

**MINUTES  
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL  
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
Joint Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2009  
5:30 p.m.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ALHAMBRA CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL:** At 5:33 p.m., on Monday, December 14, 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: SHAM, MESSINA YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

**Officials Present:** City Manager/ARA Executive Director Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney/Agency Counsel Montes, City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Myles, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Schultz, Director of Finance Longballa, Director of Development Services Reynoso, Deputy City Manager/Director of Utilities Swink, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Chief of Police Hudson, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Sergeant-at-Arms Elizalde

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Chairman Ayala

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A NEW AGENCY FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (2010-2014) – F2M9-512, N2M9-129, M2M9-517**

This was the time and place set by **Notice No. N2M9-129** for the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency to hold a public hearing pursuant to California Government Code Section 6063 and California Health and Safety Code Section 33490(c), which public hearing was duly continued from the November 23, 2009 meeting, to review and adopt the 2010-2014 Implementation Plan regarding the Alhambra Industrial Redevelopment Project Area, the Alhambra Industrial Redevelopment Project Added Area "A" and the Alhambra Redevelopment Central Business District Project Area.

Director of Development Services **REYNOSO** explained that every five years the

Redevelopment Agency adopts a Five Implementation Plan describing the programs and projects in the City's redevelopment areas that are aimed at eliminating blight as well as describing housing programs and projects. The period covered for the Five-Year Implementation Plan was 2010 to 2014.

**Opened & Closed Public Hearing:** Chairman **AYALA** opened the public hearing; and, as there was no one present wishing to speak, he closed the same.

**Action Taken:** Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-517** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 33490(a), this Board hereby approves that certain *Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Five-Year Implementation Plan 2010-2014*, dated effective January 1, 2010, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk as F2M9-512 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING: CROSSWALK REMOVAL & INSTALLATION AT MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL – F2M9-9, N2M9-150, M2M9-130**

This was the time and place set by **Notice No. N2M9-150** for the City Council to hold a public hearing regarding the Mark Keppel High School traffic study recommendation for (1) the removal of an existing crosswalk at Hellman and Sierra Vista Avenues, and (2) installation of a crosswalk at Hellman Avenue and Rural Drive in the cities of Alhambra and Monterey Park (the "Project"). Due to the redesign of school on-site facilities and access points, Mark Keppel High School (the "School") has requested that the crosswalk at Sierra Vista Street and Hellman Avenue be removed and a new crosswalk be placed on the west side of Hellman Avenue and Rural Drive. The School has also requested additional traffic calming measures such as parking restrictions along Hellman Avenue and left turn restrictions at Sierra Vista Street, Rural Drive and Orange Avenue at their intersections with Hellman Avenue. Staff recommends the City Council conduct a public hearing regarding the information provided by the School District's Traffic Engineer's report (the "Report") for Mark Keppel High School and then approve the measures proposed by the School as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Opened & Closed Public Hearing:** Chairman **AYALA** opened the public hearing; and, as there was no one present wishing to speak, he closed the same.

**Action Taken:** City Council adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-130** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves the following measures proposed by Mark Keppel High School:

- A. Removal of existing crosswalk at Sierra Vista Street and Hellman Avenue.
- B. Pavement resurfacing or repaving to eliminate all pavement markings at the existing crosswalk at Sierra Vista Street and removal of all existing approach signs including the flashing beacon on Hellman Avenue.
- C. Installation of signs on both sides of Hellman Avenue at Sierra Vista directing that pedestrians shall not cross at the intersection.
- D. Install a pedestrian barrier on Hellman Avenue at Sierra Vista Street to help deter pedestrians from crossing at Sierra Vista after the crosswalk has been removed.
- E. Parking restrictions on Hellman Avenue including red curbs along Hellman per the Report and the space in front of the School on Hellman Avenue between Sierra Vista and Rural Drive should be used as a drop off and pick up zone with NO PARKING signage installed.
- F. The north curb on Hellman Avenue between Alhambra Avenue and Sierra Vista should be painted per CVC guidelines for loading and unloading of passengers. This area should be designated as a school bus loading zone. Bus signs should be posted.
- G. Install a new crosswalk at Rural Drive and Hellman Avenue on the west approach, including ADA compliant ramps along north and south sides of Hellman Avenue and all other related improvements as recommended by the Report in compliance with current applicable codes and CA MUTCD guidelines.
- H. Restriction of north-bound left turn movement at the intersections of Sierra Vista and Rural Drive at Hellman Avenue during the peak drop-off and pick-up times (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) pending the approval by the City of Monterey Park City Engineer and staff.
- I. Distribute educational material to school pedestrians on proper use of crosswalks.
- J. Comply with the additional requirements listed in the Conclusions section of the School Crosswalk Study prepared by the School's Traffic Engineer dated December, 2009.
- K. All improvements shall be paid for and implemented by the School District and their contractors at no cost to the City of Alhambra. The School District's contractor shall obtain a Public Works encroachment permit from the City and pay all applicable fees prior to starting work. The School District shall also obtain all necessary permits from the City of Monterey Park and any other regulatory agencies as necessary.

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

**AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 3 - 4)**

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

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the November 17, 2009 Joint Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the November 23, 2009 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council are now ready for review and approval by both the Agency Board and/or the City Council.

**Discussion:**

**Action:** Agency Board/City Council approved as submitted.

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

### **4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M9-500**

Agency staff has submitted for the Agency Board's review and approval Accounts Payable for the period ending December 1, 2009, Check Nos. 10816-10834, in the total amount of \$752,851.91.

**Discussion:**

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

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

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M9-4**

**Marissa CASTRO-SALVATI**, Region Manager, Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison (SCE), distributed a handout regarding SCE's new SmartConnect advanced metering program, a copy of which handout is on file in the City Clerk's Office. She announced that SmartConnect meter installations for residential and commercial customers in the Montebello Service Center District, inclusive of Alhambra, would begin mid-December and continue through February. SmartConnect meters will not require meter readers as they are automated and will read automatically through the push of a button. While the specific dates of deployment for this project in Alhambra were not set, she would inform the City as soon as the dates were available.

**Mrs. MESSINA** asked whether those currently employed as meter readers would be absorbed into other areas of the company. Responding, Ms. **CASTRO-SALVATI** explained that there were plans for those employees left after all the projects have been completed to have the option to move to another department or another district. **Mayor PLACIDO**, noting that currently homeowners can access the number reading on the meter at their home to check it against their bill for accuracy, asked if that would be possible with the smart meters. Ms. **CASTRO-SALVATI** noted that the smart meters would provide customers with a computer at home to monitor the usage for each individual appliance.

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

City Attorney/Agency Counsel **MONTES** stated two additional items pertaining to (1) real property negotiations for the property located at 24 West Main Street with owner/negotiating party Leo Pratz and (2) existing litigation, *Bass vs. City of Alhambra*, USDC CV08-07660 PST(RZx), arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda which staff needed to discuss with the City Council/Agency Board this evening; however, in order to do so, a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote of the City Council/Agency Board was required to add it to the agenda under Closed Session.

**Action Taken:** On motion of Mayor PLACIDO, seconded by Mr. SHAM, and carried unanimously (SHAM, MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO), said matters were added under *Conference with Real Property Negotiator* and *Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation* respectively.

City Attorney/Agency Counsel **MONTES** then 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):***

Property: 3005 West Ramona Road, Negotiating parties: Jainning Lou & Hai Tao Xiang, and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Reynoso, 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):***

Correa et al. vs. City of Alhambra, LASC Case No. GC043144

***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 5:42 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 7:05 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  
December 14, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**ALHAMBRA CITY HALL**

**RECONVENE & ROLL CALL:** At 7:05 p.m., on Monday, December 14, 2009, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall

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

**Officials Present:** City Manager/ARA Executive Director Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Myles, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services Director Schultz, Director of Public Works Chavez, Chief of Police Hudson, Fire Chief Stedman, Director of Finance Longballa, Director of Development Services Reynoso, Deputy City Manager/Director of Utilities Swink, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Deputy Director of Community Services Gravel, Library Services Manager Hoven, Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno, Sergeant-at-Arms Elizalde

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Mayor Placido

**RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 1 – 8)**

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

**1. ACCEPT GIFT: FRIENDS OF THE ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – F2M9-12, M2M9-124**

Staff requested that the City Council accept a gift of \$380 from the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library to support the Library's opera appreciation program, as more fully discussed in the Library Director's December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-124** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby accepts with gratitude the gift of \$380.00 from the Friends of the Alhambra Public Library to support the Library's opera appreciation program, and directs the Director of Finance to credit such amount to revenue account 101.50.46730 after which \$180.00 is to be allocated to the Alhambra Civic Center Library Special Departmental Supplies account 101.50.5010.64110 and \$200.00 is to be allocated to the Alhambra Civic Center 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: YAMAUCHI Seconded: MESSINA  
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO  
Noes: NONE  
Absent: NONE

**2. CONTRACT RENEWAL: CITY'S WEBSITE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PROGRAM – F99-34, C2M1-90A, M2M9-125**

Staff requested City Council authorization to renew the City's annual contract with Omniture, Inc. (formerly known as Visual Sciences, Inc./a.k.a. Atomz Corporation and Webside Story) for their "Publish" web-based content management software commencing on November 11, 2009, to and including November 28, 2010, for the sum of \$10,400, as more fully discussed in the Marketing/Communications Specialist's December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-125** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs staff to prepare that certain THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT (the "Amendment") with OMNITURE, INC. (**Contract No. C2M1-90A**) in the amount of \$10,400, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney; and, after such Third Amendment has been duly executed by said Consultant, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such Amendment 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: MESSINA  
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, AYALA, PLACIDO  
Noes: NONE  
Absent: NONE

**3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT - F2M1-45, C2M9-4, M2M9-126**

Staff requested City Council approval of change orders to the Fire Department Training Center Expansion Project. Two change orders have been issued against the contract thus far, for a net decrease of \$21,977 as more fully discussed in the Fire Chief's December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-126** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 for a net decrease of \$21,977 to contract (C2M9-4) with WRG Fire Training Simulation Systems, Inc. for the Fire Department Training Center Expansion Project.

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

**4. AWARD CONTRACT: CDBG-R ADA RAMP PROJECT AT THE JOSLYN CENTER – F2M9-83, N2M9-127, C2M9-56, M2M9-127**

On December 3, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened 8 bids ranging from \$71,173 (JDC, Inc.) to \$142,800 (Pacific Construction Co.) for the CDBG-R ADA Ramping Project at Joslyn Center (N2M9-127). Staff requested that Council award a contract to JDC, Inc. as more fully discussed in the Assistant to the City Manager's December 14,

2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Funding for this project will be provided with Community Development Block Grant – Recovery (CDBG-R) funds.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-127** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

Accepts as the responsible bid received, the bid of JDC, INC., in the total amount of \$71,173 for the ADA Ramp Project at the Joslyn Center (the "Project"), subject to the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-127 and directs staff to prepare the necessary Agreement (**Contract No. C2M9-56**) with said successful bidder for said Project. 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.

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

**5. AMEND AGREEMENT: LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR CONTRACT EDUCATION SERVICES– F2M6-50, C2M6-27, M2M9-128**

Staff requested approval to amend the revenue-generating and apportionment sharing partnership Agreement between the Los Angeles Community College District and the Alhambra Fire Department to provide comprehensive and ongoing mandated in-service skills training each year to fire prevention personnel as more fully discussed in the Fire Chief's December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-128** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs staff to prepare that certain AMENDMENT to AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT EDUCATION SERVICES (the "Agreement"), by and between the CITY OF ALHAMBRA and the LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (the "District") (**Contract No. C2M6-27**), subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney; and, after such Amendment has been duly executed by the District, the City Manager 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.

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

**6. AWARD CONTRACT: ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECT – REHABILITATION OF POPLAR BLVD. – F2M9-64, N2M9-101, C2M9-50, M2M9-129**

On October 8, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened 11 bids ranging from \$173,118 (International Pavement Solutions, Inc.) to \$199,805 (Panorama General Engineering, Inc.) for the Poplar Boulevard Rehabilitation Project (N2M9-101). Staff requested that Council reject the bid protest filed by Silvia Construction and award a contract to International Pavement Solutions, Inc. as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' December 14, 2009 report on file in the City Clerk's Office. Funding for the Project will be from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M9-129** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby:

- 1) Rejects the bid protest filed by Silvia Construction and accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of International Pavement Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$173,118, for the Poplar Boulevard Rehabilitation Project from Fremont Avenue to Winchester Avenue (the "Project"), subject to the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M9-101; and,
- 2) Directs staff to prepare the necessary Agreement (**Contract No. C2M9-50**) 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.

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

**7. 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 December 14, 2009.

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

**8. DEMANDS - F2M9-1**

Final Check List (112663 thru 112804) in the amount of \$476,251.52 for the period ending November 6, 2009 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$303,649.31 for the week ending November 12, 2009; Final Check List (112805 thru 112830) in the amount of \$66,597.79 for the period ending November 12, 2009; Final Check List (112831 thru 112928) in the amount of \$133,506.35 for the period ending November 13, 2009, Final Check List (112962 thru 113064) in the amount of \$576,220.07 for the period ending November 20, 2009 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,617,423.72 for the week ending November 19, 2009; and, Final Check List (113065 thru 113235) in the amount of \$655,251.54 for the period ending November 25, 2009 were submitted for Council's approval.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** Approved as submitted.

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**9. CREATION OF NEW PERMANENT FUND: MEASURE R LOCAL RETURN FUNDS – F2M9-95, O2M9-4553**

Section 3.32.010 of the Alhambra Municipal Code creates and establishes the funds and

account groups for the conduct and operation of the municipal fiscal affairs of the City government, including those funds established by the City Charter. The City will begin to receive Measure R Local Return funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in fiscal year 2009-10. Staff requested creation of this new fund to provide better tracking of monies received and related expenditures to ensure compliance with program requirements. The fund will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council directed the City Attorney to introduce and give first reading to **Ordinance No. O2M9-4553** entitled:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council amending Chapter 3.32 of the Alhambra Municipal Code for the purpose of creating a new permanent fund pertaining to Measure R sales tax and public transportation

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

Mr. **SHAM**, noting that this was the last City Council for the year 2009, wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs. **MESSINA** wished everyone a happy holiday and hoped everyone would stay safe and well. She also mentioned that she had attended the City of Alhambra Employees' Holiday Luncheon and noted that it was a small token of appreciation for all their dedicated and hard work the employees do in the City. She thanked the Fire Chief and staff for hosting the successful luncheon as it was well received by City staff.

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** commented that as was done for the homes that decorated for Halloween, homes which excel in decorating their home for this holiday season will also be noted and recognized at a future City Council meeting. He also announced that he hoped to recognize Alhambra resident June Kuramoto and *Hiroshima* at an upcoming Council meeting also as they had recently been nominated for a Grammy Award. He also hoped that everyone would have a wonderful holiday and noted that he believed that 2010 would be an exciting year for the City of Alhambra.

Mr. **AYALA** wished everyone a happy holiday and asked residents to help keep the work of public safety forces to a minimum in terms of being busy by not drinking and driving and keeping the streets of Alhambra safe.

Mayor **PLACIDO** commented that the end of the year was a time to take stock of the things that we hold dear to our hearts and also to reflect on our shortcomings and make New Year's resolutions. He noted that we had much to be grateful for as far as the City of Alhambra was concerned as we had accomplished a lot of great things in the last year. When we take stock of the City's shortcomings, there are many things that we can tackle and handle as we have in the past. He looked forward to a strong 2010 for the City and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

**ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business for the Agency Board or Council to transact, the ARA Chairman and Mayor, with the consent of the Agency Board and the City Council, directed the City Clerk to **cancel** the **December 28, 2009 meeting** due to the Holidays and **adjourned** their respective meetings to 5:30 p.m., on **January 11, 2010**, in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California (**Notice No. N2M9-155**).

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