

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
January 11, 2016
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At 5:32 p.m., on Monday, January 11, 2016 the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

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

Officials Present: City Manager Swink, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, City Attorney Montes, Director of Community Services Ray, Fire Chief Walker, Director of Environmental Services Jarvis, Director of Administrative Services Paulson, Library Director Hernandez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Development Services Schultz, Director of Finance Espinoza, Director of Public Works Chavez, Chief of Police Yokoyama, Deputy City Manager Binnquist, Management Assistant Kespradit and Sergeant-at-Arms Ramirez

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Ayala

READING OF ORDINANCE TITLES

Government Code Section 36934 requires that all ordinances be read in full prior to City Council taking action on the ordinance. By listing the ordinance title on the Council agenda, Council may determine that the title has been read.

Action Taken: On motion of Mr. SHAM, seconded by Dr. PLACIDO, the City Council determined that the titles to all ordinances which appear on this public agenda have been read, and waived further reading. Hearing no objections, the Mayor so ordered.

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M16-14

City Attorney **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): None

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Marlene Melinte v. City of Alhambra, WCAB No. ADJ322123

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): None. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): None.

Discussion of Personnel Matters (Govt. Code Section 54957): Public Employee Appointment - Title: City Manager

Conference with City's Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54957.6): Richard Bacio, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director, re Alhambra Fire Fighters' Association.

whereupon at 5:37 p.m., the 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 City Attorney.

RECONVENE: At 7:05 p.m., the City Council moved out of closed session with all members present.

CEREMONIALS

1. **COMMENDATIONS: ALHAMBRA YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL ALL STAR TEAM – F2M16-3**

Mayor Ayala and the Alhambra City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, wished to congratulate the ***Alhambra Youth Flag Football All Star Team*** for their championship victory in the 2015 Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament. The All Star's Championship victory is a great testament to the strength of Alhambra's Flag Football Program as the Tournament included ten teams from the Southern California region. Mayor **AYALA** presented the commendations to team members of the ***Flag Football All Star Team***.

ALHAMBRA YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL ALL STAR TEAM

**TOMMY CASTILLO
SPENCER TANG
JOSE ORTIZ
MICHAEL HANG
NATHAN MARIN
HUGO MONTES
JACOB MORENO
BRANDON NAVARRO
KEVIN AYALA
ALEJANDRO QUINTANAR
HEAD COACH JOSE GUTIERREZ
ASSISTANT COACH JACOB TORRES
ASSISTANT COACH SINMEN TSE**

2. **COMMENDATION: KARINA MEZA – F2M16-3**

Mayor Ayala and the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, wished to recognize and commend **Karina Meza**, an Alhambra High School graduate and member

of the Southern Vermont College Women's Soccer Team, the Mountaineers, as she continues to excel in the world of collegiate soccer, being named Player of the Week by the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) and her team reaching the NECC 2015 Women's Soccer Championship Series. Karina is also to be commended for her academic achievements as she was recently named by the College Sports Information Directors of America to the 2015 Academic All-District Women's Soccer Team in recognition of her excellence both athletically as a senior defender for the Mountaineers and academically as a student at Southern Vermont College. Mayor Ayala presented the commendation to Ms. Karina Meza.

3. COMMENDATIONS: WINNERS OF THE 2015 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST – F2M16-3

Mayor Ayala and the Alhambra City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, wished to recognize and congratulate the winning contestants from the City's **2015 Holiday Home Decorating Contest**. This contest invited residents to show their sense of community and their holiday spirit through the use of holiday decorations of their homes. The decorations were judged in four categories and the winners for each category are to be commended for displaying extraordinary efforts in enhancing and promoting a family-oriented community through their colorful and imaginative holiday displays. **Mayor Ayala** presented commendations to the winners from each of the judging categories of the **2015 Holiday Home Decorating Contest**.

Best Overall Lawn Display
THE DUCTOC FAMILY
2408 Midwickhill Drive

Best Animation
MR. RONALD LOPEZ
1407 Milton Avenue

Most Creative
MR. GARY TAYLOR
321 South Fremont Avenue

Best Use of Lights
PETER & MARLINA RAMOS
122 North El Molino Street

4. CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE: RETIRING POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES – F2M16-3

Mayor Ayala and the City Council wished to commend and thank retiring Police Department employees for their years of faithful and loyal service to the City of Alhambra. Mayor Ayala presented Certificate of Service plaques to Reserve Captain **Rick Rivera**, Reserve Lieutenant **Lou Scalera** and Reserve Lieutenant **Bill Clark**, for their outstanding work for the City.

PRESENTATIONS

5. AB 1826 – MANDATORY COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING – F2M16-16

Director of Environmental Resources **JARVIS** reported that in September 28, 2014, Governor Brown signed AB 1826 – Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling into law. This bill requires cities and counties to implement an organic material recycling program that specifically targets commercial and industrial solid waste producers. Organic waste includes any material that is biodegradable and comes from either a plant or an animal (e.g. food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste and clippings, nonhazardous wood waste and food soiled paper). The law mandates that a plan for compliance must be in place by January 2016, with implementation to begin in April 2016. She introduced Mr. Rafael Garcia from Republic Services who then presented to the City Council information regarding the law and Republic Services' proposed plan for implementation. A copy of Mr. Garcia's PowerPoint presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** asked about the size of a typical dumpster in cubic yards, for example one for an apartment building. Mr. **GARCIA** replied that they were either three or four cubic yards. With respect to the final phase of this program implementation, in January 2019, Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked if a business would have to throw away 4 cubic yards a week of organic material to trigger the recycling requirement or if it was the total amount of trash thrown away. Mr. **GARCIA** explained that it was 4 cubic yards of solid waste a week. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked why organic material needed to be separated out and recycled. Mr. **GARCIA** responded that the overriding issue was landfill diversion. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked what the plan was for the diverted organic material. Mr. **GARCIA** noted that it would be processed and turned into either compost or an alternative energy source. Mr. **YAMAUCHI** wondered if organics were currently being separated like green waste. Mr. **GARCIA** explained that currently there was not a source separated program in Alhambra, it was a relatively new program.

Dr. **PLACIDO** asked about the types of material were considered organic waste. Mr. **GARCIA** noted that what the processing facility wanted currently was pristine food waste which meant no paper, plastic, straws, or lids from the cups. He added that Republic would be conducting a lot of education about this and what exactly organics were and were not. Republic was also committed to sending field staff out, providing technical assistance, and providing a lot of follow up as part of this program. He noted that there were not many Alhambra customers/businesses that would need to take immediate action in April of 2016 because they would not fill up eight cubic yards weekly. Dr. **PLACIDO** asked if the 8 cubic yard threshold was based on total trash generated by a business or if it was just in organic waste. Mr. **GARCIA** explained that it was just food or green waste of food. He added that currently a supermarket may reach the 8 cubic yard threshold and that Republic was now working with supermarkets in helping to coordinate food programs where excess food items could be donated and consumed by people. Dr. **PLACIDO** clarified that the immediate plan for those that would need to comply on April 1, 2016 was to provide those commercial and industrial customers with 64 gallon carts for the organic material which would be collected at minimum of 2 times per week. Mr. **GARCIA** replied that Dr. Placido was correct and added that Republic believed the cart service being emptied twice a week was a better application for organics because a

larger size would become very heavy and the material could become odorous if left for longer periods of time before pickup.

Mr. **YAMAUCHI** asked about the enforcement of AB 1826 and what, if any, penalties could be imposed for those businesses that do not comply. Ms. Susanne **PASSANTINO**, Senior Area Municipal Services Manager, Republic Services, explained that the State had not yet identified penalties as it was currently very program driven with an emphasis on getting the recycling programs in place. Eventually, the enforcement aspect would be up to cities and the states. Dr. **PLACIDO** noted that this might increase the cost of doing business and therefore the cost of food because if supermarkets had to add in the cost of disposing organics in a way that was more expensive, it could have an effect on what the consumer was going to pay.

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

6. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M14-53**

Management Assistant **KESPRADIT** reported On December 4, 2015, the City Council and Executive Staff met to review the current three-year goals (2015-2017) 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 staff will review the progress of the goals and objectives and present to the City Council the status on a monthly basis. He then provided details on some of the Strategic Plan objectives under the five current three year goals to: enhance communication and participation with the community; improve and enhance technology and its use; increase the quality and livability of our neighborhoods and community; maintain financial stability; and, increase commercial activity while retaining our residential integrity. A copy of Mr. Kespradit's presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. First, Mr. Kespradit provided an update for an objective under the goal to enhance communication and participation with the community. The goal to implement a Customer Service Training Program for all staff was on target as the Deputy City Manager and Assistant City Manager were working with a consultant to set up such training in February and March. Next, under the goal to improve and enhance technology and its use the objective to recommend to the City Council for action implementation of body worn cameras was completed as the report to authorize solicitation of proposals for the cameras was on this evening's agenda. Finally under the goal to increase the quality and livability of our neighborhoods and community, the object to present to the City Council for consideration renovation of the Sports Complex at Almansor Park was on target as a design consultant has been awarded a contract.

Discussion: None

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 7 - 17)

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

7. AUTHORIZE RFP: BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM – F2M16-6B, RFP2M16-1

Staff requested that the City Council authorize staff to circulate a Request for Proposals for a Body Worn Camera System for the Police Department. Body worn cameras represent a new form of technology that is affecting the field of policing. An increasing number of law enforcement agencies are adopting this technology and equipment to enhance transparency and to protect both citizens and officers.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for a Body Worn Camera System; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.

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

8. AWARD CONTRACT: CIS BASED SEWER MAINTENANCE AND TRACKING SOFTWARE PROJECT - F2M13-45, C2M16-1, M2M16-1

Staff requested that the City Council award a contract for purchase and implementation of Phase II of Computer Information Software (CIS) Based Sewer Maintenance and Tracking Software and Phase I of CIS Based Water Maintenance implementation.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council awarded a contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, to Spatial Wave for the implementation of Phase II of CIS Based Sewer Maintenance and Tracking Software and Phase I of CIS Based Water Maintenance implementation in an amount not to exceed \$49,780; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. (M2M16-1)

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

9. RENEWAL OF EDISON EASEMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT - F2M1-44, F85-62, C2M16-2, M2M16-2

In 1986, the City entered into a License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to lease the easement on Raymond Avenue across the street from

Alhambra Park for the purposes of maintenance and future development of the property. In August, 2011, the license agreement was renewed for a five year period and expires on March 31, 2016. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council approve the renewal of the agreement for an additional five years with an expiration date of March 31, 2021. The license agreement includes an annual license fee of \$424.36 that will increase annually by no more than 3%. City Attorney **MONTES** noted that in Section 12 of the basic license agreement document it specifically provided dogs were not permitted on the property; however, the attached addendum to the standard license agreement, provided that dogs could be allowed, provided that there was a sign posted stating dogs were required to be on-leash at all times. Staff just wanted to indicate that it would be the intent that dogs continue not to be allowed on the Edison easement property.

Discussion: Mayor **AYALA** asked Mr. Montes to outline other pertinent elements of the license agreement. Mr. **MONTES** explained that the license agreement was for 5 years at a cost of \$465, escalating slightly, per year lease amount. The agreement contained lot of the standard Edison restrictions in terms of height of and types of vegetation. The easement could be used for parking, just not permanent parking, only overflow parking. There were other fairly standard limitations on activities that were allowed on the easement. Councilmember **MESSINA** asked if it would be allowable under the license agreement for a community garden to be installed upon the portion that currently is just dirt and weeds and backs up to Park School. Mr. **MONTES** replied that under the terms of the license agreement, it would be possible; however, any kind of planting, landscaping and/or installation of irrigation, if necessary, would all have to be approved separately by Edison. City Manager **SWINK** pointed out that the area Mrs. Messina was referring to as a potential community garden location was not a part of the license agreement being currently discussed, but staff could look into the possibility of using that area as a community garden location.

Citizen Input: Lola **ARMENDARIZ** asked whether dogs would be allowed on the easement or not. Mr. **MONTES** replied that dogs would not be allowed, consistent the current use. Ms. **ARMENDARIZ** asked for clarification about the language on the agenda indicating that the Council was approving the agreement, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. Mr. **MONTES** explained that this was the standard agenda language used for the approval of almost every single agreement in case there was some kind of typographical change or something that needed to be made, so the agreement did not have to be brought back to Council, to the extent that the change was minor and was consistent with the approval and direction given by the Council. The language allowed the City Manager and City Attorney the ability to make a correction.

Action Taken: City Council approved the renewal of the license agreement with Southern California Edison Company, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, for the use of the easement on Raymond Avenue adjacent to Alhambra Park for the purpose of park use for a period of five (5) years, commencing on April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021, with an annual fee payable to Southern California Edison. **(M2M16-2)**

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

10. AWARD CONTRACT: SEWER MAINLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON ROSS AVENUE BETWEEN EDGEWOOD AND CAMPBELL AVENUES – F2M15-44, N2M15-95, C2M16-3, M2M16-3

Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to Ramona, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for the Sewer Line Replacement for Ross Avenue from Edgewood Drive to Campbell Avenue Project.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council rejected the bids submitted by MNR Construction Inc., GRFCO Inc. and Bali Construction Inc.; awarded a contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, to Ramona, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder for the Sewer Line Replacement on Ross Avenue from Edgewood Drive to Campbell Avenue Project in the amount of \$777,870; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-3)**

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

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS - EL MOLINO STREET, VEGA STREET, VALENCIA STREET AND ARROYO TERRACE – F2M14-54, C2M15-40, M2M16-4

Staff requested that the City Council accept as complete the Waterline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation for Arroyo Terrace, El Molino, Vega and Valencia Streets Project. There were two change orders for the project. The first change order was for additional curb, gutter and driveway approach repairs on El Molino that were not included in the original contract. The second change order was a negative change order reflecting the difference between actual amounts of mains installed versus eight extra work tickets. The total net change for both change orders was an increase of \$143,954.08 to the contract.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted as complete the contract with Steven Doreck Equipment Rentals Inc. for the Waterline Replacement and Street Rehabilitation for Arroyo Terrace, El Molino, Vega and Valencia Streets Project in the amount of \$979,124.08; directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles for recordation; instructed the Finance Director to release the 5% retention 35 days from the date of recordation if no liens are filed; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-4)**

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

12. FY 2014-2015 TO FY 2015-2016 CARRYOVERS - F2M15-17, F2M16-17, R2M16-1

In May, 2015, the City Council adopted the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget that appropriated sums of money to the various departments, offices, boards, commissions, and accounts of the City of Alhambra within each fund. At the close of the fiscal year 2014-15 staff identified various appropriation carryovers that need to be re-appropriated to the fiscal year 2015-16. The City Manager and Director of Finance have reviewed each department's requests and recommend approval of the requests of encumbrances and carryovers identified in Resolution No. R2M16-1.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Council adopted **Resolution No. R2M16-1** entitled: *a Resolution of the Alhambra City Council approving those certain fiscal year-end carryovers from fiscal year 2014-2015 to fiscal year 2015-16 and reappropriation of outstanding encumbrances at the close of the fiscal year 2014-15*

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

13. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE POLICE FACILITY ASSESSMENT FUND, FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUND & SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND – F2M15-17, F2M9-81, F2M5-112, F2M13-37, M2M16-5

Staff requested that the City Council appropriate funds totaling \$179,376 from the Police Facility Assessment Fund to be used towards improvements and upgrades to the police facility; from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund for purchase of computer hardware and law enforcement equipment; and, from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for the Graffiti Tracker software subscription.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council appropriated funds totaling \$179,376 from the Police Facility Assessment Fund to be used towards improvements and upgrades to the police facility; from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund for the purchase of computer hardware and law enforcement equipment and from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund to be used for the graffiti tracker subscription; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-5)**

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

14. AWARD CONTRACT & APPROPRIATE FUNDS: CITY HALL PUBLIC COUNTER & WORK SPACE IMPROVEMENTS – F2M16-20, C2M16-4, M2M16-6

Staff requested that the City Council authorize an appropriation of funds and award a contract for improvements to the public counters and work spaces in the Finance and Community Services Departments, as well as adding new security doors to those departments and the Personnel and Administrative Services Departments.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council authorized a General Fund appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 to the Administrative Services Department budget (Various Capital Outlay account 101.14.1230.98010); awarded a Contract to Indoff Incorporated, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and the City Attorney, in the amount of \$33,964.93 for the purchase and installation of City Hall public counters and work space improvements for the Finance and Community Services Departments; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-6)**

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

15. MINUTES

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council reviewed and approved as submitted the Minutes of the December 4, 2015 special meeting of the Alhambra City Council.

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

16. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M16-2

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated January 11, 2016 showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

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

17. DEMANDS - F2M16-1

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved as submitted Final Check List (169252 thru 169373) in the amount of \$675,734.70 for the period ending December 10, 2015.

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

18. ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING AND ENHANCING REGULATIONS RELATING TO LANDSCAPING CITYWIDE – F2M14-42, O2M15-4682

Staff requested that the City Council consider the adoption of an ordinance regulating front yard landscaping and adopting the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance required by State Law, as drafted and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board. In addition to implementing the State's MWELO, the proposed Ordinance will also remove and consolidate some existing code sections that address landscaping into a new Chapter 23.48. The proposed ordinance requires no less than 50% of the front yard or parkway landscaping consist of drought tolerant landscaping, a maximum of 25% percent could be dedicated to the non-decorative hardscape elements, which would include the driveway and walkway, and the maximum remaining amount of 25% could be used for decorative permeable hardscapes, which could include stepping stones, pavers, stones, decomposed granite, mulch and fountains. It further discourages the use of loose decorative stone and thorny plant materials in the parkway and requires property owners to maintain their landscaping.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council directed the City Attorney to give second reading by title only to the following ordinance entitled:

Ordinance No. O2M15-4682: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alhambra, California, modifying and enhancing regulations relating to Landscaping by repealing Chapters 9.70, 15.26 and 23.48, and Section 22.52.030.15 of the Alhambra Municipal Code and adopting a new Chapter 23.48 in Title 23 ("Zoning") of the Alhambra Municipal Code

after which the Council adopted Ordinance No. O2M15-4682.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M16-4

Carol **QUAN**, representing Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, announced that the Office of the Assessor offered property tax exemptions that could save residents money on their property tax bill. The Homeowners Exemption would lower a home's assessed value by \$7,000, thereby reducing an annual property tax bill by about \$70. She noted that a homeowner could apply for the Homeowners Exemption by visiting the Los Angeles County Assessor's website.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) F2M16-7

Mr. Yamauchi noted that he hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday season and congratulated all of those that received recognitions from the City Council this evening. He also thanked all of the retiring Alhambra Police Department reserve officers for their many years of service to the City.

Dr. Placido pointed out that the City had sponsored its 88th float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day and the theme was "Parks Make Life Better." The float honored the City's Parks and Recreation Department and some of the staff were riders on the float. He noted that it was nice to see them honored and their hard work acknowledged.

Mrs. Messina wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped that 2016 would be a great year.

Mr. Sham wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Ayala thanked City staff for a great 2015. He announced that the City would be conducting the 2016 homeless count in conjunction with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority on January 26, 2016 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He invited anyone wishing to volunteer for the count to sign up, noting that volunteers must be 16 years of age or older. Finally, he asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jaime Garcia, a former Parks and Recreation Commissioner, who had recently passed away.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:17 p.m., there being no further business for the Council to transact, Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, adjourned the meeting to Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Alhambra City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

LAUREN MYLES, CMC
CITY CLERK