

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Joint Adjourned Regular Meeting
February 17, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 5:34 p.m., on Monday, February 17, 2009, the Alhambra City Council and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency (ARA) met in the Community Room of the Alhambra Civic Center Library, 101 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

CITY COUNCIL/ARA BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Officials Present: City Manager/ARA Executive Director Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel Richman, City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Moore, Director of Development Services/ARA Deputy Executive Director Martin, Assistant Director of Finance Johnson, Director of Public Works Chavez, Director of Utilities Swink, 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.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Messina

CITY CLERK/ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY REPORT - NOTICE NO. N2M9-22

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

ARA/COUNCIL WORKSHOP (Item Nos. 1 - 10) – F2M9-16

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board moved into a workshop format for the purpose of staff presenting to the City Council and/or Agency Board and the City Council/Agency Board discussing with staff those matters listed below. As these items were study session items only, no action was taken by the City Council and/or Redevelopment Agency Board unless otherwise indicated.

1. **NONESSENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR POTENTIAL SALE – F2M9-35, F2M8-58**

Assistant to the City Manager **HAYASHI** presented to the City Council/Agency Board a list of potential surplus City and/or Agency properties for potential sale as identified in her February 17, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Staff was seeking direction as to how to proceed. Ms. Hayashi noted that one of the Strategic Planning objectives identified in December, 2008, was to identify parcels in the City that the City owned, review them, and come up with a list for Council consideration as to which would be considered saleable. The list presented this evening contained seven saleable properties and an eighth parcel not saleable in fee but because it could be vacated, perhaps it could be put to a different use if the Council so desired.

Discussion: Responding to Mayor **MESSINA's** question regarding the use of the former American Legion building on Howard Street, City Manager **FUENTES** stated the building was purchased when the City was doing the West Main Specific Plan with intended use as part of an overall development of mixed-use retail and housing. If sold, it would have to be as a component including some housing and possibly some retail. Staff wished to explore the possibility of selling it for single-family housing development lots or homes. Regarding enough funds for HUD housing development, Mr. Fuentes indicated staff would be looking at that within the next 30 to 60 days. He further noted most properties in question were pretty small except for the American Legion building and the former Granada Park Branch Library site. He was not sure how interested a potential buyer would be. Staff wished to explore talking to a broker about selling the lots or have the City developing them. Staff would come back at a later date with ideas.

Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** asked if it would make sense to talk to the church adjacent to the Chapel Avenue site regarding their acquiring it. Mr. **FUENTES** acknowledged the possibility but noted the large property at the back of that property that could be used as a housing development, commenting that the site taken as a whole might be too large for church parking. Regarding Dr. **PLACIDO's** question on the disposition of the parking lot (identified on the Report as No. 6) next to Omni Bank on Garfield Avenue, north of Valley Boulevard, Mr. **FUENTES** thought the City might speak to Omni Bank regarding it. He further stated the North Monterey Street easement had been acquired by the City to bridge a wash and connect west Pine Street with east Pine Street through the Bean Tract. That had never been done and the City had held onto the easement for some time. The property owners south of the easement had been intending to develop a housing project. The prospective developer might be interested in incorporating this property into their project. With this easement, if abandoned, half of the easement would revert to the property to the south and the other half, to the property to the north. If the people to the north did not want it, the developer to the south would take all of it and incorporate it into her project. He added the City would have to look at any intention to connect both streets before deciding whether to abandon the parcel. He also thought the former Granada Park Branch Library site at Hellman and Fremont Avenues would make a nice coffee shop if someone were to acquire it.

Responding to Dr. **PLACIDO's** question, City Manager **FUENTES** stated the Redevelopment Agency owned Parcel No. 3 identified as a vacant lot near the southwest corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Date Street. Panda Investments had

been looking at developing the site with a major electronics store for which they produced a site plan that had been approved by their corporate office. However, because it was not a very large site, Panda had to look for additional parking resulting in overall construction costs that were cost-prohibitive, forcing the electronics store to back out of the deal. The site has been an asset to the City for some time and it did need to be developed.

Mr. **AYALA** questioned the costs to maintain the sites and asked what the impact would be to surrounding areas. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** questioned at what point a property became nonessential, to which Mr. **FUENTES** replied the properties under review were considered nonessential because, for the most part, the parcels were very small or oddly shaped; i.e., such determination was based on the size of the respective parcel and its configuration. Regarding Council's action this evening on these properties, Mr. Fuentes stated staff was looking to apprise the Council/Agency Board of the existence of these properties and to then return at a later date with recommendations.

Action Taken: City Council/Agency Board received the report and ordered it filed.

2. **PINE STREET TRAFFIC CIRCULATION – F2M8-81, F2M9-9**

City Engineer **CAYIR** presented a report, *Traffic Analysis: Pine Street Between Huntington Drive and Atlantic Boulevard*, a copy of which report is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Highlights of Mr. Cayir's report detailed current Pine Street conditions as well as conditions at the Huntington Drive entrance to Pine Street, concerns expressed by residents in the area, turning movement ratios from Pine Street to Atlantic Boulevard, studies conducted by the City, implemented traffic measures and their relative effectiveness, and options for discussion by Council for the next level of traffic calming. City Manager **FUENTES** stated this was a follow-up to Council's previous work session. Staff had worked with the City of South Pasadena to ascertain their thoughts on this situation and wished to discuss options with and seek direction from the Council this evening.

Discussion: Regarding City Manager **FUENTES'** question on the use of speed humps, City Engineer **CAYIR** noted they had a serious impact on traffic flow. Although Alhambra does not have a policy on speed humps, the City of South Pasadena does have a policy which restricts the usage of speed humps to those streets carrying between 500 and 2,500 vehicles a day. Pine Street usage exceeds that number and the adoption of a similar policy by Alhambra would not justify the installation of speed humps unless and until a special study was done. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** discussed how the City's efforts to control speed on Pine Street might unintentionally direct traffic to other streets should stop signs be installed on Pine. Mr. **CAYIR** remarked that not much could be done to prevent vehicles from impacting neighboring streets unless the City employed drastic measures. Dr. **PLACIDO** was concerned that resolving a problem for 12 homes might create traffic problems for 400 homes on other streets. The issues were people traveling too fast on unsafe streets and too much traffic in the area. Our priority must be reducing traffic speed while at the same time making the neighborhood safe, rather than worrying about how many cars were going through the neighborhood.

He recommended starting with one stop sign; then if traffic does not slow down enough, install another stop sign. That way the City could control traffic gradually while seeing how traffic patterns might change. Mr. **CAYIR** thought if this idea were implemented, they would start on Dos Robles to understand the impacts both on Pine Street and before Pine Street. If Dos Robles was recommended by Council, he would have the Traffic Engineer look into it.

Mayor **MESSINA** thought more stop signs would discourage commuters from using the street, thereby reducing the amount of traffic. Dr. **PLACIDO** remarked the City was not trying to discourage traffic but speeding; however, it might be that one stop sign would not be enough to discourage speeders. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked if anyone from the City of South Pasadena's Pine Street side had spoken on this issue. Mr. **CAYIR** stated staff had met with South Pasadena's City Manager and Public Works Director, Mathew Sweeney, who was present this evening, and it was his view that South Pasadena did not have specific direction, but was trying to work with Alhambra toward a solution. **Mathew SWEENEY**, Public Works Director, City of South Pasadena, stated South Pasadena did have residents living on Pine Street; consequently, their staff had come up with some solutions, a number of which were being presented this evening, adding his staff was eager to work with Alhambra to come up with solutions that would satisfy the residents of both communities. Mr. **FUENTES** noted both cities agree that stop signs were possibly the next step to solve this problem. Alhambra staff was willing to pursue the stop signs, or in this case, one stop sign, if the Council directed staff to do so, but also to expand upon the stop signs, if needed, to try and slow traffic.

Responding to Mr. **AYALA's** question regarding a joint study with the City of South Pasadena to close the street, Mr. **CAYIR** remarked staff this evening was presenting ideas and what their impacts might be. City Manager **FUENTES** stated staff has not as yet received direction from the Council regarding street closure, but was trying to build upon what had already been done. He was not sure both cities saw permanent closure solving the problem, but rather might push the problem to other streets. A study might conclude there were collateral effects to closing the street by forcing traffic onto other streets. Mr. **AYALA** reported that he had met with area residents in December to discuss this issue. Initially, it was public safety, speeding, and too much traffic, but there was an additional issue which was the right-hand turn from Pine onto Atlantic Boulevard. A mechanism there prevented right-hand turns. Cones were also in place that backed up traffic even more. Residents had recommended a right-hand turn. Currently, there was traffic going in one direction toward where they cannot make a right-hand turn, which caused cars to back up. Mr. Ayala requested staff to look at this situation, stating he would consider restoring the right-hand turn. Mr. **SWEENEY** commented that South Pasadena agreed with what was being proposed this evening regarding stop signs and right turns.

For clarification, Mr. **FUENTES** questioned the Council as to whether the installation of one stop sign at Dos Robles, as suggested by City Engineer Cayir, was needed, asking could the City do that and have the option to add an additional stop sign somewhere along the street, if needed, and did Council wish to eliminate the no right-hand turn at Atlantic Boulevard? Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked if Council agreed to the temporary measures discussed this evening, how long would they last? Mr. **CAYIR** stated such measures

could be implemented within three days; once installed, motorists would be allowed a few weeks to get use to the new configuration. Staff would take two traffic counts within three weeks; then report back to Council with the results. In reference to Dr. **PLACIDO's** question regarding the right-hand turn at Pine and Atlantic, Mr. **CAYIR** stated the intersection would be restored to the way it was a year ago.

Answering Mayor **MESSINA's** question pertaining to the Alhambra Transportation Commission's recommendation, Mr. **CAYIR** stated their recommendation was not to close the Pine Street entrance at Huntington Drive. The Commission directed staff to meet with the City of South Pasadena's staff for additional ideas and to present those ideas. Regarding a study, Mr. Cayir thought the City had looked at all of the options presently available to it and had come up with some very creative ideas. Pine Street was not an unusual situation; the same situation was common on many streets. Mr. **FUENTES** suggested implementing those ideas presented this evening; i.e., stop signs at Dos Robles with the option to install, if necessary, another stop sign, and removing the delineators at Pine and Atlantic so that there were two lanes, one of which would be for right turns, while keeping the "no turn on red" signage. Mr. **CAYIR** remarked that the City might need approval from the City of South Pasadena before installing stop signs along Pine Street as the north side is in South Pasadena. Consequently, the City would need South Pasadena's approval to install a stop sign for westbound traffic mid-block on Pine Street opposite Dos Robles Place.

Citizen Input:

1. **Justin TEA**, 1000 North Olive Avenue, discussed the ramifications of eliminating the no right-turn on red. Because of the unintended consequences of some of the traffic calming measures previously implemented, he encouraged Council to think carefully regarding future measures.
2. **Oscar AMARO**, 1808 South Sixth Street, suggested the installation of speed bumps discussed earlier. Regarding a stop sign at Dos Robles, Mr. Amaro noted there was a grade at that location which might create a hazardous condition because so many eastbound drivers were accustomed to speeding down the grade. If such a stop sign were installed, motorists would be halted suddenly. He suggested stop signs at either Marguerita or Curtis, which were the in-between points on Pine Street.

Action Taken: By unanimous consent (SHAM, absent), the City Council directed staff to install stop signs on Pine at Dos Robles and, if necessary, install a second set of stop signs on Pine at a location not yet determined, and to open two lanes for eastbound traffic on Pine Street at Atlantic Boulevard while maintaining the "no-right-on-red" restriction on Pine Street.

3. CITYWIDE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – F2M9-9

City Manager **FUENTES** stated staff next wished to discuss with the Council traffic calming measures throughout the City. Staff was concerned about the traffic on

Concord and El Molino Avenues as El Molino had a narrow curve that contributed to collisions. Additionally, several Alhambra streets were being used as short-cuts for commuters residing north of Alhambra. He cited Concord Avenue as a classic example.

City Engineer **CAYIR** reported on the status of El Molino Avenue on which staff had already installed three curve warnings and 15-mile per hour signs, which actions seem to have alleviated the traffic problems. With respect to speed humps, Mr. Cayir felt they could have either a positive or a negative impact dependent upon how they are used; however, the City must first have a policy in place to prevent a multitude of speed humps throughout the City. Each speed hump could cost from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Additionally, there are issues related to the safety of emergency vehicles as well as timing, but there were updated designs that addressed those issues at which staff would be looking. Several agencies use speed humps as a traffic calming measure when they are justified. Responding to Mr. **FUENTES'** question, Mr. **CAYIR** explained that traffic circles were also used as a traffic calming measure; however, currently they are not used for this purpose as often as they had been used in the past. Traffic circles create obstacles in intersections forcing people to slow down to go around circles or median islands, thereby helping to reduce speed and traffic volume. He added there were also other measures which could be implemented; such as, narrowing the streets to prevent traffic from traveling straight through.

Mayor **MESSINA** asked about traffic dips to which Mr. **CAYIR** noted the new designs were called speed cushions. Mr. **AYALA** reported there had been a number of traffic calming measures on Concord Avenue. Residents are happy with the changes, specifically the effectiveness of the day-glo crosswalks. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** was not sure of a Citywide approach. Each traffic problem may require a different solution. As the City took on one problem at a time, we may see a pattern. Mayor **MESSINA** felt that stop signs did help, commenting that they were very effective on San Marino. Mr. **AYALA** thought a Citywide Traffic Calming Plan had merit.

Action Taken: City Council directed staff to explore the development of a Citywide Traffic Calming Plan for the Council's consideration at a future meeting.

4. RFP: OFFICIAL POLICE TOWING SERVICES – F2M9-36, F2M3-79, RFP2M9-3, M2M9-14

Staff requested Council authorization to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Official Police Towing Services as more fully discussed in the Chief of Police's February 17, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: In response to Vice Mayor **PLACIDO**, Chief of Police **HUDSON** explained that the City currently contracts with 2 local tow companies for all official police towing requirements, which contracts were due to expire on February 28, 2009. Consequently, it was now the appropriate time to issue a RFP as this process would provide interested parties the opportunity to submit proposals to provide towing services to the City and would also ensure that tow service providers met the City's requirements related to acceptable standards of service as well as legal and civil responsibilities, and were

aware of remedies for revocation or suspension of services. Chief Hudson added that the process would also give the City the ability based upon the proposals submitted to determine if such contractual tow services should be exclusive or on a rotational basis.

Action Taken: City Council adopted the following **Minute Order No. M2M9-14:**

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby authorizes staff to distribute **Request for Proposals No. RFP2M9-3** for Official Police Towing Services; and, in connection therewith, hereby directs the Chief of Police to extend commencing on March 1, 2009 the terms of Contract No. C2M9-13 (Pavon Enterprises, Inc., dba *AI's Towing*) and Contract No. C2M9-14 (John S. Monugian, Sr., dba *J&M Towing*) on a month-to-month basis until such time as the City has completed the aforesaid request for proposals process as outlined in the Chief of Police's February 17, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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

5. BID AWARD: FIRE TRAINING CENTER UPGRADES – F2M1-45, N2M8-126, M2M9-9, C2M9-4

On October 30, 2008, one bid from WRG Fire Training Simulation Systems, Inc., was received, opened and publicly declared in response to Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-126, for the provision of Urban Search and Rescue Training Site Props and Upgrades (the "Project"), as more fully discussed in the Fire Chief's February 17, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. The City Council heretofore had accepted FY 2006 and 2007 Urban Areas Securities Initiative (UASI) grants to purchase equipment and props necessary to certify the City's Fire Training Center as a California State Fire Marshal approved US&R (urban search & rescue) site, which grant funds would be used to fund the Project at a total cost of \$1,059,350 including \$905,856 for the props and \$153,494 for the required retaining wall necessary to complete the *Confined Space* prop.

Discussion: In response to Vice Mayor **PLACIDO's** question, Fire Chief **STEDMAN** explained there were two funding phases--the first phase in which the City had to pay up front for the collapsed props and the second phase for the confined space props. The City was responsible for building the retaining wall for the collapsed prop as Federal grant money could not be used for a "brick and mortar" wall. Consequently, the City will spend \$150,000 for the retaining wall after which it then would qualify for \$900,000 of Federal grant money. He added that on July 16, 2007, the City Council had approved the use of \$250,000 of Proposition 172 funds for the construction and development of those items, such as the retaining wall, that are not reimbursable through the use of Homeland Security funding.

City Manager **FUENTES** noted that he had held over this item from the last agenda so that staff could more fully discuss the matter with the Council in light of the current economic situation at both the Federal and State levels. Supposedly, there is \$1 million in reimbursable grant funding earmarked for the City to do this work; however, the City must first put up its money to do the work and then get reimbursed as the work progresses and is finally completed. Under normal conditions this would not be a problem. However, considering the economic state of both the State and Federal Governments, there was considerable concern as to whether the City will be reimbursed in a timely fashion as the City is currently experiencing reimbursement difficulties on other grants. Mr. Fuentes asked the Council to approve this item, giving staff authorization to move forward; however, the City Manager, Fire Chief and Chief of Police would monitor both the State and Federal Governments with respect to the grant funding so that the City would have assurances that when we begin spending money on the project, the City would get that money reimbursed to it in a timely fashion. He also pointed out that these funds are Federal moneys that were funneled through the State, adding that staff would take the next several weeks to figure out exactly where the State and Federal Governments were headed on this funding.

Action Taken: Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-9** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

1. Accepts as the sole responsible bid received, the bid of WRG FIRE TRAINING SIMULATION SYSTEMS, INC., for the Urban Search and Rescue Training Site Props and Upgrades Project, at a cost of not to exceed \$1,059,350.00, subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-126; and,
2. Directs the City Attorney to prepare the necessary DESIGN/BUILD AGREEMENT (**Contract No. C2M9-4**) with said successful bidder for the said Project; and, after such Agreement has been duly executed by said successful bidder, 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: PLACIDO Seconded: YAMAUCHI
Ayes: YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

6-8. PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES (Item Nos 6 – 8) – F2M7-101

As Item Nos. 6 through 8 basically involved planning and zoning issues, the items for discussion are somewhat interchangeable and, therefore, are listed below as A, B, and C, with the comments thereon summarized below as a single discussion item.

- A. **Anti-mansionization Policy.**
- B. **New Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Calculations.**
- C. **House Demolition Policy.**

Mayor **MESSINA** stated that she had requested this item be placed on this evening's agenda so that it might appear on a future agenda for action. She expressed displeasure with some of the projects that the Planning Commission was approving but people are following our code so unless we change the code, our hands are tied. She cited 711 North Curtis as an example of mansionization in an R-1 area. She also felt the City's Floor Area Ratio (FAR) that fell between a 50% to 75% range resulted in homes which were too large. She suggested that, if limited to less than 50% or no higher than an 0.35 FAR, these large monstrosities would not be built and we would have more green space in our neighborhoods.

Discussion: Director of Development Services **MARTIN** stated the City's anti-mansionization policy compared a project to other homes in the area. FAR was a strict standard that basically said, "You can't have more than this." Theoretically, in a situation where a house met the 0.35 maximum FAR but was perhaps 100% bigger than the area's average-sized house, the Planning Commission would restrict that applicant to lower than 0.35--it would not go above. Mayor **MESSINA** stated that she also wished to see the definition of FAR expanded to include all of the structures on the property and not be limited to just the house. City Manager **FUENTES** suggested that if Council wished to discuss A, B, and C above, he would request Mr. Martin to prepare reports for a future agenda. Staff could then explain the current situation, the City's standards, options, and what other cities were doing.

Action Taken: By unanimous consent (SHAM absent), the City Council continued discussion of A, B, and C and directed staff to bring these items back at a meeting sometime in March for discussion in a workshop format.

9. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT RE FUTURE ORDINANCES – F2M4-74, F2M9-40**

Assistant City Attorney **RICHMAN** briefed the City Council on ordinances that were recommended in connection with the Council's recent fees adjustment action. Included for discussion were a possible repeal of Chapter 3.14 (relating to the setting of fees by the City Manager and Director of Finance) since that process is not currently used nor has been used for some time, an update to certain provisions of Chapter 9.74 relating to false alarm responses, an update to certain provisions of Chapter 9.99 pertaining to second responses to loud gatherings and possible adoption of an administrative citation ordinance to include penalties for illegal fireworks. If Council agreed that these ordinances were necessary, the City Attorney's office would prepare the ordinances for consideration by the Council at a future meeting.

Discussion: In response to Councilmember **AYALA's** question on how false alarm procedures worked, Chief of Police **HUDSON** stated there were minor changes suggested for this ordinance. The current ordinance was restrictive in that it did not take into account charges for calls to people without alarm permits. Those without a permit

were charged the very first time the Police respond. Under the City's new fee structure, with an alarm permit the first three false alarms in a calendar year are at no charge. Charging begins with the fourth false alarm. He stated that 99 percent of residential and commercial alarms were false. Mayor **MESSINA** noted that many people were not aware they needed a permit which they can obtain at City Hall. Chief **HUDSON** added that the permit should have been obtained at the time an alarm system was installed, commenting that all of the alarm companies know of the permit process and are supposed to pass that information along to their customers. Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** asked if most cities require such permits, to which Chief **HUDSON** responded they did, absolutely. He then covered the Police response procedure for alarms, adding that the Police respond to any alarm--permitting allows the Police to know where alarms are in the City.

Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** asked about strengthening the graffiti laws to which Assistant City Attorney **RICHMAN** stated offenders were subject to prosecution as a misdemeanor under the Penal Code; the City is prohibited from doing anything more from a criminal standpoint than what is allowed under the Penal Code. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** also wondered if fireworks, by themselves, should be an issue at which the City should look. Ms. **RICHMAN** indicated staff was merely looking for direction on these ordinances and whether Council wished staff to bring them back at a future time.

Action Taken: City Council directed to the City Attorney's Office to prepare the proposed ordinances for its consideration at a future meeting(s).

10. **YOUTH COMMISSION VIDEO CONTEST - F2M1-103, F2M8-58**

As part of the City's Strategic Plan, the Youth Commission conducted a contest inviting the youth of Alhambra to submit video-taped Public Service Announcements promoting City events and programs and highlighting desirable aspects of life in Alhambra. Five entries were received and presented for City Council's review and comment.

Director of Community Services **JARVIS** introduced two of the City of Alhambra's Youth Commissioners, **Christopher JUAREZ** and **Kimberly LOPEZ**, who then presented the five *Youth of Alhambra Public Service Announcement* video entries. Two of the submissions were received within the Youth Commission's timeline; three additional videos were produced after the deadline. A video title list is available for review in the Director of Community Services' Office.

Discussion: Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** complimented the Youth Commission for their efforts on the public service announcements, asking Mr. Juarez and Ms. Lopez in what direction they felt the announcements should go. Mr. **JUAREZ** stated the Youth Commission thought that rather than a contest which had been originally discussed by the Commission, it was now more appropriate to have an open submission without a deadline. He pointed out that only San Gabriel High School has a class dedicated to video production; consequently, the other students had to create the videos on their own time. The Commission would then judge whether any such announcements were worthy of running on the cable channel.

Action Taken: Council received the information and ordered filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: None

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

Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel **RICHMAN** 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.

Property: 112 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Elsa Chen 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):

Coleman vs. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Plata vs. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Case No. CIVs-90-0520

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(b): 1 matter.

whereupon at 7:40 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 Assistant Agency Counsel/Assistant City Attorney.

RECONVENE & CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT re CLOSED SESSION – F2M9-14

At 8:15 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved out of closed session with all members present, except Mr. Sham, whereupon Assistant Agency Council/Assistant City Attorney **RICHMAN** reported that the City Council authorized the City Attorney to initiate legal action against *Atlas Tracks, Inc.*, by a vote of 4 (YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA) in favor and NONE against, with one absent (SHAM).

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20 p.m., there being no further business for either the Agency Board or City Council to transact, with the unanimous consent of the City Council and the Agency Board, the Mayor and Chairman adjourned their respective meetings.

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

ATTEST:

**FRANCES A. MOORE, City Clerk &
ARA Assistant Secretary**

BARBARA A. MESSINA, Mayor

GARY YAMAUCHI, ARA Chairman