

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Joint Regular Meeting
November 10, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 10, 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, City Attorney/Agency Counsel Montes, City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Moore, Director of Development Services/ARA Deputy Executive Director Martin, Director of Finance Longballa, Chief of Police Hudson, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Sergeant-at-Arms La Guard

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Vice Chairman Ayala

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mr. SHAM, seconded by Dr. PLACIDO, and carried unanimously (SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA [YAMAUCHI, absent]), the City Attorney/Agency Counsel was instructed to read by title only all resolutions appearing in these minutes which are required by law to be read in their entirety.

Action Taken: Hearing no objections, the Mayor & Vice Chairman so ordered.

CITY BUSINESS

1. TAX EXEMPT FINANCING OF ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS 50-UNIT SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX – ATHERTON BAPTIST HOMES – F2M8-41, R2M8-31

Director of Development Services **MARTIN** reported that staff is requesting the City Council to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the issuance of not-to-exceed \$55 million tax-exempt revenue bonds for the construction of a 50-unit senior housing complex and refinancing of certain existing debt by Atherton Baptist Homes (“ABH”). Acting as a conduit, the City will issue the bonds and loan the proceeds to ABH under a loan agreement. The City will NOT have any responsibility or obligation to make

payments on the bonds other than from loan repayments by ABH. The City will assign its rights under the loan agreement to the bond trustee and payment of bonds will be made from loan repayments made by ABH directly to the bond trustee under the assigned loan agreement. Neither the good faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City is pledged to the repayment of the bonds. The City will receive a \$50,000 issuer's fee and all City costs (legal, duplication, etc.) will be reimbursed at the close of the bond issue. ABH has provided the City with a good faith deposit to cover any City costs incurred should the bond issue not be completed. The City Council conducted a public hearing on June 9, 2008, and adopted a resolution approving the financing. The City Attorney and Bond Counsel have reviewed and/or prepared the documents necessary to complete the sale of the bond issue.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-31** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 to finance the expansion, construction and equipping of continuing care retirement facilities by and for the benefit of the Atherton Baptist Homes and other matters related thereto*

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 2 – 6)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were considered by the Agency Board/City Council to be routine and, therefore, were enacted by one motion.

2. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: ASBESTOS & LEAD BASED PAINT REMOVAL - 231, 239 & 249 WEST MAIN – F2M7-508, F2M5-511, C2M8-502, N2M7-501, M2M8-517

Staff requested the Agency Board to accept as complete the work of ATE Environmental, Inc., under Contract No. C2M8-502 for the removal of asbestos and lead-based paint abatement at 231, 239, and 249 West Main Street and authorize the Executive Director and Assistant Secretary to respectively execute and file a Notice of Completion on behalf of the Agency for said Project as more fully discussed in the Deputy Executive Director's November 10, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-517** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Agency Board that this Board hereby

- 1) Accepts as being fully complete, the work of ATE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., for the Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint Abatement Project, (the "Project") under Contract No. C2M8-502;

- 2) Authorizes payment forthwith of the remaining unpaid balance, not to exceed 90 percent of the contract price, to said contractor, or assigns;
- 3) Authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Notice of Completion and the Assistant Secretary to record the same with the Los Angeles County Recorder; and,
- 4) Authorizes payment of the balance of the contract price to said contractor, or its assigns, on or about 35 days after recordation of said Notice of Completion; provided there have been no mechanic's lien or stop notices filed against said work which have not been paid, withdrawn or eliminated as a lien against said work.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: PLACIDO
 Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
 Noes: NONE
 Absent: YAMAUCHI

3. CLARIFICATION OF CHANGE ORDERS 4 THROUGH 8 & APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE -- 15 NORTH VALENCIA STREET – F2M6-71, C2M6-65, M2M8-1007

On July 24, 2006, the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency entered into an Affordable Housing Acquisition Agreement with AOF/Golden State Community Development Corporation (“AOF”) to rehabilitate an existing apartment building and produce 11 affordable senior units at 15 North Valencia Street. At the meeting of September 29, 2008 the City Council approved the Certificate of Completion and the following five Change Orders in an amount of \$73,127.92, including an anticipated savings of \$30,000.

#4	Molding & Stucco	\$ 6,600.00
#5	Fire Alarm Upgrades	8,935.20
#6	Sewer & Elevator	35,785.20
#7	Utility Permit Fees	19,411.00
#8	Gas Meter	<u>2,396.52</u>
		<u>\$73,127.92</u>
	Anticipated Credit	(<u>30,000.00</u>)
	Anticipated Total	<u>\$43,127.92</u>

Change Orders 4 through 8 totaled \$73,127.92; however, the approval of Change Orders 4 through 8 was worded so as to only approve the \$43,127.92. The \$30,000 anticipated credit calculated into Change Orders 4 through 8 would be taken from that savings realized in other areas of the approved budget. It is still necessary to pay the \$30,000 to AOF and staff sought to clarify that the total owed on Change Orders 4 through 8 was \$73,127.92.

In addition, staff was recommending that the Agency consider approving partial assistance for AOF for payment of the property taxes for 2007/08. The total property tax

bill for the first year of the project was \$23,270.36. Staff was seeking approval for \$11,635.18 in assistance toward the property taxes. AOF had since been granted tax-exempt status on the property and would only have to pay taxes of the first year they owned the property.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board/City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-1007** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board and City Council that this Council and Board hereby approve those certain Change Order Nos. 4 through 8 in the total amount of \$73,127.92 to that certain Affordable Housing Acquisition and Renovation Agreement, by and among the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency, the City of Alhambra, and AOF/Golden State Community Development Corporation, for 15 North Valencia Street, copies of which said Change Order Nos. 4 through 8 are on file in the City Clerk's office as Contract No. C2M6-65 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this Board hereby approves the payment of \$11,635.18 from Agency funds in assistance toward the 2007/08 property taxes for said real property.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

4. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M8-500**

Agency staff had submitted for the Agency Board's review and approval Accounts Payable for the period ended September 16, 2008, Check Nos. 10089 – 10109, in the total amount of \$1,695,888.88, for the period ended September 30, 2008, Check Nos. 10110 – 10149, in the total amount of \$273,380.54, for the period ended October 15, 2008, Check Nos. 10150 – 10200, in the total amount of \$728,988.95, and for the period ended October 31, 2008, Check Nos. 10201 – 10258, in the total amount of \$1,402,040.95.

Discussion: City Manager/ARA Executive Director **FUENTES** reported that he was the City's representative to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and that there was a charge on the Agency's Accounts Payable for website costs for Alhambra that belonged to the website the Partnership had put together.

Action Taken: Agency Board approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

5. TREASURER'S REPORT - F2M8-1

The Director of Finance had prepared the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2008, listing all of the City's and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency's investments as of September 30, 2008, a copy of which was on file in the office of the City Clerk as File No. F2M8-1.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council/Agency Board approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 15, 2008 Special Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, the September 22, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, and the September 29, 2008 Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council were ready for review and approval by both the Agency Board and/or the City Council.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board/City Council approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M8-14

City Attorney/Agency Counsel **MONTES** identified those items listed on this evening's agenda which would be discussed in Closed Session as follows:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54956.8):

- b) Property: 2121 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Panattoni Development and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Martin, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.
- c) Property: 1811 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Rich Wilson and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Martin, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.

Conference with Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a):

Allstar Fire Equipment Co. vs. City of Los Angeles, *et al.*,
LASC Case No. BS115556

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(b): None. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(c): 4 matters.

Discussion of Personnel Matters (Govt. Code Section 54957): None.

Conference with City's Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54957.6): None.

whereupon at 5:35 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved into closed session pursuant to applicable law, including the Brown Act (Government Code Sec. 54950, *et seq.*) for the purpose of conferring with the Agency Counsel/City Attorney.

RECONVENE & ARA RECESS: At 7:10 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved out of closed session with all members present, whereupon the ARA Chairman recessed the Agency's meeting until such time as the City Council had completed the public portion of its agenda.

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

RECONVENE & ROLL CALL: At 7:10 p.m., on Monday, November 10, 2008, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall

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

Officials Present: City Manager Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Moore, Director of Development Services Martin, Director of Finance Longballa, Deputy Director of Public Works Martin, Deputy Director of Public Works Meeker, Director of Utilities Montan, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Chief of Police Hudson, Fire Chief Stedman, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Library Director Hernandez, Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno, Sergeant-at-Arms La Guard

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Messina

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Dr. PLACIDO, seconded by Mr. SHAM, and carried unanimously (SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA, [YAMAUCHI, absent]) the City Attorney was instructed to read by title only all resolutions appearing in these minutes which are required by law to be read in their entirety.

CEREMONIALS:

1. PRESENTATION: CITY OF MONROVIA RECOGNIZING THE ALHAMBRA POLICE DEPARTMENT – F2M8-3M F2M8-88

MAYOR ROB HAMMOND of the **CITY OF MONROVIA** made a **PRESENTATION** on behalf of his City in recognition of the assistance provided by the **ALHAMBRA POLICE DEPARTMENT** during the gang activity in Monrovia earlier this year. **Mayor MESSINA** and **Chief of Police HUDSON** **accepted** the **plaque** on behalf of the City of Alhambra and its Police Department.

2. COMMENDATION: ERIC SUNADA – F2M8-3, F2M8-33

The City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, recognized **ERIC SUNADA** for his two years of faithful and loyal service as an **ALHAMBRA PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER**. **Mayor MESSINA** presented the **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** to **ERIC SUNADA**.

3. PRESENTATION: ULTRA LOW FLOW TOILET EXCHANGE PROGRAM – F2M-35, F2M8-3

As part of the City of Alhambra's water conservation program, the City, in conjunction with the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District ("SGVMWD"), participated in the

Ultra Low Flow Toilet Replacement Program. Alhambra residents could exchange their older toilet free of charge for a new water efficient toilet. This year, athletes from Alhambra High School were on hand for both the giveaway of new toilets on the day of the event and the return of old toilets by customers two weeks later. Money was earned by the high school athletes based on the number of Ultra Low Flow Toilets distributed.

This year 514 new Ultra Low Flow Toilets were distributed to Alhambra residents. Consequently, the SGVMWD wished to make a presentation this evening to recognize the efforts of the Alhambra High School Football Team, and additionally to acknowledge the collective efforts between the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the City which led to the success of this program. Therefore, in recognition of their hard work, a framed certificate and a **check** in the amount of **\$7,132.50** was presented by **SGVMWD Board Member MARK PAULSON** to **ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL Athletics Department Coach BRAMBILA**.

4. PROCLAMATIONS – F2M8-3

Ratified the action of Mayor Messina in proclaiming **OCTOBER & NOVEMBER, 2008** as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTHS**, respectively, in Alhambra. **Mayor MESSINA PRESENTED** the **PROCLAMATION** to **President NANCY HOVEN** and **Member ANNIE CHIN SIU, DDS., SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ALHAMBRA, SAN GABRIEL, SAN MARINO**.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 5 - 9)

All items, except Item No. 5, listed under the Consent Agenda were considered by the City Council to be routine and, therefore, were acted upon by one motion.

5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS – F2M5-37, F2M7-105, F2M1-99, M2M8-94

Staff requested Council authorization to allocate funds for the Alhambra Gateway Plaza Project, the Handicapped Ramps–Concord Avenue Project, and the Pavement Condition Plan Update required every 3 years by METRO, as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' November 10, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Director of Public Works **SWINK** reported that with the new expenditure guidelines staff could go up to \$50,000 on a contract. However, the City Manager had made a commitment to the Council that the money would have to be in the budget in order to spend it. The following three projects had not made it to the most recent budget, but there was funding available. Staff was asking that that money be allocated so that they could move forward. Regarding the Gateway Plaza, even though the project was \$275,000, staff wished to start design of the project so that staff could go out to bid, and that design was under \$50,000 and staff would award that contract as the money was

moved. Regarding the Handicapped Ramp project, the money was allocated through METRO for handicapped ramps in the amount of \$43,000. The Public Works Department was ready to do Concord Avenue between Fremont Avenue and the west City limits, thirteen ramps and one ramp on First Street near City Hall near the new handicapped parking. The Proposition C money for the Pavement Condition Update, was done once every three years so that the streets were eligible for Proposition C funding.

City Manager **FUENTES** noted staff had been working on the Gateway Plaza Project with the architect and they wished to present another concept to the City Council that required allocating some money to the architect to come back with a slightly different version of the project. Staff wished to create more of a Spanish-Moorish archway and change the overall appearance of the archway and the landscaping to create more of a garden setting. By allocating the money this evening, the City would be able to pay the architect to do the additional work. Before going out to bid, however, staff would bring that design back to Council for one further review of both the original concept and the second concept.

Citizen Input: **Lola ARMENDARIZ** asked if the City expected to spend \$275,000 on the entire Gateway Plaza project, to which City Manager **FUENTES** responded the \$275,000 was just an amount allocated in the budget. If the City could bring the project in for substantially less, then they would but that was an overall estimate.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-94** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs the Director of Finance to allocate:

- 1) \$275,000 consisting of \$125,000 from Caltrans through its Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) and \$150,000 of Los Angeles County Local Return (Prop A) funds to project account 310.70.7010.90848 in the Transportation Capital Improvements Fund for the Alhambra Gateway Plaza Project; and,
- 2) \$43,346.26 from the TDA Article III fund balance to project account 226.70.7110.90715 for the Handicapped Ramps–Concord Avenue Project; and,
- 3) \$23,795 from the Los Angeles County Local Return (Prop C) fund balance to project account 225.70.7722.62110 for the Pavement Condition Plan Update - METRO Project.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: SHAM
Ayes: SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA

Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

6. CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT: APPLICATION FOR FY 2008-2009 FUNDING – F2M8-79, F2M2-61, R2M8-30

Staff requested City Council authorization to apply for grant funding from the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services' Area Agency on Aging for the City of Alhambra Case Management Project, as more fully discussed in the Director of Community Services' November 10, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. The County has allocated \$33,831 to Alhambra's Case Management Project for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-30** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council authorizing the submittal of an Application for Grant Funding from the County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Citizens Services' Area Agency on Aging for the City of Alhambra Case Management Project for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the provision of care management to the senior and functionally impaired adult population of Alhambra.*

Vote: Moved: PLACIDO Seconded: SHAM
Ayes: SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

7. PARKING CITATIONS: AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF INGLEWOOD & ESTABLISH DELINQUENT CITATION COLLECTION ADM. FEE – F2M2-59, F2M4-74, C2M7-64, M2M8-95

Staff requested the City Council to (1) approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 07-132 with the City of Inglewood–Parking Citation Management Services adding “Comprehensive Delinquent Citation Collections Services” to the scope of services which will be provided by Inglewood’s collection agency subcontractor, Law Enforcement Systems (“LES”), and (2) establish a new City Delinquent Citation Collection Administrative Fee to recover the additional costs, as more as more fully discussed in the Director of Finance’s November 10, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-95** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

resolves as follows:

SECTION ONE: This Council hereby approves that certain AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 07-132 (the "Amendment"), by and between the CITY OF ALHAMBRA and CITY OF INGLEWOOD, dated effective November 10, 2008, adding the optional Comprehensive Collection Services provision to said Agreement, a copy of which Amendment is on file in the City Clerk's Office as Contract No. C2M7-64 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Amendment for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto.

SECTION TWO: This Council hereby approves that certain MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") entitled, *City of Inglewood ICMS—Law Enforcement Systems (LES) Comprehensive Delinquent Citation Collection Services Agreement for the City of Alhambra California*, implementing the Comprehensive Collection Services provision set forth in Section One hereof, a copy of which MOU is likewise on file in the City Clerk's Office as Contract No. C2M7-64 and incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein, and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to execute said MOU for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra.

SECTION THREE: As recommended by and justified in that certain November 10, 2008 report of the Director of Finance, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office as F2M2-59, this Council hereby adopts a new Delinquent Citation Collection Administrative Fee of 35% for accounts assigned to collection and an additional 10% for a total of 45%, for accounts greater than \$1,000 that are assigned to the Law Enforcement Systems (LES) collection attorney for civil judgment processing and filing in the Superior Court in accordance with the aforesaid MOU; and Exhibit A of Resolution No. R2M6-38, adopted on November 27, 2006, is hereby amended to reflect such action.

Vote: Moved: PLACIDO Seconded: SHAM
Ayes: SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

8. BID AWARD: MIDWICK MAIN LINE & VALVE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – F2M8-70, C2M8-44, N2M8-111, M2M8-93

On October 2, 2008, 12 bids ranging in price from \$381,665 (A.R. Sarmiento) to \$1,283,450.00 (MNR Construction Inc.) were received, opened and publicly declared by the City Clerk in response to Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-111 for the Midwick Mainline and Valve Replacement Project, as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' November 10, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Funds were available for this project in the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2008-09 in account number 401.80.8884.90836.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-93** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

1. Accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of A. R. SARMEINTO, INC., in the total amount of \$381,665.00, for the Midwick Mainline and Valve Replacement Project, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", subject to the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-111; and,
2. Approves that certain PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT with said successful bidder for said Project, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office as **Contract No. C2M8-44** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, after such Public Works Contract has been duly executed by said Contractor, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such Public Works Contract for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto.

Vote: Moved: PLACIDO Seconded: SHAM
Ayes: SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

9. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M8-2

Two lists of Personnel Actions have been prepared showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the October 13, 2008 City Council meeting; it was now appropriate to ratify those actions by the City Manager

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in those two certain Personnel Actions documents dated October 27, 2008 and November 10, 2008.

Vote: Moved: PLACIDO Seconded: SHAM
Ayes: SHAM, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: YAMAUCHI

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: F2M8-4, F2M8-29

1. **Lillian ANAYA** distributed to the Council copies of the October 27, 2008 City Council agenda, on file in the City Clerk's Office, taking issue with the cancellation of the 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting on October 27, 2008 due to a lack of quorum. She also objected to what she felt was the use of the Council Chambers for political purposes, stating she fully expected to file a formal complaint of an incident at the October 14, 2008 City Council meeting.

Mayor **MESSINA** stated that at no time had the Council violated any laws. With respect to the October 27, 2008 meeting at which there was not a quorum, the City Clerk complied with the Brown Act. She assured Ms. Anaya there was no intentional "plot" to deceive anyone.

2. Lola **ARMENDARIZ** spoke with regard to the City Council meeting on October 14, 2008 which she found disturbing as the comments given by many of the citizens speaking on behalf of Vice Mayor Placido appeared to be "orchestrated," in that they did not want to give either their last names or their addresses for fear of police retaliation. She also spoke to the Alhambra Police Department report given under Council Communications at the October 13, 2008 City Council meeting. Since it was under Council Communications, the public was not permitted to make comment on the report. She felt it was an item that should have been placed on the agenda so citizens might be permitted to speak on it.

Regarding the Alhambra Police Department report, Mayor **MESSINA** felt it was very important for the community to understand that the comments and the suggestions being made about public safety in Alhambra were so misstated and incorrect that she, as an elected official, felt an obligation to put the true facts before the public. For the Council to not be able to get the correct facts out to the public, she thought was a great injustice.

3. **Michael BLANCO**, 2513 El Paso Street, spoke regarding the Alhambra Police Association's activities during the last two election campaigns, commenting that he took exception with some of the political tactics used in the November 4, 2008 election. He then complimented the Council and the City Manager, and the City Attorney for their efforts on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) – F2M8-7

Councilmember **AYALA** noted that tomorrow, November 11, 2008, was Veterans' Day. The Council wished to recognize all of Alhambra's veterans for their services to the country. Mr. Ayala also announced that Thursday, November 13, 2008 was the "Great Southern California Shake-Out," at 10 a.m., where millions of Southern Californians will be pretending that "the Big One" has hit. Mr. Ayala encouraged all citizens to participate so that they may be as prepared as possible. Mayor **MESSINA** hoped citizens took all the earthquake preparations seriously.

Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** noted the City's Veterans' Memorial was under construction and should be completed by this time next year. Dr. Placido appreciated the support he had received from citizens in the November 4, 2008 election.

ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT – F2M8-3

Councilmember **SHAM** requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of an Alhambra resident and a good friend and business neighbor of his, Maria Luisa Gomez, who forty years ago opened up *Maria's Fashions* on Valley Boulevard. She passed away last month, on October 26, 2008. Mayor **MESSINA** also noted that Rebecca Bigler, a long-time Alhambra resident and active community leader, having served as President of the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra, San Gabriel and San Marino, lost her 20-year old daughter, Sarah, a New York fashion model, on November 9.

Therefore, at 8:00 p.m., the ARA Chairman reconvened the Agency meeting with all members present; and, as there was no further business for the Agency Board or Council to transact, with the unanimous consent of the Agency Board and City Council, the ARA Chairman and Mayor adjourned their respective meetings

**In honor and memory
of
MARIA LUISA GOMEZ
and
SARAH BIGLER**

to 5:30 a.m., on Monday, November 24, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California, for the purpose of meeting jointly.

**FRANCES A. MOORE, CMC
CITY CLERK & ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

**and
CRAIG ROGERS, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**