

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Joint Regular Meeting
January 26, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009, 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: 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, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Sergeant-at-Arms La Guard

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairman Yamauchi

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mr. SHAM, 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 – 3)

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. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M9-500

Agency staff submitted for the Agency Board's review and approval Accounts Payable for the period ended January 15, 2009, Check Nos. 10378 – 10398, in the total amount of \$530,003.75.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Agency Board approved as submitted.

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

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - F2M8-1

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

3. MINUTES & MINUTES MEMORANDUM – F2M9-26, F2M5-513

A. The Minutes of the (8:00 a.m.) December 4, 2008 Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council and Alhambra Redevelopment Agency 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: AYALA Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

B. Additionally, in order to create a permanent record for an item and to electronically index the same, it becomes necessary from time-to-time to enter such an item into the Minutes so that the document can be properly maintained and retrieved once filed. Such an item is as follows:

Deed No. D2M9-512: Grant Deed – Brian D. McKay, Grantor, and Alhambra Redevelopment Agency, Grantee, re property at 534 Howard Street (No. 198.31 feet of Lot 10

of Tract No. 3834) recorded on April 30, 2004 as Instrument No. 04-1073002 – File No. F2M5-513

File No. F2M9-26: Destruction of Records (commencing with CY 2009 – formerly F91-10 for CY 1991 thru 2008)

Since this item is for archival purposes only, no action was required by the Agency Board/City Council with respect to same.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M9-14

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):
None.

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

City of South Pasadena vs. Slater, District Court Case No. 98-CV-6996-DDP

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 5:31 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 7:00 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**

**January 26, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

RECONVENE & ROLL CALL: At 7:00 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

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

Officials Present: 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 Chavez, 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. YAMAUCHI, and carried unanimously (SHAM, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA [SHAM, 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. PRESENTATION: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – F2M6-17

Director of Finance **LONGBALLA** reported that the City's auditor, Diehl, Evans & Company LLP, had completed its annual audit of the City's and the Agency's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008, and had issued the following reports thereon:

City of Alhambra - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
and
Alhambra Redevelopment Agency - Component Unit Financial
Statements and Supplemental Information

He then introduced **Daphne MUNOZ, Audit Engagement Manager, Diehl, Evans & Company LLP** who presented the reports to the City Council, highlighting the key areas of interest. Copies of these reports are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Received and ordered filed the annual audit reports for the year ended June 30, 2008.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M8-58

On December 4, 2008, the City Council and Executive Staff met to review the current three-year goals (2008-2011) and six-month objectives to implement the City's strategic plan. Approximately every six months, the City Council and Executive Staff meet to update the objectives. During the strategic planning process, it was determined that the staff would review the progress of the goals and objectives and present to the City Council the status on a monthly basis. Deputy City Manager **SCHULTZ** updated the Council regarding the Strategic Plan, which progress is more fully discussed in the Deputy City Manager's January 26, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Citizen Input:

- 1) **Lola ARMENDARIZ** requested staff give a short summary of at least one item from each page of the Strategic Plan Update so that citizens might be better informed as to what was happening in the City. She questioned the delay in a resolution to the problems at Home Depot, which included food vendors, loitering, and gambling. Regarding Gateway Plaza construction, she thought the City should eliminate the proposed fountain. She also wished to know what was causing the delay in completion of the Veterans' Memorial.

Chief of Police **HUDSON** stated that the issues with Home Depot go beyond the City limits. The City has had at least six conversations with the local Home Depot to look into successful programs. Unfortunately, given the economy, Home Depot is not willing to commit the resources necessary to bring in a resource provider, or something along those lines. If that resource center were in a place, the City could direct people where to seek employment. Ongoing discussions were taking place; however, the primary concern for Home Depot is dollar resources they would have to put into such a project. Meanwhile, his department's Community Policing Section has been monitoring the site and issuing citations for such things as drinking in public, urinating in public, and things along those lines and they will continue to do so.

Regarding Gateway Plaza construction, Director of Utilities **SWINK** stated the project was 100% funded by specific grants. There was no General Fund money in the project. If the project were not done, the City would just give the money back to Metro and to Caltrans. The planned garden was a formal garden with boxwood shrubs with a pattern around the arch and the planting on side which staff called "messy," to denote the opposite of formal. In response to Mayor

MESSINA's question regarding lack of availability for sports at this location, Ms. **SWINK** reported that was correct. Responding to Vice Mayor **PLACIDO**, Ms. **SWINK** stated the Council would see another rendering before the project went out to bid. Because of the size of the proposed arch and the current limited visibility as designed, staff was working with the architect to turn it so that it could be seen from all four angles. She attributed the delay in the Veterans' Memorial project to the rainy weather.

- 2) **Lillian ANAYA** spoke to possible water rate increases, paramedic fees and rate adjustments, the frequency of automatic adjustments, and City assessments. She also asked for an explanation regarding nonessential properties and why the City was still paying for valet parking, keeping the Library open Sundays, and proposed City worker classes on customer service training. She asked what sort of residential street improvements was the City pursuing, and what would the City be paying for these improvements.

With respect to fees, Mayor **MESSINA** responded that Ms. Anaya's concerns would be addressed at the City Council's February 2 adjourned regular meeting. Regarding customer service training, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director **BACIO** stated that currently staff was not looking into hiring a trainer.

Discussion: Regarding Ms. Armendariz' question of a short summary of one item from each page of the Strategic Plan Update, Mayor **MESSINA** responded the report was primarily brainstorming and that the report covered a lot of information. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** noted there was little the police or City could do regarding loitering on Home Depot property. To which Chief **HUDSON** added if there were activities that drew attention to the workers that was when the police got calls from Home Depot or the patrons in terms of the sleeping, drinking, gambling. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** thought control of their property was one of the conditions of approval for Home Depot, to which Director of Development Services Martin indicated it was not. Regarding delivery times as conditions of approval, Mr. **MARTIN** stated there were some conditions on deliveries at the beginning. Over the years the City has worked with Home Depot to modify their deliveries. The project was designed to receive deliveries on the east side at the rear of the building, but the neighbors complained about that so staff has worked with them over the years to move deliveries to the front and at the south end of the building. They have been receiving deliveries to the front of the building, which somewhat buffers the noise for the neighbors.

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 3 – 13)

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

3. ACCEPT GIFT: FRIENDS OF THE ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – F2M9-12, M2M9-3

Staff requested that the City Council accept a gift of \$1,145 from the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library to support the Library's holiday program events, as more fully discussed in the Library Director's January 26, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None

Action: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-3** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts with gratitude the gift of \$1,145 from the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library (101.50.46730) to support the Library's holiday program events, and directs the Director of Finance to allocate the funds to the Alhambra Civic Center Library Fund as follows: \$695.00 to Library Special Departmental Supplies (101.50.5010.64110) and \$450.00 to Library Special Departmental Services Account (101.50.5010.62510); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library.

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

4. ACCEPT GIFT: RUTH C. REESE LIFETIME TRUST DONATION TO THE ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – F2M9-12, M2M9-4

Staff requested that the City Council accept a gift of \$30,000 from the Ruth C. Reese Lifetime Trust to support services at the Alhambra Civic Center Library, as more fully discussed in the Library Director's January 26, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-4** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts with gratitude the gift of \$30,000 from the Ruth C. Reese Lifetime

Trust (101.00.46701) to support services at the Alhambra Civic Center Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the Ruth C. Reese Lifetime Trust.

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

5. DONATION: KAYA FAMILY TRUST - F2M9-12, M2M9-5

Staff requested the Council to accept a gift of \$1,000 from the Kaya Family Trust to enhance the Library's collection of new books, as more fully discussed in the Library Director's January 26, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. The Kaya Family Trust had requested that no resolution or formal recognition be given in connection with this gift.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-5** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts with gratitude the gift of \$1,000 from the Kaya Family Trust into revenue account (101.00.46701) to enhance the Library's book collection, and directs the Director of Finance to allocate \$1,000 to the Alhambra Civic Center Library Book Account (101.50.5010.98501).

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

6. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: SEISMIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – F2M8-47, F2M3-33, C2M8-34, N2M8-43, M2M9-6

Staff requested the City Council to accept the work of T.A. Rivard, Inc., for completion of the Seismic Improvements Project for retrofitting the connections at the Garfield, Marengo and Palatine Reservoirs. The completed total contract amount was \$265,845.05 which left a balance of \$6,821.65 to be returned to fund balance. The work had been inspected by staff and the contract engineer and determined to be in compliance with the contract specifications.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-6** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

- 1) Accepts as being fully complete, the work of T. A. RIVARD, INC., for the Seismic Improvements Project (the "Project") under Contract No. C2M8-34;
- 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 City Manager to sign the Notice of Completion and the City Clerk 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: AYALA Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

7. NIB: ALHAMBRA HILLS WATERLINE PROJECT – F2M9-27, N2M9-13

Staff requested City Council authorization to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for the Alhambra Hills Waterline Project, as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' January 26, 2009 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. Funding was provided by the City's Water Fund Balance.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Authorized the City Clerk to advertise **Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-13** for the Alhambra Hills Waterline Project, with bids to be received on or before 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 19, 2009, in the office of the City Clerk, and publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. that same day.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: PLACIDO

Ayes: YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

8. NIB: RESIDENTIAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – EMERY PARK HILLS & MIDWICK PARK AREAS – F2M9-28, N2M9-14

Staff requested City Council authorization to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for the Residential Street Improvement Project (Emery Park Hills & Midwick Park areas), as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' January 26, 2009 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. Funding was provided by the Proposition 1B Street & Road Improvement Fund.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Authorized the City Clerk to advertise **Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-14** for the Residential Street Improvement Project – Emery Park Hills & Midwick Park Areas, with bids to be received on or before 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 26, 2009, in the office of the City Clerk, and publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. that same day.

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

9. SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS TO NO. C-109538 & NO. C-112569 WITH CITY OF LOS ANGELES RE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT FUNDS - F2M8-80, F2M1-106, C2M6-3, C2M7-46, M2M9-2

Staff requested the City Council ratify the actions of the Fire Chief in executing on, behalf of the City of Alhambra, the Second Supplemental Agreement Number C-109538 of the City of Los Angeles Contract between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Alhambra (City of Alhambra Contract No. C2M6-3) and the Second Supplemental Agreement Number C-122560 of the City of Los Angeles Contract between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Alhambra (City of Alhambra Contract No. C2M7-46) pertaining to grant funds from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). On October 29, 2008, the Los Angeles City Council authorized the transfer of various completed projects from UASI Grant awards to the City of Alhambra UASI Grant award in the additional amount of \$15,164.04 for FY 2005 and \$15,164.06 for FY 2006, thereby necessitating the "reviving" of each of the two Agreements with the City of Los Angeles for the purpose of extending the terms thereof to and including March 31, 2009, in order to receive these additional grant funds.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-2** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves that certain SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL TO AGREEMENT NUMBER C-109538 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA and that certain SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL TO AGREEMENT NUMBER C-112569 OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Agreements", copies of which are on file in the City Clerk's Office as C2M6-3 and C2M7-46, respectively, and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein, and this Council hereby ratifies the actions of the Fire Chief in executing for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra said Agreements and the City Clerk in attesting the same and affixing the Seal of said City thereto.

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

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL DESIGN & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR GARFIELD BOOSTER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT – F2M8-76, M2M9-8, C2M9-2

Staff requested the City Council to award a contract to Stetson Engineers, Inc., in the amount of not to exceed \$255,000, for professional design and engineering services for the Garfield Booster Pump Station Replacement Project, as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' January 26, 2009 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. Funds were available for this project in the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2008-09 in the account number 401.80.8884.90834.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-8** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves that certain AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES: GARFIELD BOOSTER PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT (the "Agreement") with STETSON ENGINEERS, INC., a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office as **Contract No. C2M9-2** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, after such Agreement

has been duly executed by said Consultant, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement 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: AYALA Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

11. TRACT MAP NO. 63025 - F2M9-11, M2M9-7

Tentative Tract Map No. 63025 was originally approved by the Planning Commission on February 21, 2006, for a six-unit condominium complex at 818-820 North Second Street. The Tentative Tract Map was approved for a period of two years in accordance with State law, during which time the Map was to be recorded; however, in July, 2008, State law was amended to grant an additional year to the approval period. 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. Consequently, approval and recordation of this map was now appropriate.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-7** 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 January 26, 2009, 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. 63025, 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: PLACIDO
Ayes: YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

12. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M9-2

A list of Personnel Actions had been prepared showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last 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 that certain Personnel Actions document dated January 26, 2009.

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

13. DEMANDS - F2M9-1

Final Check List (104360 thru 104558) in the amount of \$1,893,703.17 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$876,232.22 for the week ended December 31, 2008, and Final Check List (104559 thru 104708) in the amount of \$447,732.01 for the period ended January 8, 2009 was submitted for Council's approval.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Approved as submitted.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: F2M9-4, F2M7-86

1. **Lola ARMENDARIZ** asked what would be discussed at the Council's February 2 adjourned regular meeting to which Mayor **MESSINA** responded the fees the Council wished to adopt. Ms. **ARMENDARIZ** also requested that several copies of any overhead presentations be made available for the public at the Council meetings.
2. **Lillian ANAYA** brought to the Council's attention that skateboarders were becoming a nuisance in the malls.

3. Alice **CARUSELLO**, 2309 Stranahan Drive, read to the Council a letter she had written and sent to her neighbors regarding the home at 2350 Stranahan Drive, which had been sold to *Key Community Housing* for the purpose of housing up to 8 physically and/or mentally challenged people between the ages of 30 and 50. Although she felt sympathy for these people, their occupancy of this home would reduce the neighborhood property values, create additional noise and be a potential danger to children in the neighborhood. Ms. Carusello indicated that her neighbors were in an uproar regarding this issue.

Mayor **MESSINA** noted that *Key Community Housing*, a nonprofit organization, was housing disabled, mostly blind, mentally retarded to some degree persons on West Main Street. However, they sold that property and facility. They have been purchasing homes in many communities, including one in San Marino and several in San Gabriel. These people are not dangerous--they are disabled. It was her understanding that *Key Community Housing* was only going to place 4 people in the Stranahan Drive home. The State does not let cities know they are placing these people and there is not much the City can do since the State has the ultimate say as to where these homes go.

City Attorney **MONTES** stated homes of this type, where a State license was required through the Department of Social Services, are allowed to have up to 6 people that they are taking care of in that house. There is nothing that the City can do to regulate that house if there are 6 or fewer people being cared for in the house. If they are caring for more than 6 people in that house, then the City would have some degree of regulation. The State Health & Safety Code, Section 1566, provides that these kinds of homes can be located in a residential neighborhood next to residences and there is nothing that a city can do about it. Unless they change the legislation or there are more than 6 people cared for in that house, the City is not allowed to regulate them. If you can locate a family on a property, then you can locate one of these homes on that property. If there is any violation of a City code or the State Penal Code, residents can call the police.

Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** recounted the issue of a halfway house for sexual offenders Council had voted on in September, 2008. Council was able to use *Jessica's Law* to shut that down and subsequently pass a City ordinance making it very hard for registered sex offenders to come into the City. Where the City does have the authority to regulate criminal activity, the City has taken those steps. This issue does not fall into that category. The City has been aggressive in regulating group homes where it can.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) – F2M9-7,

Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** announced the recent and nice additions to our community of a *Fresh and Easy* store as well as a *Chipotle Grill*.

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** wished residents a Happy Chinese New Year. He would shortly be announcing the names of the several homeowners in his district to be recognized with a certificate for an excellent job done decorating their houses around the holiday season. This past week, Mr.

Yamauchi hosted a meeting at his home for Neighborhood Watch. They had a nice turnout, 25 people. He thanked the Chief of Police and his staff for their presentation at that meeting and encouraged everyone in the City to try to organize such an effort in their neighborhoods. He assured those residents on Stranahan Drive that the handicapped young people he had worked with through the *Climb* organization were absolutely safe and wonderful people. Most of them were severely handicapped.

Mr. **AYALA** announced that on February 7, 2009, the City of Alhambra would celebrate the Chinese New Year with a Parade on Valley Boulevard. He encouraged residents to attend. Tomorrow, January 27, 2009, the 2010 Census Office, representing the City of Alhambra, as well as other cities, was holding its grand opening. The office is located in East Los Angeles. He stressed the importance for every citizen to be counted because the census count is what the Federal Government uses to allocate resources to municipalities.

Mayor **MESSINA**, recently returned from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington D.C., where 250 mayors from across the country came to learn about the President's new stimulus package, and to lobby for the funds to be distributed directly to cities rather than to the states. The new distribution of funds package provides for a 25% increase in CBDG funds which the Federal Government can funnel directly to the cities. She also attended the Inauguration which was, although cold, an invigorating ceremony. Everyone had a sense of pride.

ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT – F2M8-88

At 7.55 p.m. the ARA Chairman reconvened the Agency Board with all members present, except Mr. Sham.

Mayor **MESSINA** stated that a Scholarship Fund has been established in the name of Samantha Salas, the 16-year-old Alhambra High School student who was killed a year ago today in Monrovia in a drive-by shooting while visiting her father, requesting that the Council adjourn this evening's meeting in her memory. As there was no further business for the City Council or Agency Board to transact, the Mayor and Agency Chairman, with the unanimous consent of the Council and Agency Board, adjourned their respective meetings in **honor and memory** of

SAMMANTHA SALAS

to **5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009**, in the **Community Room** of the **Alhambra Civic Center Library**, 101 South First Street, Alhambra California, for the purposes of meeting jointly (**N2M9-15**).

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

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK