

MINUTES
Joint Regular Meeting
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
March 8, 2010
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 8, 2010, 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, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, MESSINA
ABSENT: None

Officials Present: 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, Chief of Police Hudson, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Sergeant at Arms Garay.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Chairman Messina

AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 1 - 6)

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. REORGANIZATION: ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – F2M10-20

As required by the Alhambra City Charter, the City Council reorganized itself on February 22, 2010. However, in order to complete the reorganization, the following actions are required to be taken in connection with the reorganization; i.e., the appointment of Director or Delegate and Alternate to the following organizations for the period commencing February 22, 2010 to and including November 22, 2010:

- a) Board of Directors, League of California Cities, Los Angeles: Director – Luis Ayala, Alternate – Gary Yamauchi.
- b) San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership: Representative – Stephen Sham, Alternate – Dr. Steven Placido.
- c) Independent Cities of Los Angeles County: Representative – Gary Yamauchi, Alternate – Stephen Sham.

- d) San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG): Governing Board Representative – Barbara A. Messina, Alternate Governing Board Representative – Dr. Steven T. Placido.
- e) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG): Representative – Barbara A. Messina, Alternate – Luis Ayala.
- f) Alhambra Museum Board of Directors: Representative – Dr. Steven Placido, Alternate – Barbara A. Messina.
- g) Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA): Representative – Gary Yamauchi.
- h) City Selection Committee: Representative – Luis Ayala, Alternate – Gary Yamauchi.

Action Taken: No action required.

2. SIXTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT: PARKING LOTS A & B – 16-18 N. SECOND STREET – F98-510, C98-504, M2M10-1001

Staff requested that the Agency Board/City Council approve a Sixth Amendment to an existing Agreement with Ray C. Saeheng and Jing Wang, owners of the real property located at 16-18 North Second Street, for the right to use Parking Lot “A” and Parking Lot “B” for an additional one-year period to and including March 10, 2011, for the sum of \$2,650 per month. The lease payments were to be paid out of the Redevelopment Industrial Project Fund (Fund 93). The Agreement to lease a total of 60 parking spaces (21 full-time spaces and 39 evening and weekend spaces) significantly addressed the increased parking demands in the downtown during the past 12 years and will continue to do so for one additional year.

Action Taken: City Council and Agency Board jointly and severally adopted **Minute Order No. M2M10-1001** as follows: Resolved by the Alhambra City Council and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this City Council and Agency Board hereby approves that certain Sixth Amendment to Lease Agreement, (“the Amendment”), dated effective as of March 1, 2010, by and between RAY C. SAEHENG and JING WANG, (collectively “Lessor”), and the ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY and the CITY OF ALHAMBRA, (the “Lessee”), a copy of which Amendment is on file in the City Clerk’s Office as **Contract No. C98-504** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein and directs staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize the action of the Agency Board and Council.

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

3. INTERIM DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONSULTING CONTRACT – F2M9-73, C2M10-6, M2M10-24

Staff recommended that the City contract with James Funk, who worked for the City of Alhambra from 1993-2001 and has extensive experience in all aspects of the Development Services Department, through December 31, 2010 as the Interim Director of Development Services. Staff further requested that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve the consulting agreement with James Funk.

Action Taken: Agency Board/City Council approved that certain Agreement for Professional Consulting Services (the “Agreement”) between the City of Alhambra and James Funk, a copy of which Agreement was on file in the City Clerk’s Office as **Contract No. C2M10-6** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; authorized the City Manager to execute said Agreement; approved Vanessa Reynoso returning to the Deputy Director of Development Services position; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council’s action. **(M2M10-24)**

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

4. MINUTES

Action Taken: Agency Board and/or the City Council reviewed and approved as submitted the Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Joint Special Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the February 8, 2010 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council.

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

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M10-500

Action Taken: Approved as submitted the Accounts Payable for the period ending March 2, 2010, Check Nos. 10933-10957, in the total amount of \$338,244.64.

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

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M10-2

Action Taken: Agency Board/Council ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated March 8, 2010 showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: F2M10-4

Ms. Betty BARNETT, 2525 Stranahan Drive, Alhambra, spoke of her concerns with multi-unit high rise development in Alhambra and the attendant traffic congestion and over-crowding that came with such developments. She requested the Council look carefully at balance when making their development decisions, concentrate on fewer restaurants and open up stores in which Ms. Barnett would feel comfortable shopping.

Chairman **MESSINA** noted that Ms. Barnett's concerns were the Council's concerns. Dr. **PLACIDO** added that the housing situation was frustrating. The State has regional housing numbers that require cities to provide a certain number of housing units over a period of time. Cities argue that they are "built out," but the State does not respond to that argument. The City has tried to put high density housing in pedestrian-friendly places so that residents of high density housing may walk to the grocery store or cleaners. Main Street has been planned for some increased housing to take that demand away from surrounding neighborhoods.

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M10-14

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: 2500 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Negotiating parties: City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Funk and potential interested parties, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.
- b) Property: 112 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Jay Parker and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Funk, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.
- c) Property: 116 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Jay Parker and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Funk, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.

- d) Property: 534 Howard Street, Negotiating parties: City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Funk and potential interested parties, 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): None

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): Director of Finance

Conference with City's Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54957.6): None.

whereupon at 5:45 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.

**Regular Meeting
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
March 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

RECONVENE & ROLL CALL: At 7:07 p.m., on Monday, March 8, 2010, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

PRESENT: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, SHAM
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, Interim Director of Development Services Funk, Deputy City Manager/Director of Utilities Swink, Library Director Hernandez, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Assistant to the City Manager Keating, Code Enforcement Manager Bisogno, Sergeant-at-Arms Garay

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Sham

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mr. SHAM, seconded by Mr. AYALA, and carried unanimously (MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, SHAM) 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: 2009 CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE HOMES – F2M10-3, F2M7-108

Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** and the City Council wished to recognize and commend residents who put forth an extraordinary effort at Christmas in decorating their homes for the holiday. Those home owners selected for special recognition included the following:

**LADIS & AFRODICIO RAMOS
207 North Curtis Avenue**

**MARTIN & LYDIA DIAZ
332 South Electric Avenue**

**THE BERNAL FAMILY
209 South Atlantic Boulevard**

ROSA MARIA FUENTES

308 Elm Street

**LUIS ROMERO
125 North Raymond Avenue**

**THE CRESPO FAMILY
201 South Bushnell Avenue**

**LINDA ALLISON
1412 Pine Street
ALBERTO & LIOVIJILDA ALDABA
16 Primrose Avenue**

**FRANCES LANGARICA & SINDY ALVIZAR
424 South Marguerita Avenue**

**ROSALVA & JOSE PORTUGAL
513 South Electric Avenue**

PUBLIC HEARING

2. PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT GPA-10-1 & ZONE CHANGE Z-10-1 – 2217-2251 WEST MAIN STREET – F2M10-31, F2M9-87, N2M10-27, O2M10-4554, M2M10-23

This was the time and place set by **Notice No. N2M10-27** for the Alhambra City Council to hold a public hearing pertaining to those certain six properties with a total of 42 residential units located on the north side of Main Street between Palm Avenue and Cedar Street including 2217, 2227, 2233, 2237, 2239, 2247 and 2251 West Main Street, Alhambra, California (the "Properties"), to consider the following:

- A. A General Plan Amendment changing the applicable land use designation for the Properties from Commercial to High Density Residential; and,
- B. A Zone Change changing the applicable zone on said Properties (Commercial Planned Development) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential)

The purpose of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change is to achieve consistency between the General Plan designation and zoning and the actual uses of the properties. A Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, which is on file with the Department of Development Services' Planning Division, has been prepared and is part of this hearing's administrative record. The Planning Commission reviewed these applications filed by the City of Alhambra on February 1, 2010, and voted 10-0 to recommend approval of the applications to the City Council.

Deputy Director of Development Services **REYNOSO** reported that at issue in this hearing was to determine creating a residentially-zoned lot in the middle of a commercially-zoned block, which had previously been referred back by the Council to

the Planning Commission to expand the General Plan Amendment and the Zone Change applications to include the surrounding properties on Main Street north and south of the subject site, except for both ends of the block which were already developed with commercial uses. The modified proposal now included six properties, one that was vacant and five that were developed with apartment buildings. Five apartment complexes built before 1954 and 1979 were currently considered legal, non-conforming uses but would be conforming uses if the General Plan and the Zone Change amendment were approved. In February the Planning Commission reviewed and approved this request and now the matter was before the Council this evening. Staff was recommending that Council give a first reading of Ordinance **O2M10-4554**.

Discussion: Dr. **PLACIDO** complimented the Planning Commission and Design Review Board and the architect for their work on this project.

Opened Public Hearing: Mayor **SHAM** opened the public hearing.

Tien CHU, Project Architect, 3354 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, as the owner/applicant's representative, notified the Council that he was available for Council and/or public architectural questions on this project.

Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** asked if there was a problem with the rectangular, squared-off back side of the property. Years before that property, which faces Palm Avenue, was purchased and attached to the lot to square it off. If Council changed the zoning, would there be a problem with this add-on? Deputy Director of Development Services **REYNOSO** responded it would all be consistent with R-3 zoning.

Closed Public Hearing: There being no one further wishing to speak, Mayor **SHAM** closed the public hearing.

Action Taken: City Council adopted 1) Approval of the Negative Declaration for GPA-10-1 and Z-10-1 (**M2M10-23**) and 2) directed the City Attorney to introduce and give first reading to **Ordinance No. O2M10-4554** entitled:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council reclassifying those certain parcels of real property described as the north side of Main Street between Palm Avenue and Cedar Street including addresses 2217, 2227, 2233, 2237, 2239, 2247 and 2251 West Main Street from Zone CPD (Commercial Planned Development) to Zone R-3 (Multiple Family Residential (Z-10-1) and amending the General Plan to change the land use designation of said real properties from Commercial to High Density Residential (GPA-10-1)

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 3 – 10)

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

3. AWARD CONTRACT: UTILITIES DEPARTMENT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS – F2M9-80, N2M10-3, C2M10-7, M2M10-17

On February 18, 2010, the City Clerk received and opened two bids ranging from \$344,950 (A & B Electric) to \$621,300 (KDC Systems) for the Electrical Improvements portion of the Utilities Department Security Improvements Project (N2M10-3). Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to A & B Electric in an amount not to exceed \$344,950. Staff had reviewed the bids and found A & B Electric was in full compliance and conformance with the bid specifications. Funding for this project was available in the FY 2009-10 Capital Improvements Plan budget.

Action Taken: Contract awarded to A & B Electric in an amount not to exceed \$344,950 for the Utilities Department Security Improvements Project – Electrical Improvements and directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M10-17)**

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

4. AWARD CONTRACT: MARENGO RESERVOIR PAINTING PROJECT – F2M9-89, N2M9-140, C2M10-8, M2M10-18

On February 18, 2010, the City Clerk received and opened six bids ranging from \$147,000 (Fix Painting Company) to \$218,680 (A.J. Fistes Corporation) for the Marengo Reservoir Painting Project (N2M9-140). Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to Fix Painting Company in an amount not to exceed \$147,000. Staff had reviewed the bids and checked references for the contractor and determined that they had successfully completed similar projects in the past and were qualified to perform the work.

Action Taken: Contract awarded to Fix Painting Company in an amount not to exceed \$147,000 for the Marengo Reservoir Painting Project; instructed the Director of Finance to appropriate \$160,000 from the Water Fund Balance and allocated it into account 401.80.8884.90922; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M10-18)**

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

5. AWARD CONTRACT: HELLMAN AVENUE WATERLINE REPLACEMENT & STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT – F2M10-21, N2M10-2, C2M10-9, M2M10-19

On February 11, 2010, the City Clerk received and opened twelve bids ranging from \$936,107 (Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals) to \$1,585,119.42 (Doty Brothers Equipment Co.) for the Hellman Avenue Waterline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation Project (N2M10-2). Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$936,107.14. Staff had reviewed the bids and checked references for the contractor and determined that they had successfully completed similar projects in the past and were qualified to perform the work.

Action Taken: Contract awarded to Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals in the amount of \$936,107.14 for the Hellman Avenue Waterline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation Project; instructed the Director of Finance to appropriate \$373,016 from the Prop 1B Fund and \$618,091.14 from the Water Fund Balance to account 401.80.8884.90836 for this project; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M10-19)**

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

6. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: GATEWAY PLAZA PROJECT – F2M5-37, C2M9-22, M2M10-25

Staff requested that the City Council accept the work of Yakar General Contractors for the completion of the Gateway Plaza Project. The completed contract amount was \$151,803.62. The work had been inspected by staff and all work had been completed in accordance with the City requirements and specifications. It was appropriate to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

Action Taken: Accepted as complete the contract with Yakar General Contractors for the Gateway Plaza Project **(C2M9-22)** in the amount of \$151,803.62, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M10-25)**

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

7. PARCEL MAP NO. 70894 - F2M10-11, M2M10-20

Tentative Parcel Map No. 70894 was approved by the Planning Commission on May 18,

2009. The project was a merger of three separate parcels into a single parcel at 1024-1032 South Garfield Avenue. All conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map had been met, including the municipal restrictions, reviewed and approved by the Planning Division staff. The City Engineer had signed the Parcel Map and was recommending recordation of the same.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M10-20** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council as follows:

SECTION ONE: Based upon the recommendation of the Director of Development Services in his report dated March 8, 2010, this Council hereby finds and determines that the said project located at 1024-1032 South Garfield Avenue, in the City of Alhambra, County of Los Angeles, State of California, being Lots 12, 13 and 14 of Tract No. 4899, M.B. 51-62, in the office of the County Recorder of said County, will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66473.5, 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act of the State of California.

SECTION TWO: This Council hereby approves PARCEL MAP NO. 70894, and authorizes the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map the certificate which embodies the approval of said map and acceptance of dedications.

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

8. CONTRACT EXTENSION: PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES - F2M5-53, C2M5-44, M2M10-21

The City's current five year contract with the CPA firm of Diehl, Evans & Co., LLP (DEC) expired with the audit of fiscal year 2008-2009. DEC wished to extend the agreement for one more year to include the audit for fiscal year 2009-2010. City staff had been very pleased with DEC's professionalism during the course of the contract and DEC has also agreed to lower the audit fee by five percent which will save the City \$2,774. For consistency and continuity due to the Director of Finance's retirement in April 2010, and to allow the future Director of Finance to have a role in selecting a new auditing team, staff recommended a one-year extension of the City's external independent audit contract with DEC.

Action Taken: Council approved a one-year extension of contract C2M5-44 by and between Diehl, Evans & Co., LLP and the City of Alhambra and directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. (**M2M10-21**)

Vote: Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA, SHAM

Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

9. AWARD CONTRACT: CDBG-R ADA IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATION OF MEN'S RESTROOM AND RECREATION ROOM FLOORING AT JOSLYN CENTER – F2M9-85, N2M9-135, C2M10-10, M2M10-22

On December 3, 2009, the City Clerk received and opened twenty bids ranging from \$62,500 (Korston Construction, Inc.) to \$124,200 (L.A. Builders, Inc.) for the CDBG-R ADA Improvements and Renovation of Men's Restroom and Recreation Room Flooring at Joslyn Center Project (N2M9-135). Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to Korston Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$62,500. Korston Construction had the necessary licenses and permits and had completed similar work in other jurisdictions.

Action Taken: Awarded a contract to Korston Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$62,500 for the CDBG-R ADA Improvements and Renovation of Men's Restroom and Recreation Room Flooring at Joslyn Center Project and directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M10-22)**

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

10. DEMANDS - F2M10-1

Action Taken: Approved as submitted Final Check List (114875 thru 114896) in the amount of \$115,027.22 for the period ending February 4, 2010 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,678,817.67 for the week ending January 28, 2010; Final Check List (114874/114897 thru 115002) in the amount of \$1,125,676.54 for the period ending February 5, 2010; Final Check List (115003 thru 115143) in the amount of \$635,686,32 for the period ending February 11, 2010; and, Final Check List (115144 thru 115281) in the amount of \$377,255.91 for the period ending February 12, 2010.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M10-4

Isabel GALLARDO, 1816 Edgewood Drive, spoke for the third time in as many Council meetings regarding her negative experiences at the Joslyn Center including her arrests. She stated she had not been contacted by staff for a meeting as the Council had previously directed them to do, and asked why she had not heard anything from either Community Services or the Police Department regarding her case. She felt the Police Department was deliberately

delaying investigating the circumstances surrounding her case.

Christopher LOZANO, 14 North Marengo Avenue, expressed concern over a possible conflict in the overnight parking permit and renewal notice in the Alhambra Municipal Code, the overnight parking permit application, and Exhibit A, Page 2 of City Council's Resolution **R2M9-1**. Mr. Lozano understood that a City ordinance was necessary to change any specific wording in the Alhambra Municipal Code and, if that were true, then an ordinance would be needed to legally change the \$35 annual permit fee to \$60. He did find such an ordinance, O2M3-5442, approved in 2003 and effective September 1, 2003 that modified Code Section 11.36.030 changing the permit fee to \$35. However, he did not find any recent ordinance modifying the fee to \$60. The earlier fees were defined in the Code, but the changes in fees implemented by the Finance Department, he believed, were now in conflict with what was on record as the official fee. Mr. Lozano believed the \$60 charge was a \$25 over-payment on his Annual Overnight Parking Permit Fee.

City Attorney **MONTES** stated staff could certainly review the Code and the resolution. It might simply be that the Code had not been updated. The version online was not the most recent version. It might be that updates were pending. Staff would look into it and get back to Mr. Lozano.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) F2M10-7

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked how the newly installed stop sign at Pine Street was working, to which Director of Public Works **CHAVEZ** stated the sign had been installed at Pine and Dos Robles 2½ weeks ago and she had not heard a single complaint from residents regarding traffic. One resident who lived at Olive and Pine was very happy the City had restored the right-turn lane. Chief of Police **HUDSON** added that the Police Department, as they had been monitoring the traffic flow, had received no negative and many positive comments. Mr. Yamauchi also announced the return of *Alhambra Dodger Night*, with the date set for Friday, June 11, 2010, probably at 7:30 p.m. The game would probably be between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Anaheim Angels, an exciting cross-town rivalry. One thousand tickets would go on sale throughout the City, at about half their regular price. As the event draws near, residents should check in *Around Alhambra* for details.

Dr. **PLACIDO** noted the excellent traffic results on Pine Street and commented on how the cities of South Pasadena and Alhambra could work together in resolving issues when they put their minds to it.

Mr. **AYALA** reported on the completion of the Gateway Plaza on the corner of Fremont Avenue and Valley Boulevard. The project was to serve as a landmark signifying entrance into the City of Alhambra. Mr. also thanked Chief Hudson for his involvement last week in the Community Watch block captains' meeting attended by block captains from throughout the City. The Chief reported on public safety progress within the City. Crime was down last year as it has continued to decline over the last three or four years. Mr. Ayala highlighted the importance of the 2010 Census, now underway. Citizens would shortly receive surveys in the mail with April 1, 2010 the deadline for their return. After April 1st, Census workers would visit homes from which they had not received surveys. Census takers would have official badges signifying that they worked for the Census, so it was okay for citizens to open their doors to them, though they should ask for proper identification.

Mrs. **MESSINA** encouraged citizens to become involved as block captains when the City sponsored such meetings as there was a lot of important safety information to be disseminated. At this most recent block captains' meeting they touched upon the issue of Census workers. There will be people in residents' neighborhoods they may not be used to seeing. She asked residents to be aware the Census workers would not ask to come into houses or ask questions regarding personal finances or anything of that nature. She urged residents to complete and send in their Census forms.

Mr. **SHAM** noted there were only ten questions to answer on the Census. Each year there was \$400 billion that states and communities like Alhambra would be receiving from the Federal government based on Census data. It was very important that everyone complete their form as soon as possible. If citizens needed more information they could check the City's website at www.cityofalhambra.org for more information. On the website there was a list of locations citizens could get assistance from should they need help.

ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT: At 7:30 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, March 22, 2010**, in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

LAUREN MYLES
CITY CLERK/ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY
by
CRAIG ROGERS
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK