

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
April 13, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 8:03 a.m., on Monday, April 13, 2009, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Officials Present: City Manager Fuentes, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Moore, Chief of Police Hudson, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Messina

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - NOTICE NO. N2M9-50

The City Clerk reported that she duly gave notice of the Special Meeting of the City Council being held this morning pursuant to the order of the Mayor and in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California.

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

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.

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

1. APPLICATION FOR OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT – F2M9-49, M2M9-27

Chief of Police **HUDSON** stated that staff is requesting City Council authorization to apply for funding available under the United States Department of Justice, Office of

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program Grant. The deadline for the Grant application is April 14, 2009. This Grant will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired, full time sworn officer positions, including filling existing unfunded vacancies, or to rehire officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts, with the caveat, however, all such grant-funded positions must be retained for at least one year beyond the conclusion of federal funding. There is no cap on the number of positions an agency may request, but awards will be limited to the available funding. He further stated that staff is proposing to apply for funding for 3 Police Officer positions under this grant, thereby allowing the Police Department to increase its total authorized sworn positions to 88, leaving 2 unfilled positions—one Police Sergeant and one Police Officer. Chief Hudson noted that this evening's regularly scheduled Council meeting at which this item was to appear on the agenda had to be cancelled due to an anticipated lack of a quorum, and he thanked the Council for clearing their calendars in order to meet this morning in a special (emergency) meeting to consider this matter before the April 14 Grant application deadline.

City Manager **FUENTES** added that although the City could apply for funding for the currently unfilled 5 sworn officer positions, in light of the requirement that all such positions for which we receive funding must be retained and paid for by the City for at least 12 months after the initial 36-month period covered 100 percent by Grant funds, staff felt it more prudent in these economic times to seek grant funding for 3 of the unfilled positions.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-27** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby authorizes the Chief of Police of the City of Alhambra to apply for funding available under the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program Grant for funding for three (3) Police Officer positions; and, in connection therewith, hereby designates the Chief of Police, or his designee, as administrator for this grant, to take any and all actions required by said Grant for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATION - F2M9-4, F2M3-96

Dr. Clyde WILLIAMS, 4115 Barrett Road, Los Angeles 90032, representing as a stakeholder, *L.A.32 Neighborhood Council*, discussed the *SR-710 Tunnel Technical Study*, stating that his technical background consisted of 30 years with Parsons and 40 years as an engineer, 20 years

of which were in tunnel design and construction. He commented that there has been a total lack of outreach by Caltrans to El Sereno; consequently, his Council is just now getting involved. As presently proposed, El Sereno will endure more than 8,000 lineal feet of construction while receiving no benefit from the project. His Council feels that the portal must be neutral and that those receiving benefit must endure a like amount of inconvenience or discomfort. Consequently, the portal should be constructed entirely within Alhambra, starting as far back as south of Hellman Avenue to north of Valley Boulevard or Main Street.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business for the City Council to transact, at 8:10 a.m., with the unanimous consent of the City Council, Mayor Messina adjourned the meeting.

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