

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Joint Regular Meeting
November 24, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 24, 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:

COUNCIL: SHAM, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
ARA: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA, 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 Ponce

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairman Yamauchi

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Dr. PLACIDO, seconded by Mrs. MESSINA, and carried unanimously (SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA, YAMAUCHI), 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 and Chairman so ordered.

AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 1 – 6)

With the exception of Item No. 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.

1. AMENDMENT TO OPA: C.V. HOLDINGS, INC. – FORGIVABLE LOAN TO INSTALL SPRINKLER SYSTEM - 129 WEST MAIN STREET - F2M2-512, M2M8-518, C2M2-507

Staff requested that the Agency Board consider a First Amendment to an Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) with C.V. Holdings, Inc., dba *Azul*, to provide a forgivable

loan (in the amount of \$50,000 [12/8/08 Minute Correction]) to install a sprinkler system at 129 West Main Street as more fully discussed in the ARA Deputy Executive Director's November 24, 2008 report on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-518** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this Agency Board hereby approves that certain Agreement entitled, FIRST AMENDMENT TO OWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (OPA), by and between the ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY and C.V. HOLDINGS, INC., dba AZUL, dated November 24, 2008, a copy of which document is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Contract No. C2M2-507 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute said document for and on behalf of the Agency.

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

2. PARCEL MAP NO. 70241 - F2M8-11, M2M8-97

Tentative Parcel Map No. 70241 was originally approved by the Planning Commission on October 15, 2007, to consolidate the various Atherton properties of the Atherton Baptist Homes complex into one parcel. The lot consolidation was required as a condition of approval for a 50-unit senior apartment complex at 625 West Commonwealth Avenue. The Tentative Map was approved for a period of two years in accordance with State law, during which time the Map is to be recorded. All conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map had been met. The City Engineer had signed the map and recommended recordation of the same.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-97** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council as follows:

SECTION ONE: Based upon the recommendation of the Director of Development Services in his report dated November 24, 2008, this Council hereby finds and determines that the said project located at 625 West Commonwealth Avenue, in the City of Alhambra, County of Los Angeles, State of California, being all of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 of Alhambra Vista, as per map recorded in Book 12, Page 91 of Maps, and being all of Lots 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, & 50 of Washington Irving Tract, as per map recorded in Book 12, Page 144 of

Maps, and being all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8, of Tract 1608, as per map recorded in Book 22, Pages 30 & 31 of Maps, and a portion of Lot 9, Range 14, and a portion of Lot 9, Range 14½, of the Alhambra Addition Tract, as per map recorded in Book 3, Pages 298 & 299 of Miscellaneous Records, all records of Los Angeles County in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder, will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66473.5, 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act of the State of California

SECTION TWO: This Council hereby approves PARCEL MAP NO. 70241, and authorizes the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map the certificate which embodies the approval of said map.

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

3. TRACT MAP NO. 66943 - F2M8-11, F2M6-92, M2M8-98

Tentative Tract Map No. 66943 was originally approved by the Planning Commission on May 21, 2007, for a 51-unit senior condominium complex at 210 North Monterey Street, for a period of two years in accordance with State law, during which time the Map was to be recorded. All conditions of approval of the Tentative Tract Map had been met including the municipal restrictions, reviewed and approved by the Planning Division staff. The City Engineer had signed the Tract map and recommended recordation of the same. Approval and recordation of this map was now appropriate.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-98** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council as follows:

SECTION ONE: Based upon the recommendation of the Director of Development Services in his report dated November 24, 2008, this Council hereby finds and determines that the herein below described project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66473.5, 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act of the State of California.

SECTION TWO: This Council hereby approves TRACT MAP NO. 66943, and authorizes the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map the certificate which embodies the approval of said map and acceptance of dedications

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

4. TREASURER’S REPORT - F2M8-1

The Director of Finance had prepared the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2008, listing all of the City's and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency's investments as of October 31, 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: AYALA Seconded: SHAM
 Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
 Noes: NONE
 Absent: NONE

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 13, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, the Minutes of the October 27, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, and the Minutes of the November 10, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council were submitted 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: AYALA Seconded: SHAM
 Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
 Noes: NONE
 Absent: NONE

6. AMENDMENT TO OPA: – VOLKSWAGEN ALHAMBRA – 1811 & 1831 WEST MAIN STREET - F2M8-513, C2M8-510, M2M8-519

Director of Development Services **MARTIN** reported that staff is requesting that the Agency Board consider a First Amendment of an Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) with *Volkswagen Alhambra* to provide financial assistance as an incentive for the development of a Volkswagen new car auto dealership at 1811 and 1831 West Main Street and to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan for the Alhambra Industrial Redevelopment Project Area.

He further reported that the Agency had approved in August, 2008, an agreement with

Alhambra Volkswagen, owned by Rich Wilson, to provide assistance with the acquisition of the property at 1811 West Main Street, commonly known as the old Dodge site and vacant for a number of years, with the idea that Mr. Wilson would purchase the property, using Agency assistance of \$2 million and then the Agency would also provide a one-time assistance to lease the property immediately to the west at 1831 West Main Street where the Agency has been involved for a number of years with other dealerships at that site. Since then, Mr. Wilson, in getting his financing for the project and working with Chrysler Corporation, who currently owns the property, requested a change in his initial request which would require a greater amount of “up front” money by the Agency but overall less subsidy by the Agency. Consequently, the original proposal for the Project was \$2 million over 15 years plus \$300,000 up front, and the Amendment presently before the Agency is for \$1 million up-front to be used to rehab the existing facility to be paid out in progress payments and then the \$300,000 for the lease subsidy to be paid out annually for 10 years instead of up-front.

City Manager **FUENTES** added that as the Agency looked at the crisis we are having with auto dealerships across the country, there are dealerships that were holding their own. Volkswagen appeared to be in sound shape and bringing them to Alhambra would be a significant component to the automotive area of the City.

Discussion: **Rich WILSON**, owner of *Alhambra Volkswagen*, noted that he currently had a dealership in the City of Pasadena, adding they are the 10th largest Volkswagen dealership in the country. He stated that he serves on the national dealer council for Volkswagen; consequently, he was close to what was going on. Volkswagen was one of the few franchises that was holding its own. Mr. Wilson commented that this was the most difficult market he has ever experienced and the most difficult economy. They were struggling for every deal, but their service and parts department were doing great and that was how they were surviving. Mr. Wilson noted Alhambra was the most progressive city he had ever encountered and he thanked the Agency Board for that. Mayor **MESSINA** expressed the Agency’s appreciation to Mr. Wilson for doing business in Alhambra.

Action Taken: Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-519** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this Agency Board hereby approves that certain FIRST AMENDMENT TO OWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (OPA), by and between the ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY and RICHARD A. WILSON dba ALHAMBRA VOLKSWAGEN, dated November 24, 2008, (the “Amendment”), a copy of which Amendment is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Contract No. C2M8-510 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein, to provide financial assistance to be applied toward the rehabilitation of the dealership property and to offset rental lease payments of the adjacent property located at 1811 and 1831 West Main Street, respectively; and, the ARA Chairman is hereby authorized to execute said Amendment for and on behalf of the Agency and the Secretary is hereby authorized to attest the same and affix the Seal of said Agency thereto.

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

Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

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):

- a) Property: 47 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Michael Fata 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.
- b) Property: 101-B West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Heung Kim 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: 110 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Joe Singh 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): None.

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): 1 matter.

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

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

whereupon at 5:41 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 7:06 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 24, 2008
7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE & ROLL CALL: At 7:06 p.m., on Monday, November 24, 2008, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall

PRESENT: SHAM, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
ABSENT: NONE

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, Director of Public Works Swink, 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 Services Manager Dang, Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno, Sergeant-at-Arms Ponce

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Messina

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mr. YAMAUCHI, seconded by Mr. SHAM, and carried unanimously (SHAM, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA) 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. RECOGNITION OF DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES CHRISTINE M. MONTAN & CITY MANAGER'S REPORT RE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS - F2M8-2, F2M8-3

A. Director of Utilities Christine M. Montan

Ms. Montan will officially retire as Director of Utilities effective December 15, 2008. The Alhambra City Council and City Manager recognized at this time the many accomplishments of Ms. Montan and commended her for her outstanding and distinguished 22+ years of service to our community.

Mayor **MESSINA**, assisted by City Manager **FUENTES**, presented the commendation to Director of Utilities **MONTAN**.

B. Report re Organizational Changes in the Departments of Utilities and Public Works

City Manager **FUENTES** reported upon the changes in the City's organization resulting from the retirement of Ms. Montan and introduced his newly appointed Department Heads: Director of Public Works Mary Swink will now become the Director of Utilities/Deputy City Manager and Deputy Director of Public Works Mary Chavez will become the Director of Public Works, with each appointment effective December 15, 2008.

2. COMMENDATION: JONATHAN TRUONG & TIMOTHY PAULSON – F2M8-3, F2M8-33

The City Council was saddened to learn of the recent resignations of two Alhambra Youth Commissioner; consequently, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, the City Council wished to recognize **TIMOTHY PAULSON** for his 3 years and **JONATHAN TRUONG** for his 1-1/2 years of loyal and valued service to our community as **ALHAMBRA YOUTH COMMISSIONERS**. Mayor **MESSINA** presented a **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** to **JONATHAN TRUONG**. A **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** will be bas mailed to **TIMOTHY PAULSON** who was working this evening.

PRESENTATION:

3. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M8-58

On June 2, 2008, the City Council and Executive Staff met to review and set new three-year goals (2008-2011) and six-month objectives to implement the City's strategic plan. During the strategic planning process, it was determined that the staff will review the progress of the goals and objectives and present to the City Council the status on a monthly basis. Assistant to the City Manager **HAYASHI** updated the Council regarding the Strategic Plan, stating this was staff's final report on the progress made for the six-month objectives that had been developed in June 2008 which was more fully discussed in her November 24, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: Mayor **MESSINA** complimented Assistant City Manager Hayashi on her recent work with the Code Enforcement Program. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** requested updates on the Veterans' Memorial Project and the Youth Commission video program, to which Director of Public Works **SWINK** reported ground had been broken the last week of October and the Project was almost 50% completed. Currently underway was the irrigation and a foundation for the "wall." One contractor was doing the landscape/hardscape. A second contractor, possibly starting the second week in December, was working on the fountain. The project might be completed in the next four weeks. As of this date, there were no change orders. Staff hoped to have a grand

opening in early January.

Director of Community Services **JARVIS** stated that the Youth Commission had distributed applications to all the high schools and several grammar schools as well. The Commission had invited area youth to participate in a film competition but, because of the low response, the Youth Commissioners extended the deadline to December 4, 2008. Currently, there were two entries. The Youth Commission will review the tapes at their next meeting, the second Tuesday of December. Mayor **MESSINA** noted there were several openings on the Youth Commission. She invited interested young people to complete an application for the open positions and submit the applications to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Regarding the re-establishment of "Alhambra Beautiful," Mayor **MESSINA** indicated the Council would meet with their ambassadors in January, 2009.

Action Taken: Received and ordered filed the informational report presented this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 4 - 8)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were considered by the City Council to be routine and, therefore, were acted upon by one motion.

4. NIB: ALHAMBRA HILLS & GRANADA PARK NEIGHORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - F2M8-86, N2M8-139

Plans and specifications for the repaving of 25 street segments in the area of Alhambra Hills and Granada Park neighborhoods had been completed. The project included residential streets west of Fremont Avenue south of Hellman Avenue and south of Ramona Road south of the I-10 freeway. Consequently, staff was requesting City Council authorization to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for the Alhambra Hills and Granada Park Street Improvement Project.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Authorized the City Clerk to advertise **Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-139** for the Alhambra Hills & Granada Park Neighborhood Street Improvement Project, with bids to be received on or before 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 8, 2009, in the office of the City Clerk, and publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. that same day.

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

5. ACCEPT GRANT: FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE & ALLIANZ LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA HERITAGE GRANT – F2M8-18, M2M8-99

Staff requested the City Council ratify the action of the Fire Department on October 23, 2008 in accepting from the *Fireman's Fund Insurance Company* and *Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America* a \$15,000 Fireman's Fund Heritage Program Grant to be used for the purchase of one thermal Imaging Camera with accessories, as well as for augmenting the Fire Department's ability to provide current public education materials and continue the Department's involvement in fire prevention at the community level.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-99** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts with deep appreciation the \$15,000 grant from the *Fireman's Fund Insurance Company and Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America*; ratifies the action of the Fire Chief, or his authorized designee, in accepting such grant for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra; and directs the Director of Finance to deposit said funds into line accounts 101.30.3110.61102 in the amount of \$10,283.75 and 101.30.3130.64110 in the amount of \$4,716.25.

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

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M8-2

A list of Personnel Actions has been prepared showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting. It would be appropriate to ratify those actions by the City Manager

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated November 24, 2008.

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

7. DEMANDS - F2M8-1

Final Check List (102142 thru 102319) in the amount of \$1,992,171.20 for the period ended October 9, 2008, Final Check List (102320 thru 102495) in the amount of \$1,045,328.36 for the period ended October 16, 2008, Final Check List (102496 thru 102695) in the amount of \$2,456,895.94 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$376,504.48 for the week ended October 23, 2008, Final Check List (102696 thru 102928) in the amount of \$708,704.15 for the week ended October 30, 2008, Final Check List (102929 thru 103124) in the amount of \$2,038,846.90 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$376,242.72 for the week ended November 6, 2008, and Final Check List (103125 thru 103284) in the amount of \$576,929.68 for the week ended November 13, 2008, were submitted for Council's approval.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Approved as submitted.

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

8. FY 2006-2007 APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS, CARRYOVERS & TRANSFERS, & CARRYOVERS, DESIGNATION OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES; FY 2007-2008 BUDGET REVISIONS - F2M6-17, F2M8-17, R2M8-33

In June, 2006, the City Council adopted the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 fiscal year budgets that appropriated sums of money to the various departments, offices, boards, commissions, and accounts of the City of Alhambra within each fund. Because of the costs associated with previously approved capital projects or unavoidable costs incurred, several budget line items are in need of adjustment. In addition, each department has examined their valid contracts and purchase orders and their unexpended, unencumbered appropriation balances at June 30, 2008 for carryovers to the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget. The resulting requests and fund balance designations have been reviewed by the City Manager and Director of Finance were ready for approval by the City Council.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-33** entitled *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council approving those certain Fiscal Year-end 2007-2008 Carryovers, Designation of 6-30-08 Unreserved General Fund Balance and Reappropriation of Outstanding Encumbrances.*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

9. SAN GABRIEL WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY ELECTION – F2M8-73, R2M8-32

The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) was created by State legislation on September 19, 1992. The WQA is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 7 members, one of which is elected by cities with pumping rights (of which Alhambra is included) in the San Gabriel groundwater basin, and one of which is elected by cities without pumping rights in the basin (city members). The Board exists to coordinate groundwater cleanup projects in the 167 square mile San Gabriel Basin, between Alhambra and La Verne consisting of 24 cities and 1 million residents. The nominations for candidates representing cities with pumping rights are: Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier, and Ernest Gutierrez, City of El Monte. At their September 29, 2008 meeting, the City Council nominated Greg Nordbak as a candidate. Each City, according to the enabling legislation, may only vote for one candidate. Based on population, Alhambra has nine (9) votes. The City's resolution must be received at the WQA's headquarters not later than December 15, 2008 via certified mail or hand delivery.

Discussion: Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** indicated that this item had been up before the Council for discussion before. He nominated Greg Nordbak from the City of Whittier.

Action Taken: Adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-32** entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alhambra, California, casting its vote(s) for Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier, to represent cities with prescriptive pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, and directed Staff to hand-deliver a certified copy of said Resolution to the Water Quality Board prior to December 15, 2008.*

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: F2M8-4

1. **Charles CHOHIME**, 900 South Atlantic Boulevard, stated he took care of a building at Atlantic and San Marino and that six months ago when the City's contractor was paving Atlantic Boulevard, the contractor used the lawn at that corner as part of a work/storage area and that as a result he lost his irrigation system for the lawn. Of a 50-foot green area they took approximately 30 feet, leaving Mr. Chohime with 20 feet that they had to

maintain. He requested the City to cement the 20 feet that had been left over so that the area could be better maintained, or plant another two trees. That would make it easier for either the City or Mr. Chohime to maintain this property. Mayor **MESSINA** referred Mr. Chohime to Director of Public Works Swink.

2. **Joan CHUN**, 309 South Almansor, thanked members of the Alhambra Police Department for their responsiveness with a problem her apartment complex was having with the parking of commercial trucks. She also thanked Code Enforcement for their assistance in having a tree removed at the street corner of Almansor Street and Mission Road that obstructed motorists' view.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) – F2M8-7, F2M8-2

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** congratulated Vice Mayor Placido on his re-election as City Councilmember of the Fourth District. He also congratulated former Youth Commissioners Jonathan Truong and Tim Paulson for their service to the community, retiring Director of Utilities Montan for the wonderful job she had done for the City, and newly appointed Director of Utilities Mary Swink and newly appointed Director of Public Works Chavez upon their respective appointments, as well as Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi for her efforts. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** also congratulated Ms. Montan upon her retirement. He had gotten to know Chris Montan through Rotary. Ms. Montan was a shining example of someone who had, over the last 20 years, left the City a better place that she had found it. The City appreciated her efforts. Dr. Placido invited citizens to drop off food at All Souls Church for St. Vincent de Paul's food collection for needy families this coming Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30.

Mr. **AYALA** also congratulated Ms. Montan for her service to the City of Alhambra and Ms. Swink for her appointment to Director of Utilities. Mr. Ayala discussed a League of California Cities briefing he had attended that discussed the state of the economy and the State of California's \$11 billion shortfall and the pending debate over such items as a 1½% sales tax increase and restoration of the vehicle license fee. One highlight of that briefing was a bill regarding global warming solutions that suggests that by the year 2020 the State had to reach greenhouse gas levels of 1990, significantly lower than today. A second bill, SB 375, would look at how the first bill was implemented. Because the City has a Strategic Planning retreat planned for next month, Mr. Ayala felt the Council needed to focus on this issue. Mr. **SHAM** also congratulated Ms. Montan for her service to the City and Mary Swink and Mary Chavez on their appointments. Mr. Sham invited all residents to attend the Alhambra Downtown Association's December 5, 2008, 5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Renaissance Plaza.

Mayor **MESSINA** noted that Christine Montan came to the City in 1986, the same year Mrs. Messina came "on board" on the City Council. Ms. Montan was responsible for the Alhambra Community Transit buses. She noted that Ms. Montan followed through on everything she was involved in and always gave 100%. Mayor Messina also congratulated Mary Swink and Mary Chavez on their respective appointments. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. After this evening's meeting, Mayor Messina was accepting from the public financial contributions to

take to Granada School tomorrow. Granada school was collecting donations for turkeys to give to needy families.

RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved out of closed session with all members present; and, as there was no further business for the City Council or the Agency Board to transact, the Mayor and Agency Chairman, with the unanimous consent of the Council and Agency Board, adjourned their respective meetings to **8:00 a.m.**, on **Thursday, December 4, 2008**, in **Salon 4** of **Almanson Court, 700 South Almanson Street, Alhambra**, California, for the purpose of meeting jointly to discuss and update the City's Strategic Plan (**Notice No. N2M8-140**).

FRANCES A. MOORE, CMC
CITY CLERK & ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY
and
CRAIG ROGERS, CMC
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK