Approved the City Council Regular minutes of January 20, 2026, and Special minutes of the January 29, 2026, meeting.

B. Resolution No. 2026-01 - Annual Update of the Records Management Program (Administration)

In October 2015, the City Council adopted the Citywide Records Management Program. As part of this program, a dedicated Records Management Day was established, along with annual updates to the records retention schedule. This item proposes revisions to the existing policy to strengthen and ensure the continued success of the Records Management Program.

The City Council adopted Resolution 2026-01, entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03 IN ITS ENTIRETY".

C. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report — December 2025 (Finance)

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

The City Council : Receive and file the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – December 2025.

D. Amendment No. 2 with The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for a Warehouse Lease Agreement (Development Services)

This item seeks to exercise a three (3) year extension option via an amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Los Alamitos and The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, for warehouse space at 10662 Los Vaqueros Circle.

City Manager Simmons noted this should be corrected to reflect Amendment No. 2.

The City Council:

1. Authorized the City Manager to exercise an optional three (3) year

extension term under the current Lease Agreement with The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for the use of warehouse space located at 10622 Los Vaqueros Circle; and,

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2, on a form approved by the City Attorney, to the Lease Agreement to extend the lease term with an amount not to exceed \$525,515.52 over three years.

11. ORDINANCE

A. **Ordinance No. 2026-01 – Adding Chapter 9.24 to Title 9 of the Los Alamitos Municipal Code Regulating the Sale of Nitrous Oxide (Administration)**

Consideration of a proposed ordinance to ban the sale, distribution, and advertisement for sale of nitrous oxide, devices designed to dispense nitrous oxide, and any device which contains any amount of nitrous oxide, except for specified medicinal or industrial purposes. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the public health and welfare against the sale and distribution of products which can cause serious and potentially life-threatening health complications such as low blood pressure, low oxygen, fainting, heart attack, and nerve damage, as well as long term effects such as increased risk of depression, psychosis, memory loss, muscle spasms, tinnitus, numbness, weakened immune system, and birth defects (if used during pregnancy).

City Attorney Daudt summarized the Staff report. Council and Staff discussed that this would not affect the operation and sale of legitimate medical uses (i.e., dental offices).

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Nefulda

Unanimously Carried: The City Council:

1. Introduce for first reading, read by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 2026-01; and,
2. City Attorney Daudt to read the title of Ordinance No. 2026-01 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.24 TO TITLE 9 OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NITROUS OXIDE"

B. Ordinance No. 2026-02 – Adding Chapter 9.28 to Title 9 of the Los Alamitos Municipal Code Relating to the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products (Administration)

Consideration of a proposed ordinance to ban the sale, distribution, and advertisement for sale of any product containing any part of the leaf of the plant *Mitragyna speciosa* (more commonly known as the kratom plant). The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the public health and welfare against the sale and distribution of products which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has identified as having opioid-like characteristics, and which pose a threat to the public health and safety.

City Attorney Daudt summarized the Staff report.

Council and Staff discussed the following:

- Age restrictions for the purchase of Kratom
- Proposed total ban due to the size of City and logistics surrounding enforcement efforts
- No known retailers or issue in Los Alamitos at this point in time
- Concern regarding total ban as whole leaf products can be beneficial
- Support for following County standards
- Ability to buy Kratom outside of the City
- Enforcement would be cost-prohibitive due to the required testing

Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Nefulda

Motion: Direct staff to revise Ordinance No. 2026-02, to allow natural whole-leaf Kratom for patrons age 18 and older, and to prohibit the 7-OH Kratom derivatives.

Council and Staff discussed that, similar to cannabis, differentiating between the various forms of Kratom would be difficult to enforce.

Amended Motion/Second: Hasselbrink/Doby

Unanimously Carried: The City Council: Directed staff to revise Ordinance No. 2026-02 to permit natural, whole-leaf Kratom for patrons age 18 and older, and to prohibit all Kratom derivatives.

12. 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 Hibard stated she had been walking her district and speaking with the residents.

Council Member Hasselbrink stated she had nothing to report.

Council Member Loe reported attendance at the Orange County Library Advisory Board meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Nefulda reported attendance at the Orange County Sanitation District Board Meeting and the Commissioner Appreciation Dinner.

Mayor Doby spoke regarding attendance at the Association of California Cities – Orange County Board meeting, Orange County Council of Governments Board meeting, Cal-Cities Committee meeting, Commissioner Appreciation Dinner, Southern California Cities Association of Governments Board meeting, and filmed two Mayor's Business Spotlights.

13. ADJOURNMENT

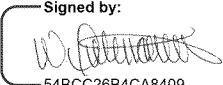
The City Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Signed by:

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Tanya Doby, Mayor

Attest:

Signed by:

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Windmera Quintanar, MMC, City Clerk