

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Adjourned Regular Meeting
June 9, 2008
3:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 3:00 p.m., on Monday, June 9, 2008, the Alhambra City Council and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency (ARA) met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

CITY COUNCIL/ARA BOARD MEMBERS:

**PRESENT: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
ABSENT: YAMAUCHI**

Officials Present: City Manager/ARA Executive Director Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel Richman, City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Moore, Director of Development Services/ARA Deputy Executive Director Martin, Director of Finance Longballa, Library Director Hernandez, Director of Public Works Swink, Director of Utilities, Director of Utilities Montan, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Chief of Police Hudson, Fire Chief Kemp, Deputy City Manager Schultz, and Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno.

CITY CLERK REPORT – NOTICE NO. N2M8-72

City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary **MOORE** reported that she duly gave notice of the Adjourned Regular Meeting being held this afternoon pursuant to the order of the Mayor and ARA Chairman and in accordance with Section 54955 of the Government Code of the State of California.

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

YAMAUCHI: At 3:15 p.m., Mr. Yamauchi entered the room.

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP – F2M8-17, F2M8-16

City Manager **FUENTES** reported that at their June 2, 2008 meeting, the Alhambra City Council and Agency Board moved into a workshop format for the purpose of discussing

with staff the proposed FY 2008–2009 Budget, including the first year (FY 2008-09) of the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. However, because of time constraints, the session was continued to this afternoon so that the Council and Agency Board could continue its discussion with staff and also give the respective department heads an opportunity to present their department's budgets to the Council/Agency Board and answer any questions the members might have. Mr. Fuentes noted that each department would be given 10 to 15 minutes to give an overview of their respective department's one-year budget.

Leading off was Deputy City Manager **SCHULTZ** who presented the Management Services budget, stating that a cost savings should be realized next fiscal year in consultant fees as the community survey is now finished. Capital projects included painting the exterior of City Hall. She also noted that there was an increase in the cost for our 2009 Rose Parade Float. Next followed City Clerk **MOORE** who stated that the primary expense for her department for FY 2008-09 would be the \$125,000 budgeted for the November 4, 2008 General Municipal Election. Director of Finance **Longballa** stated that in FY 2008-09 his department's new computerized financial management system project would be operational. With respect to the Personnel Department, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director **BACIO** stated that next year the City plans to change its medical services agreement from San Gabriel Valley Medical Center to Huntington Hospital which he felt would provide a better level of service for our employees .

Chief of Police **HUDSON** stated that people protection and crime reduction drive his department's budget, noting that crime was down 16 percent over last year. He also stated that the towing franchise agreements are up for review this coming year and they are looking at renting out the unused beds in the jail. Fire Chief **KEMP** stated that his department is in the process of implementing a new system for deployment which essentially would eliminate the need for a relief crew. With respect to capital projects, the City has received \$582 thousand in grant funds for expanding the training facility and they hope to enter into joint use agreements with neighboring fire departments for use of our training facility for a fee. Director of Development Services **MARTIN** stated that his department plans to have the new Residential Design Guidelines in place. Library Director **HERNANDEZ** stated that because of the new Civic Center Library opening in early fall, additional staff had to be budgeted. Additionally, they are increasing the number of computers from 45 to 146. Director of Community Services **JARVIS** and Director of Public Works **SWINK** each gave an overview of their proposed projects which centered more on maintenance than on new capital projects although the Veterans' Memorial and Gateway Plaza should be completed during FY 2008-09. The last presentation was that of Director of Utilities **MONTAN**; a copy of her PowerPoint presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office as F2M8-17.

In conclusion, Mr. **FUENTES** summarized that because of several uncertainties, such as the economy and the State budget situation, staff chose to take a conservative approach with this budget which is only a one-year rather than our usual two-year budget. He stated that right after July 1 staff plans to begin working on the FY 2009-10 budget and that they would be looking at consolidating departments; such as Utilities and Public Works, as one means of saving money and more efficiently using our equipment and

providing services.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:05 p.m., there being no further business for the City Council or the Agency Board to transact, with the unanimous consent of the City Council and Agency Board, the Mayor and ARA Chairman adjourned their respective meetings.

**FRANCES A. MOORE, CMC
CITY CLERK**