

**MINUTES  
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL  
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Joint Regular Meeting  
September 28, 2009  
5:30 p.m.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ALHAMBRA CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL:** At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 28, 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:**

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

**Officials Present:** Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney/Agency Counsel Montes, Acting City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Myles, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Schultz, Director of Finance Longballa, Director of Development Services Martin, Deputy City Manager/Director of Utilities Swink, Director of Public Works Chavez, Police Captain Faulkner, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Chairman Ayala

**AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 1 – 7)**

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. MOU: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM - F2M-66, C2M1-75, M2M9-83**

Staff requested Council authorization to renew the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Alhambra Unified School District (the "District") to assign three School Resource Officers to the District and to accept reimbursement of costs from the District for said officers. Police officers are assigned to handle school/student related criminal matters and provide a high visibility presence on campuses during school hours. The terms of this agreement are effective from September 1, 2009 to and including August 31, 2010 as more fully discussed in the Chief of Police's September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-83** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves that certain RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2009 – 2010 (MOU) by and between the ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “District”) and the CITY OF ALHAMBRA (CITY) to continue the School Resource Officer Program for the 2009-10 school year subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, a copy of which MOU is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **Contract No. C2M1-75** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such MOU 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: YAMAUCHI Seconded: PLACIDO  
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA  
Noes: NONE  
Absent: SHAM

**2. APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS: AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 1416 SARAZEN DRIVE – F2M9-510, C2M9-507, M2M9-511**

Staff requested that the Agency Board approve two change orders for additional construction work required at 1416 Sarazen Drive due to unforeseen changes to the scope of the property rehabilitation. The potential for future water drainage problems due to incorrectly poured driveway concrete was discovered and the proposed change orders will correct the problem as more fully discussed in the Director of Development Services’ September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action:** Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-511** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this Board hereby approved Change Order No. 2 for Drive Way Corrective Work in the amount of \$7,825 and Change Order No. 3 for Concrete Removal at side of House and Garage in the amount of \$1,995 at 1416 Sarazen Drive.

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

**3. AWARD CONTRACT: GATEWAY PLAZA PROJECT – F2M5-37, N2M9-36, C2M9-22, M2M9-89**

On August 10, 2009, the City Council awarded a contract to TMT Development Co., Inc. dba TK Engineering Co. in the amount of \$139,000 for construction of the Gateway Plaza Project located at the corner of Fremont Avenue and Valley Boulevard (the "Project"). On August 31, 2009, the City received notification from TMT Development Co. dba TK Engineering Co. indicating they were unable to proceed with the Project. Staff requested that Council rescind the contract with TMT Development Co. dba TK Engineering Co. and award a contract to Yakar General Contractor, the second lowest bidder. Yakar General Contractor confirmed they were willing and able to complete the Project at their original bid amount of \$151,125 and they have successfully completed similar projects as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-89** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

- 1) Rescinds the contract with TMT Development Inc., dba TK Engineering Co. and awards a contract to Yakar General Contractor in the amount of \$151,125, for construction of the Gateway Plaza Project, subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-36; and,
- 2) Directs staff to prepare the necessary PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT (**Contract No. C2M9-22**) with Yakar General Contractor for said Project, and after said contract has been prepared, approved as to content and form by both the City Manager and the City Attorney, and duly executed by Yakar General Contractor, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto; and,

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

**4. ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTATION & PAYMENT SERVICES FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT – F2M9-75, C2M9-38, M2M9-93**

Staff requested Council authorization to enter into an agreement with InfoSend, Inc. for electronic bill presentation and payment services for the Utilities Department. Staff estimates that the annual costs of the program can be recovered by encouraging customers to switch to "paperless" billing by utilizing the system. The City would also

realize cost savings by not having to produce and mail an actual paper bill to those customers using the online system as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-93** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

1. Directs staff to prepare that certain AGREEMENT between INFOSEND, INC. AND THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA in the amount of \$10,800 for electronic bill payment and presentation services; and, after said Agreement has been approved as to content and form by the City Manager and City Attorney and been duly executed by InfoSend, Inc., the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such 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.
2. Directs the Director of Finance to carry over into the current fiscal year funding for the project budgeted in FY 2008-2009 in the amount of \$11,000 from account number 401.80.8884.90830
3. Directs the Director of Finance to carry over and allocate into the current fiscal year funding budgeted in FY 2008-2009 in the amount of \$20,000 from account number 401.80.8884.90830 to Water Conservation budget line item 401-80-8887-64110 for conservation educational materials and the renovation of Shorb Garden.

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

**5. AMEND AGREEMENT WITH CAM SERVICES & AUTHORIZE NIB FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES - F2M1-113, C2M2-31, N2M9-114, M2M9-94**

Staff requested that Council approve an extension to the current agreement with CAM Services for building maintenance services at City Hall, the Police Department, Library, Fire Station 71, Community Services and the Public Works portion of the City Yard. In addition, in order to be fiscally responsible, staff is recommending and seeking authorization to solicit bids for building maintenance services as it has been some time since the contract was put out to bid as more fully discussed in the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director's September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-94** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

1. Approves that certain EIGHTH AMENDMENT to the AGREEMENT FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES with CAM Services, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, a copy of which Agreement is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **Contract No. C2M2-31** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such 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; and,
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to advertise **Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-114** for building maintenance services.

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

**6. AWARD CONTRACT: 2009 CDBG-R ADA HANDICAP RAMPS PROJECT – F2M9-55, C2M9-40, N2M9-63, N2M9-115, M2M9-96**

On June 4, 2009, thirteen bids ranging in price from \$154,700 (Vido Samarzich, Inc.) to \$82,800 (Gentry Brothers, Inc.) were received, opened and publicly declared in response to Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-63 for the 2009 CDBG-R ADA Handicap Ramps Project (the "Project"). The Project will be funded by the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Block Grant Fund, Economic Stimulus Program and the City has been allocated \$180,000 for the Project. Due to the fact that bids came in under budget, staff also requested authority to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids for additional handicap ramps to be constructed within the HUD target area as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-96** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

1. Accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of GENTRY BROTHERS, INC., in the total amount of \$82,800, for the 2009 CDBG-R ADA Handicap Ramp Project, subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-63; and,

2. Directs staff to prepare that certain PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT (**Contract No. C2M9-40**) with said successful bidder for said Project; and, after said Agreement has been approved as to content and form by the City Manager and City Attorney and been duly executed by said successful bidder, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such 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; and,
3. Directs the Director of Finance to appropriate the \$180,000 allocated to the City by the Federal Housing and Urban Development Community Block Grant Fund, Economic Stimulus Program to the 2009 CDBG-R ADA Handicap Ramps Project; and,
4. Authorizes the City Clerk to advertise **Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-115** for additional handicap ramps to be constructed within the HUD target area.

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

**7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M9-500**

Agency staff had submitted for the Agency Board’s review and approval Accounts Payable for the period ending September 15, 2009, Check Nos. 10717-10734, in the total amount of \$482,432.11.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Agency Board approved as submitted.

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

**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):***

- a) Property: 2037 S. Fremont Avenue, Negotiating parties: Director of Utilities, 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 W. Main Street, Negotiating parties: Mr. Heung Kim, 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):**

- 1) Edward Rodriguez v. City of Alhambra, WCAB No. ADJ 6741802
- 2) Donald Mumford v. City of Alhambra, WCAB No. VNO 0458657; ADJ384986, File No. 018-02-00034
- 3) City of Alhambra vs. D'Ausilio, USDC 09-cv-03235 PA(SSx)

**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 5:32 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  
September 28, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ALHAMBRA CITY HALL**

**RECONVENE & ROLL CALL:** At 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 28, 2009 the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall

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

**Officials Present:** Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney Montes, Acting City Clerk Myles, Director of Public Works Chavez, Fire Chief Stedman, Director of Finance Longballa, Library Director Hernandez, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Schultz, Director of Development Services Martin, Deputy City Manager/Director of Utilities Swink, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Police Captain Faulkner, Sergeant-at-Arms Rodriguez

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Mayor Placido

**RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY**

On motion of Mr. YAMAUCHI, seconded by Mr. AYALA, and carried unanimously (MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO [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.

**CEREMONIALS**

**1. COMMENDATION: ALHAMBRA SOFTBALL & BASEBALL TEAMS - F2M9-3**

Mayor **PLACIDO**, on behalf of the Alhambra City Council and the residents of Alhambra, presented **COMMENDATIONS** to honor the **ALHAMBRA AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS' SOFTBALL ALL-STARS TEAM**, the **EAST ALHAMBRA MINOR DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM**, the **EAST ALHAMBRA JUNIOR DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM** and the **ALHAMBRA AMERICAN SENIOR BOYS' BASEBALL ALL-STARS TEAM** and their **COACHING STAFFS**.

**ALHAMBRA AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS' SOFTBALL**  
**(Ended their All-Star Season as undefeated District and Sectional Champions and Third place Champions in all of Southern California)**

**Players**

**CAITLIN ADALIN**  
**CHARLOTTE ARAIZA**  
**KRYSSANN BALTAZAR**  
**KRISTINE COVARRUBIAS**

**Players cont.**

**SAMANTHA GARCIA**  
**ASHLEY GENRY**  
**DENISE GONZALES**

**Manager & Coaches**

**GILBERT BALTAZAR**  
**RICHARD GARCIA**  
**MATT RASICH**

**NICOLE HOLGUIN**  
**KAITLYN LANGE**  
**DONNA LARA**

BRANDIE HOLGUIN  
JAZMIN PEREZ

TIFFANY PEKO  
REANN RAMIREZ

**EAST ALHAMBRA MINOR DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL**  
(First Place Champions in Section Three and placed Fourth in the overall 2009 State-wide Championship)

Players

KIANA BILDERRAIN  
EMILY DE LA TORRE  
ZABREENA FLORES  
CAMERON MARTINEZ

MOM

DEZARAE MURRAY  
VIVYANA PRADO  
ADRIANA RAMIREZ  
ERIN RODARTE  
BREANNA RODRIGUEZ  
JASMINE RODRIGUEZ  
DESIREE SOTELO

Manager, Coaches & Team Mom

GABRIEL GARCIA	MANAGER
MARK BILDERRAIN	COACH
DEREK MURRAY	COACH
LISA ZAVALA	TEAM

**EAST ALHAMBRA JUNIOR DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL**  
(Winners of the 2009 Tournament of Champions for the Junior Division)

Players

CYNTHIA ANAYA  
LIZ CARRILLO  
MARISSA CHAVARRIA  
SAMANTHA DURAN  
JACKIE GUEVARA  
BREANNA JIMENEZ  
JESSICA LARA  
JOLEEN MACIAS  
SHANEE MEDINA  
PRISCILLA MARTINEZ  
BRITTANY JOY RUIZ  
DOREEN SOTELO  
SANDRA VAZQUEZ

Manager, Coaches & Team Mom

DANNY MACIAS, JR.	MANAGER
DANNY MACIAS, SR.	COACH
RACHEL MCKIERNAN	COACH

**ALHAMBRA AMERICAN SENIOR BOYS' BASEBALL ALL STARS**  
(Third Place District 18 Champions in the 2009 Division Three Tournament)

Players

CHRISTIAN ALAS  
ADRIAN GARCIA  
JOHNATHAN GONZALES  
JOSEPH GONZALES  
DEVIN LARA  
JIMMY LARA  
JOHNATHAN MARTINEZ  
VAILELE PEKO JR.  
RYAN PIÑON  
AARON QUINTERO  
DARIEN VILCHEZ  
FRANKIE WRIGHT  
JASON YRIGOLLEN

Manager & Coaches

JIM PIÑON                      MANAGER  
BRYAN GIBSON                COACH  
JOHN GONZALES               COACH  
NORMAN VILCHEZ              COACH  
JUANITA WRIGHT               PLAYER AGENT

2. On Sunday, June 28, 2009, the Alhambra Preservation Group hosted *The 2009 Alhambra Historic Home Tour* providing a tour of some of the most beautiful and historic homes in Alhambra. **Mayor PLACIDO**, on behalf of the Alhambra City Council and the residents of Alhambra, presented **CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATES** to the following **historic tour homeowners** to thank them for their support of this event:

*Tour Home Owners*

Regina Cipriani & Edward Sells  
512 North Cordova Avenue

Peggy & Rodney Ingraham  
420 North Almansor Street

Susan & James Morgan  
520 North Almansor Street

Sue & Steve Peacock  
502 Story Place

Isolda & Ron Robinson  
507 North Hidalgo Avenue

Angela Weimer  
412 Story Place

PRESENTATION

3. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M8-58

On June 3, 2009, 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 will review the progress of the goals and objectives and present to the City Council the status on a monthly basis, which progress is more fully discussed in the Assistant to the City Manager's September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Citizen Input:** **Lola ARMENDARIZ** asked if public was excluded from asking questions when staff announced that they were available for questions "you" may have. Responding, Mayor **PLACIDO** explained that the "you" was collective and referred to anyone in attendance that may have questions at the meeting. Ms. **ARMENDARIZ** also asked whether the doors at the entrance of Joslyn Center would be repaired as part of the energy-efficient retrofit project and suggested that the doors on the west side of the building be made into automatic doors in the event that the doors at the main entrance are inoperable. Regarding the Red Poppy Pride program, she asked questions about the connection between the red poppy and the City of Alhambra and why the City was involved in the distribution of customized promotional packets of red poppy seeds. She suggested that this could be a program through the local schools or the red poppies could be planted in front of City Hall, the Police Department and the Historical Society. With respect to Home Depot, she asked whether the City was being asked to contribute toward the fencing and landscaping as a part of the agreement; and, if so, she inquired as to why Home Depot was not paying for the entire project. She also asked that the food vendor be removed from the streets in the area.

Assistant to the City Manager **HAYASHI** responded regarding the energy-efficient retrofit of the Joslyn Center and noted that the project included the repair of the automated doors at the front entrance as well as automating the doors that open to the parking lot and making that entryway handicap accessible. Responding to the questions regarding Home Depot, Mayor **PLACIDO** explained that the partnership between the City and Home Depot for fencing and landscaping was a proactive way to address and remedy the loitering issue in the area as other attempts have not been successful. It will also improve the pride, quality and character of the City's neighborhoods to address the problems associated with loitering. If participating financially with Home Depot will help to accomplish these two goals, it will be beneficial for everyone. With respect to the Red Poppy Pride program, it is designed to promote community pride so that those residents interested in planting the poppies could go to a local nursery, Target or Home Depot to pick up a packet of seeds which are easy to distribute and could bring in potential business to those locations. The reason for choosing the red poppy was due to the fact that the name of the Moorish palace in Spain from which the City of Alhambra derives its name when literally translated means "the red one." The red poppy was suggested over the City's official flower the Granada Rose because roses could be more difficult to plant and more expensive than poppy seeds. If the program is successful, it could reach more homes each year and help contribute to the greening of Alhambra which improves the look of the community and promotes pride among residents.

**Action Taken:** City Council received and ordered filed the informational report presented this evening.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 4 – 13)**

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

**4. AWARD OF CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR ALHAMBRA GOLF COURSE AND VARIOUS CITY SITES – F2M9-67, RFP2M9-6, C2M9-30, M2M9-82**

Staff requested that Council award a contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc. for professional tree maintenance services at the Alhambra Golf Course and adjacent parking lots as well as at various Alhambra parks as more fully discussed in the Director of Community Services' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-82** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts that certain proposal of West Coast Arborists, Inc., for professional tree maintenance services at the Alhambra Golf Course and adjacent parking lots as well as at various Alhambra parks; and, in connection therewith, hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$50,680 (**Contract No. C2M9-30**) and after such Agreement has been prepared, approved as to content and form by the City Manager and City Attorney and duly executed by West Coast Arborists, Inc., the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto.

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

**5. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE – F2M7-66, R2M9-30**

At the June 3, 2009 Strategic Planning Session, staff was directed to begin the necessary work to assist the Council with the establishment of an Environmental Committee for the City of Alhambra. It was recommended that this Committee be comprised of five members that are either residents of the community and/or members of the business community. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly on the second Thursday of the month starting in January, 2010 as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Staff

requested the Council adopt a resolution to establish the Alhambra Environmental Committee and that each Councilmember appoint a member at their earliest convenience.

**Discussion:** Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked which City department would provide oversight for the Committee. Responding, Director of Utilities **SWINK** indicated that it would be the Utilities Department.

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Resolution No. R2M9-30** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council creating that certain Alhambra Environmental Committee and establishing the procedures governing such ad hoc Committee*

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

**6. AWARD CONTRACT: PALATINE MAINLINE REPLACEMENT & STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT – F2M9-68, N2M9-96, C2M9-36, M2M9-90**

On September 10, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened 7 bids ranging from \$506,520 (Williams Pipeline Contractors) to \$726,120 (Sully-Miller Contracting Co.) for the Palatine Mainline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation Project (N2M9-96). Staff requested that Council award a contract to Williams Pipeline Contractors. Staff checked references for the firm and they have successfully completed similar work in the past as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-90** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

- 1) Accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of Williams Pipeline Contractors in the amount of \$506,520, for the Palatine Mainline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation Project (the "Project"), subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-96; and,
- 2) Directs staff to prepare the necessary PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT (**Contract No. C2M9-36**) with said successful bidder for said Project, and after said contract has been prepared, approved as to content and form by both the City Manager and the City Attorney, and duly executed by said successful bidder, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City

Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto; and,

- 3) Directs the Director of Finance to carry over into the current fiscal year funding for the project budgeted in FY 2008-2009 in the amount of \$563,473 from account number 401.80.8884.90836.

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

**7. AWARD CONTRACT: INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS & METER BOXES – F2M8-68, C2M9-37, M2M9-91**

As part of the City's continuing program to replace aging water meters, this year's Capital Improvement Project budget includes an allocation for the purchase and installation of new water meters, meter boxes and lids at various locations. Meter boxes and lids which are broken or have not been upgraded with the required electronics for touch-read meters will be replaced as more fully discussed in the Director of Utilities' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Staff requested that Council award a contract to Measurement Control Systems, Inc. for the installation of meters, meter boxes and lids at various locations.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-91** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary AGREEMENT (**Contract No. C2M9-37**) with MEASUREMENT CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC. in the amount of \$49,100 for the installation of meters, boxes and lids at various locations and, after said Agreement has been prepared, approved as to content and form by both the City Manager and City Attorney, and after such Agreement has been duly executed by Measurement Control Systems Inc., the City Manager 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: YAMAUCHI Seconded: AYALA  
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO  
Noes: NONE  
Absent: SHAM

**8. TRAFFIC CONTROL: FLORENTINA AVENUE FROM CARLOS TO MONTEZUMA AVENUE – F2M9-9, M2M9-95**

Staff requested the City Council review the Stop and Safety Study for that portion of Florentina Avenue from Carlos Avenue to Montezuma Avenue and approve the installation of stop signs in the area to improve safety and prevent potential driver confusion as to the right-of-way, as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-95** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that pursuant to Alhambra Municipal Code Section 11.20.020, this Council directs the Chief of Police, with the assistance of the Department of Public Works, to install stop signs at the southeast corner of Florentina Avenue and Montezuma Avenue, at the western point of the triangle median and at the intersection of Florentina Avenue and Montezuma Avenue at the southern point of the triangle median as well as to post additional speed limit signage along Florentina Avenue for southbound traffic.

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

**9. AWARD CONTRACT: 2008 RESIDENTIAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - F2M8-86, N2M8-139, C2M9-41, M2M9-97**

On January 8, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened 12 bids ranging from \$596,320 (Sequel Contractors, Inc.) to \$879,393 (Pena Grading & Demolition, Inc.) for the 2008 Residential Street Improvement Project – Various Locations (the “Project”). The Project was put on hold while the water lines beneath the majority of the streets in the Project area were upgraded. The Utilities Department has now completed the upgrades and the streets are ready to be paved. Consequently, staff requested that Council award a contract to Sequel Contractors, Inc. for the 2008 Residential Street Improvement Project as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-97** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

- 1) Accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of Sequel Contractors, Inc. in the total amount of \$596,320, for the 2008 Residential Street Improvement Project – Various Locations, subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in

Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-139; and,

- 2) Directs staff to prepare the necessary PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT (**Contract No. C2M9-41**) with said successful bidder for said Project, and after said contract has been prepared, approved as to content and form by both the City Manager and the City Attorney, and duly executed by said successful bidder, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto; and,
- 3) Directs the Director of Finance to appropriate \$400,000 from Utilities Department Water Fund Balance for the 2008 Residential Street Improvement Project – Various Locations.

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

**10. VENDOR AGREEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND SUPPLIES DURING AN EMERGENCY - F2M9-76, C2M9-42, C2M9-43, C2M9-44, C2M9-45 C2M9-46, M2M9-98**

Partnering with local vendors for supplies and equipment through written agreements prior to a disaster is an important component of disaster planning that will ensure needed resources are available to the City of Alhambra should a disaster occur and also aids in cost reimbursement from the Federal Emergency and Management Agency (FEMA). Staff requested that Council authorize staff to enter into agreements with Smart & Final, Home Depot, Brook Stone Emergency Services, Costco and OSH Commercial Services for use during a declared emergency in the City of Alhambra. Staff also requested approval to purchase needed equipment and services through these agreements as more fully discussed in the Fire Chief's September 28, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-98** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

1. Approves those certain AGREEMENTS with Brook Stone Emergency Services, Smart & Final, Home Depot, Costco and OSH Commercial Services, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, a copy of which Agreements are on file in the office of the City Clerk respectively as **Contract Nos. C2M9-42, C2M9-43, C2M9-44, C2M9-45 and C2M9-46** and

by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and the Director of Finance is hereby authorized to execute such Agreements for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra as well as renew them as their expiration dates are reached; and,

2. Authorizes the emergency purchase of needed equipment and services through the aforementioned Agreements not to exceed \$25,000 in combined total.

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

#### 11. TREASURER'S REPORT - F2M9-1

The Director of Finance had prepared the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2009, listing all of the City's and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency's investments as of August 31, 2009, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk as File No. F2M9-1.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Approved as submitted.

**Vote:** Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: AYALA  
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO  
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 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 September 28, 2009.

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

**13. DEMANDS - F2M9-1**

Final Check List (109526 thru 109596) in the amount of \$117,633.39 for the period ending July 9, 2009; Final Check List (110608 thru 110717) in the amount of \$740,653.92 for the period ending August 24, 2009; Final Check List (110718 thru 110732) in the amount of \$646,247.05 for the period ending August 27, 2009, Final Check List (110733 thru 110848) in the amount of \$358,651.47 for the period ending August 28, 2009; and, Final Check List (110850 thru 110923) in the amount of \$234,768.88 for the period ending September 3, 2009 were submitted for Council's approval.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Approved as submitted.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - F2M9-4**

1. **Raymond TAM**, 1829 South Olive Avenue, spoke regarding Alhambra Municipal Code (AMC) sections relating to the landscaping of residential yards. He wanted to know what type of vegetation was acceptable to plant in the parkway and what the definition of acceptable ground cover was according to the City as the AMC is confusing. He asked that the Council clear up the landscaping requirement in the AMC and that they direct staff to at least read the literature on the type of grass substitute he planted in the parkway in front of his property. A staff member in the Public Works Department has ruled it unacceptable without consideration of the research and testimony from a landscaper he has available indicating the grass substitute would look the same and grow the same as actual grass but require less water.

Director of Public Works **CHAVEZ** explained that she would be more than willing to take a look at Mr. Tam's parkway. She noted it was difficult to list every type of plant that would be acceptable in the parkway in the AMC. In general, the Public Works Department was looking for something that would be green year-round and be safe for individuals exiting the passenger side of a vehicle that parks next to the curb in the area, e.g., plants without thorns and/or spikes, those that would create the potential for someone to trip or those that would grow too tall.

2. **Helen ROMERO-SHAW**, representing Southern California Gas Company, announced that she was before the Council this evening to present information about the Gas Company's proposal before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to implement an Advanced Metering Infrastructure that would send energy information

electronically from a customer's gas meter to the Gas Company. Beginning in mid 2010 the Gas Company would begin to retrofit six million gas meters with wireless communications modules which would provide next-day, hourly and daily gas consumption information. She provided members of the Council with packets detailing the proposed plan, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office and stated she was available to answer any questions the Council may have on the matter.

Mrs. **MESSINA**, referencing a presentation made by a union representative at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting the previous week, asked about whether she had seen the report referenced during the presentation which raised the issues regarding the displacement of employees due to the change in the way the meters will be read and whether the new meters will provide accurate readings and cost-savings to customers. Ms. **ROMERO-SHAW** answered that she had not seen the report but she would be sure to get a copy. The Gas Company has always had a good relationship with the unions and invited them to be a part of the process when talk of the smart meter began in the 1990's. The Gas Company also went from full-time meter readers to part-time employees in anticipation of this change and notified the unions when the proposal was filed with CPUC last year. The plan is to make sure that the 180 full-time meter readers are deployed to other positions within the Gas Company. If this is not possible for some, to assist those individuals with finding work elsewhere. She noted that another benefit to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure was that it would take 2,000 of their trucks off the street which will be a positive contribution to air quality.

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked whether the City would be involved if a Gas Company customer did not want their meter replaced or the face of their meter altered. Responding, Ms. **ROMERO-SHAW** explained that the meter would not be removed; the Gas Company would simply replace the face on the meter.

Mayor **PLACIDO** asked if homeowners would have to bring electricity to the meter. Also, if the Gas Company received approval from the CPUC, would the Gas Company then look to the CPUC to ensure compliance from local communities with respect to the rules and regulations they develop? Ms. **ROMERO-SHAW** answered that the meters would be battery operated and that the Gas Company would be responsible for anything related to sending the readings/information as it will be a part of the proposed infrastructure. However, the exact technology has not been established. There are models available from electric companies that have developed similar technologies. Once the concept is approved by the CPUC, then more details on the project will be worked out and updates made available. Due to the fact the CPUC is the regulating body for the Gas Company; they will have to receive approval from the CPUC on everything they do. Dr. **PLACIDO** asked if service would be interrupted to which Ms. **ROMERO-SHAW** replied that it would not, as it was only data gathering. The Gas Company would not be able to turn off gas meters by remote or anything similar to that. She strongly believed that the Advanced Metering Infrastructure concept would be a benefit to customers as it would allow them to manage their energy usage more appropriately.

3. **Joyce AMARO**, 1808 South Sixth Street, wished to thank the *2009 Historic Home Tour* homeowners. Due the willingness of these homeowners to open their lovely homes, the Alhambra Preservation Group had its most successful home tour, with over 600 people attending the event. She also thanked the participating volunteers; in particular, she

thanked Xavier Cervantes, a Boy Scout that spent the entire day of the event educating home tour goers about Norman Rockwell. She also handed out letters of invitation to the Council to attend the Alhambra Preservation Group's general membership meeting on October 15, 2009 as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Home Awards would be handed out to recognize homeowners that exemplify restoration excellence. A copy of the invitation letter is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

4. **Lola ARMENDARIZ**, expressed that during Ms. Romero-Shaw's introduction she was unable to hear what her position was or that she was representing the Gas Company. She did not hear any indication from Ms. Romero-Shaw that the general public would be informed about the project that was under consideration. She asked about whether the proposed electronically-read meters would be vulnerable in the event of a power outage and perhaps reset as microwaves do. Finally, she hoped that those at the meeting with questions would not have to meet after the meeting as members in the audience or those viewing the meeting at home may be interested in what a speaker may have to say. Responding, **Mayor PLACIDO** explained that the City is not always informed of potential changes or legislation by the utility companies, as they will go to the State for approval and then impose the changes on local cities whether or not they agree with the changes, regulations and/or legislation.

Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director **BACIO** wished to recognize and thank retiring Director of Development Services, Mike Martin, as he provided the City of Alhambra and its residents with 23 years of stellar service. Mr. Martin will be sorely missed by City Manager Fuentes, his fellow Department Heads and all of the City staff.

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

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** announced that the Governor signed AB 717 entitled *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day* which requires the Governor to annually proclaim March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. The Bill also encourages schools to conduct exercises on that date each year to recognize the contributions of those involved in the conflict. He hoped that the City would consider making an effort to honor Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day on March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Mr. **AYALA** thanked Director of Development Services Martin for the great precedent he has set for the future of the City with respect to development and housing. He has done a wonderful job transforming the Downtown area and turning other parts of the City around for the better. He really appreciated the work Mr. Martin has done.

Mrs. **MESSINA** also thanked Mr. Martin for doing a great job and noted that she would miss calling him regarding Planning Commission or Design Review Board issues. She also announced that residents interested in participating in a Neighborhood Council program for the City should leave their contact information with Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi at City Hall. Ms. Hayashi would then pass along the information to her. Mrs. Messina added that the Neighborhood Council is a project she would be working on similar to the Alhambra Pride project she had been working on through the Neighborhood Watch program. The Neighborhood Council concept promotes the preservation and beautification of neighborhoods through active

involvement in one's neighborhood including knowing your neighbors, promoting safety, alleviating blight and building community assets.

Mayor **PLACIDO** noted that Mr. Martin was a great teacher and guiding force during his time as a Planning Commissioner. Everyone on the Planning Commission learned a great deal from his input and explanations of complicated issues. He would not be as well informed as he was today without help from Mr. Martin and expressed appreciation and thanked him for his service. Dr. Placido also announced that one of the first things he was going to ask the newly created Environmental Committee to do was to look into creating an informational forum or meeting for residents with solar power vendors to promote solar energy programs in residential homes.

**ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:25 p.m., there being no further business for the Agency Board or Council to transact, the ARA Chairman and Mayor adjourned their respective meetings to 5:30 p.m. on **Monday, October 12, 2009**, in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

**LAUREN MYLES  
ACTING CITY CLERK & ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY**