

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Special Meeting**  
**SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER ALHAMBRA**  
**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**March 14, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:** At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 14, 2016 the Alhambra City Council and the Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

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

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

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Mayor Messina

**CITY CLERK REPORT - NOTICE NO. N2M16-41**

The City Clerk reported that she duly gave notice of the Special Meeting of the Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency to be held this evening in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council pursuant to the order to the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Successor Agency to the former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY MATTERS**

- 1. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM & THE FORMER ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – F2M16-2, R2M16-6**

Director of Development Services **SCHULTZ** reported that staff was requesting Successor Agency Board approval of a resolution giving a notice of intention to terminate the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency. In order to coordinate the potential termination of the Agency contract with PERS with the

wind down of the former Redevelopment Agency, staff was recommending approval of a resolution for submission to PERS to get the process started.

**Discussion:** Councilmember **YAMAUCHI** asked about whether the State Department of Finance had cleared the City, in terms of the process, for the sale of Fremont Plaza. Responding, Director of Development Services **SCHULTZ** replied that the State Department of Finance had released the City to sell Fremont Plaza.

**Action Taken:** Successor Agency Board adopted **Resolution No. R2M16-6** entitled: *A Resolution of the Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency giving Notice of Intention to terminate the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency (CALPERS ID: 1641766093)*

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

**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):***

Property: 2500 West Commonwealth Avenue, Negotiating parties: City Manager as Chief Executive Officer of the Successor Agency and all future bidders for purchase; Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.

***Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)):*** None

***Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation:*** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 matter. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): 1 matter.

***Discussion of Personnel Matters (Govt. Code Section 54957):*** None

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

**RECONVENE & CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** In the event the City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency move into a closed session, the City Council and Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency ***shall reconvene at 7:00 p.m.*** and the City Attorney shall report upon the closed session if required.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. 2016 ALHAMBRA RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT – F2M16-16**

Taynah Munn, District Manager with the American Cancer Society and Adele Andrade-Stadler, Board Member for the Alhambra Unified School District, discussed plans for the upcoming 2016 Relay for Life event slated for June 4, 2016 at Alhambra Park from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ms. **ANDRADE-STADLER** reported that this year the relay would be a 12 hour event, rather than 24 hours. There would also be live music at the Band Shell as well as ongoing activities for participants. Ms. **MUNN** added that the funds raised would help the American Cancer Society reach 35,778 cancer patients in California, which included providing 26,000 patients caller support, providing free hotel stays and transportation as well as free wigs and head covers for patients.

**Discussion:** Mayor **MESSINA** noted that the City was proud to be involved with sure a worthy cause and wished all the organizers and participants well for the upcoming relay.

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

### **3. MAINFEST – F2M16-16**

The Downtown Alhambra Business Association is developing plans to introduce a new event to the community, entitled Mainfest. The concept for Mainfest is a day-long music festival to be set-up on Main Street between Garfield Avenue and Second Street; the event is planned for Saturday, September 17, 2016. Ms. Joanna **VARGAS**, producer of the festival on behalf of the Downtown Alhambra Business Association, presented the concept to the City Council. She noted that the event would aim to exhibit indie rock bands with a goal of bringing in a young, hip and trendy demographic into Alhambra, including those outside of the (626) area code region. The goal was to showcase Main Street and provide increased business for the shops and restaurant on Main Street.

**Discussion:** Mayor **MESSINA** asked about the area where Mainfest would take place. Mr. **VARGAS** replied that it would be on Main Street from Garfield Avenue to Second Street. She noted that Garfield Avenue would remain open to traffic. Mrs. **MESSINA** remarked that she was looking forward to this event. Councilmember **PLACIDO** asked if the parking structures would be accessible for those attending this event. Ms. **VARGAS** responded that both parking structures would be open to attendees for parking. She added that there would also be an Uber drop-off and pick-up area. Dr. **PLACIDO** noted that this event sounded innovative and he wished Mr. Vargas well. City Manager **SWINK** noted that the City's role in this event would be to close the streets and provide police and fire personnel. The costs would be minimal and staff would plan for them in the budget if there were no objections from the Council.

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

### **4. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M14-53**

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. Deputy City Manager **BINNQUIST** reported that the objective to provide customer service training for all City employees was complete as 200 employees underwent a training of three three-hour sessions. She added that staff may look into holding a refresher course for all employees in the spring of 2017. Director of Environmental Resources **JARVIS** reported that the objective to install Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in City facilities was complete. She noted that good Samaritan law covered those lay people that may use one.

**Discussion:** Vice Mayor **PLACIDO** suggested that perhaps an AED should also be installed at the Gold Course as it seemed to an appropriate location for where one could be needed. Responding, City Manager **SWINK** stated that staff would install one there. Councilmember **AYALA** suggested that staff may want to look at the possibility of combining Mainfest with the Latino Heritage Month event that was part of the Strategic Plan.

**Citizen Input:** **Lola ARMENDARIZ** asked why only two of the Strategic Plan objectives were being discussed out of the approximately 20 items total. She asked about what was covered during the customer service training for employees, noting that she had been directed to the City's website by an employee when she had called in for information. She felt there was a distancing between the City and the public that occurred by using the website as a resource for information. Finally, she requested that City employ park rangers to patrol the City's parks.

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

## 5. **NIB: CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING PROJECT – F2M15-42, N2M16-43**

Management Assistant **KESPRADIT** reported staff was requesting that the City Council authorize a Notice Inviting Bids for the Civic Center Landscaping Project. California continues to face severe drought conditions, creating an extremely parched landscape. Plans and specifications were prepared by a landscape design firm to re-design the existing landscapes. He explained that the proposed design will remove 6,000 square feet of the current turf grass, install California Native and water-wise vegetation, install water-wise irrigation systems and incorporate public demonstration gardens. The cost of the project would be covered by grant funding from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. City Manager **SWINK** added that all of the lawn on the Second Street side of City Hall would remain intact. She noted that a shade garden would be created near the tree on the First Street side, but the rest of the lawn would remain.

**Citizen Input:** **Lola ARMENDARIZ** expressed concern about the removal of turf as it could act as an area for a command center in the event of an emergency. She asked for more information about the details of this project. She also noted there was no public input on this project and that given the fact the civic center belonged to the whole community, the City should let residents know about such projects and get public input

on the matter. Mayor **MESSINA** noted that the project was taking very little grass and that it was more of a day-to-day operations matter than a large-scale public project. She added that installation of drought-tolerant landscaping was currently a very normal and acceptable project to undertake.

**Action Taken:** City Council approved the distribution of a Notice Inviting Bids to qualified contractors for the Civic Center Landscaping Project, with bids due no later than 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2016 and opened publicly at 11:00 a.m. the same day.

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 6 - 18)**

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

#### **6. REORGANIZATION: ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – F2M16-23**

As required by the Alhambra City Charter, the City Council reorganized itself on February 22, 2016. 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 Representative/Delegate and Alternate to the following organizations for the period commencing February 22, 2016 to and including November 28, 2016:

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

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** No action was required, the appointments listed were affirmed.

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

**7. NOTICE INVITING BIDS: 2016 CATCH BASIN FULL CAPTURE SYSTEM – F2M14-41, N2M16-42**

To achieve compliance with the Los Angeles River Total Maximum Daily Load that was adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on August 9, 2007, the City must install certified full capture trash devices on all catch basins located within the City of Alhambra. The second phase of this project will focus on the Los Angeles County owned catch basins located in the City of Alhambra. There are approximately 537 Los Angeles County and 6 City owned catch basins which will be updated with the full capture trash devices for this project. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council authorize staff to distribute a Notice Inviting Bids for the installation of catch basin full capture screen devices.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council authorized the circulation of a Notice Inviting Bids for the 2016 Catch Basin Full Capture System, with bids due no later than 10:30 a.m. on April 14, 2016; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.

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

**8. RFP: PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS ON WESTMONT DRIVE BETWEEN SHERWOOD AND NORWICH AVENUES PROJECT – F2M14-47, RFP2M16-3**

Staff requested that the City Council approve the distribution of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services for the replacement of water mains on Westmont Drive between Sherwood and Norwich Avenues Project. The RFP will be mailed to qualified engineering companies, and posted on the City website. The City will select the best overall responsive proposal

judged to be in the best interest of the City of Alhambra. The final selection and recommendation of a firm will be brought to the City Council for final approval and award of contract.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council approved the distribution of a Request for Proposals for Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Replacement of Water Mains on Westmont Drive between Sherwood and Norwich Avenues Project; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to carry out Council's action.

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

**9. AWARD CONTRACT: WELL NO. 11 REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROJECT - F2M15-50, N2M15-137, C2M16-14, M2M16-31**

On October 26, 2015, the City Council approved the distribution of Notice Inviting Bids for the Well No. 11 Repair and Rehabilitation Project. Three bids were submitted for the project with General Pump Company Inc., being the lowest responsible bid at \$39,600. Staff reviewed the bid submitted by General Pump Company Inc., and found it in full compliance and conformance with the bid specifications. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council award a contract to General Pump Company Inc. for the Project.

**Action Taken:** City Council awarded a contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, to General Pump Company Inc. in the amount of \$39,600 for the Well No. 11 Repair and Rehabilitation Project; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-31)**

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

**10. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE MISSION ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – F2M16-24, R2M16-5**

The City of Alhambra will soon submit an Authorization to Proceed with Construction for the Mission Road - Garfield Avenue to West City Limits Project. The Project includes federal funds from the Surface Transportation Program-Local (STPL) in the amount of \$1,985,000 and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) in the amount of \$875,000. The federal government will be distributing the funds through the California Department of Transportation and Los Angeles County MTA. The contract documents require the City Council adopt a resolution designating an official to execute the agreements and supporting documents. Therefore, staff is requesting City Council

authorization for the City Manager to execute all agreements and documents for project funds administered through California Department of Transportation and Los Angeles County MTA.

**Action Taken:** City Council adopt **Resolution No. R2M16-5** entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alhambra, California authorizing the City Manager, or his/her designee, to execute all agreements and documents for projects funded through the State of California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Local Assistance Division certifying the City Manager, or their designee, as the official authorized to execute the agreements and supporting documents for the Surface Transportation Program-Local (STPL) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Transportation funded Project, Mission Road: Garfield Avenue to West City Limits; and, direct staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.*

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

**11. CONTRACT AMENDMENT: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & INSPECTION SERVICES FOR SEWER PLANT NO. 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT – F2M13-27, C2M13-33, M2M16-32**

Staff requests that the City Council amend the contract with AKM Consulting Engineers for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Sewer Plant No. 3 Replacement Project to extend the term for three months at a total cost of \$82,720. All other provisions of the contract will remain unchanged.

**Action Taken:** City Council approve an amendment to Contract No. C2M13-33 with AKM Consulting Engineers, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, for Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Sewer Plant No. 3 Replacement Project in the amount not to exceed \$82,720 due to project delays; and, direct staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-32)**

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

**12. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: REHABILITATION OF THE GARVEY RESERVOIR – F2M15-27, C2M15-29, M2M16-33**

Staff requests that the City Council accept as complete the contract with J. Colon Coatings for the Rehabilitation of the Garvey Reservoir. This project has been inspected by staff and all work has been completed in accordance with the City requirements and specifications. As such, it would be appropriate for the City Council to accept this project

as complete and instruct that the Notice of Completion be filed with the County of Los Angeles Recorder's Office.

**Action Taken:** City Council accept as complete the contract with J. Colon Coatings for Rehabilitation of the Garvey Reservoir in the amount of \$328,121.75; direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles for recordation; instruct the Finance Director to release the 5% retention 35 days from the date of recordation if no liens are filed; and, direct staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-33)**

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

**13. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE & SOFTWARE PURCHASES – F2M16-6B, M2M16-34**

The Information Technology needs of the City of Alhambra are constant and always evolving. As such, it is necessary to consistently replace and upgrade aging computer terminals and monitors for staff. It is necessary to purchase approximately 20 computers and monitors to replace aging terminals using outdated software and operating systems. Therefore, staff requests that the City Council authorize an appropriation of funds for the purchase of needed computers, monitors, and various software licenses for a variety of City departments.

Discussion:                    None

**Action Taken:** City Council authorized a General Fund Balance – Assignments for Various Capital Improvements appropriation in the amount of \$51,000 to the General Services Division of the Finance Department budget (\$20,000 for computers would be appropriated to account number 101.16.1630.98010 and \$31,000 for software licenses would be appropriated to account number 101.16.1630.62510); and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-34)**

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

**14. AWARD CONTRACT: FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE REPAIR – F2M16-6A, RFP2M15-10, C2M16-13, M2M16-35**

Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to Performance Truck Repair, Inc. for Fire Department apparatus preventative maintenance and service repair for all emergency fire apparatus in the Fire Department fleet.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council approved a maintenance services contract with Performance Truck Repair Inc. to provide emergency fire apparatus maintenance services for all emergency fire apparatus in the Fire Department fleet, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000; authorized the City Manager to execute the contract; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-35)**

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

**15. REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – F2M16-2, M2M16-36**

Staff requested City Council approval of a restructuring of the Community Services Department. An assessment of current personnel staffing levels in the Community Services Department has demonstrated a need for additional positions to be filled, created, altered, or moved. The Community Services Department currently has two budgeted vacant full time positions. By using the combined fully burdened funding of both of these positions the Community Services Department would be able to add a full-time Deputy Director and a Parks Worker II. This will enable to the Department to provide greater oversight of the department while continuing to provide responsive service to Alhambra residents and enhanced quality programing and leisure classes while maintaining our parks at the highest possible level. No additional appropriation would be required to fund the department reorganization. The elimination of the vacant positions would more than offset the salary of a Deputy Director and Parks Worker II. The Community Services Department reorganization would net the City a cost savings of \$15,792 per year.

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council approved the restructuring of the Community Services Department by eliminating the vacant positions; created the positions of Deputy Director and Parks Worker II; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M16-36)**

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

**16. MINUTES**

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council reviewed and approved as submitted the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council.

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

**17. 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 March 14, 2016 showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

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

**18. DEMANDS - F2M16-1**

**Discussion:** None

**Action Taken:** City Council approved as submitted Final Check List (170629 thru 170816) in the amount of \$694,767.14 for the period ending February 18, 2016, Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,249,309.31 for the week ending February 12, 2016 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,729,802.91 for the week ending February 19, 2016.

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M16-4**

- Lidia LEE**, representing the United States Census Bureau, provide the Council with information about the 2016 Census Test Program that was soon to be underway in Alhambra and other cities in the San Gabriel Valley. She explained that the U.S. Census Bureau was researching modern and cost-efficient methods for the population to exercise its civic obligation to be counted in the 2020 Census. Whether through the Internet, telephone, traditional paper questionnaires, or in-person visits, the Census Bureau was committed to making the mandatory once-a-decade headcount quick, easy, and safe for all to participate. The 2016 Census Test would allow the Census Bureau to study a variety of new methods and advanced technologies that are under consideration

for the 2020 Census. She encouraged the Council to help spread the word about the 2016 Census Test to ensure residents would participate and help the U.S. Census Bureau evaluate the best way to administer the 2020 Census.

2. Frank **DUARTE**, noted that he was a resident of El Sereno and President of the Alhambra Bowls Club. He expressed concern that the lawn bowling greens at Almansor Park could be removed to allow for the construction of a parking structure. He asked that the City Council save the greens and preserve lawn bowling in Alhambra.
3. Sean **McMORRIS**, 401 East Live Oak Street, San Gabriel, noted that he was Vice President of the Alhambra Bowls Club and also expressed concern about the possible removal of the lawn bowling greens at Almansor Park. He noted that the club was active and the greens well-used, almost daily. He added that members loved the club and loved representing Alhambra in tournaments etcetera. He asked the Council to please save lawn bowling in Alhambra.
4. Cheri **CABOT** also spoke in favor of saving the Alhambra Bowls club and the lawn bowling greens at Almansor Park. She noted greens were an important part of the Southern California region of competitive lawn bowling as league play and tournaments were hosted by the Alhambra Bowls Club at Almansor Park.
5. Lucas **SUIMANJAYA**, noted he was a resident of San Marino and a member of the Alhambra Bowls Club. He had recently joined the club along with his 19-year old son and pointed out it was nice to have an activity they both could participate in at the same time. He wished to see the Alhambra Bowls Club continue as an organization and asked the Council to save lawn bowling in Alhambra.
6. Alex TSE, remarked that he was a 30-year member of the Alhambra Bowls Club and was shocked to hear the lawn bowling greens at Almansor were under threat of removal. He asked the Council to save lawn bowling in Alhambra.
7. Philip **ORLANDO**, 729 South Almansor Street, expressed his opposition to a parking structure at Almansor Park. He felt the park was great, but that it was good as it was. He noted that the current traffic in the area was already a constant source of noise and air quality issues and he was concerned the construction of a parking structure would only add to the traffic and harm air quality further.
8. Vikki **ORLANDO**, 731 South Almansor Street, also expressed opposition to a parking structure at Almansor Park. She felt the park was great in its current state as it was peaceful; a home for many birds and located in a residential area with homes nearby. She noted that no other parks in Alhambra had parking structures. She felt a parking structure would be an eyesore as well as a target for graffiti and homeless persons. She believed it would also decrease the value of the homes surrounding the park.
9. Alex **RIVEST**, 815 South Almansor Street, expressed his opposition to a parking structure at Almansor Park. He felt the parking situation at the park was not chronic and the construction of a structure was not warranted. He noted that existing lot did not reach capacity in terms of parking. He believed funds would be better spent on the installation of speed bumps in the areas surrounding the park and added he would move if a parking structure was built at Almansor Park.

10. Monica **MA**, 721 South Almanson Street, noted she was against the construction of a parking structure at Almanson Park. She noted that while parking could be in high demand during certain seasons, seasonal events/sports were only seasonal, not constant, and participants would find a way to participate regardless of whether ample parking was provided. She also had security concerns with respect to a structure in a park area.
11. Lola **ARMENDARIZ** asked the Council not use phrases such as “Your time is up.” when speaking to residents addressing the Council at meetings. She noted her wish to see the Council Chambers as full as it was this evening at every meeting. She also asked about City Manager Swink and if she was leaving the City, noting there had not seen or heard any formal announcement addressing this matter. City Manager **SWINK** noted that she was retiring, effective early May, but that she would stay on as City Manager until a new City Manager was hired by the City Council. She added that the City did distribute a press release regarding her retirement, but it had yet to be picked up by any papers.
12. Marco & Darlene **CHAPA**, 905 South Almanson Street, stated their opposition to parking structure at Almanson Park and wondered if a parking structure was truly necessary. They felt it might be excessive in terms of addressing the parking situation at the park. They felt the City should explore the parking lot leasing option with Emmaus Church and remember the mission statement of the City when considering how a parking structure may impact the surrounding neighborhood. They also suggested that notices regarding this issue be sent in multiple languages as some residents that could be effected did not speak English.
13. Linda **MERCHAIN**, 725 South Almanson Street, thanked the Council for their services and noted that Almanson Park had always been a beautiful place. She felt a parking structure would be ugly and damage the beauty of the park. She suggested the area near the YMCA as an alternative location for a parking structure and asked the Council to please consider not building a parking structure at Almanson Park.

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

Mayor Messina noted that with respect to a parking structure at Almanson Park, this matter was still being researched; it was not set in stone. She noted her appreciation for all of the residents that came to the meeting to speak to the Council. She added that it was the Council’s goal to find the best way to make Almanson Park accessible to all visitors. She also wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Ayala noted his agreement with Mayor Messina’s comments. He appreciated all of those that came to speak tonight and provide input and noted it was the goal of the Council as policy makers was to work together with the community to address needs. He added that the discussion of a potential parking structure at Almanson Park was not about saying no the Alhambra Bowls Club, or about placing one park activity over another. He noted that a parking structure may not be a solution, but the Council would work to figure out a solution because there was a need to increase access to Almanson Park.

Mr. Yamauchi announced the City’s upcoming Spring Eggstravaganza event at Almanson Park on March 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. He noted this was a wonderful family event and encouraged

residents to attend. He also noted it was important for those residents concerned about the lawn bowling greens to understand that it took the vote of three Councilmember on an agendized item to take action on any such matter. He cautioned residents about taking comments made by staff or any one Councilmember to heart as fact as any concrete action and/or decision would have to take place in open session at a Council meeting by a vote of a majority of Council members.

Dr. Placido wished everyone a Happy Easter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:05 p.m., there being for further for the Council to transact, the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, adjourned the meeting to Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., in the Alhambra City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

LAUREN MYLES, CMC  
CITY CLERK