

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
April 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 10, 2017 the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

PRESENT: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, MEJIA
ABSENT: AYALA

Officials Present: City Manager Yokoyama, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources Schultz, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Myles, Assistant City Manager/Director of Risk Management Bacio, Director of Public Works Chavez, Director of Development Services Pace, Fire Chief Phelps, Director of Administrative Services Paulson, Director of Community Services Ray, Director of Environmental Services Jarvis, Assistant Chief of Police Mar, Library Director Hernandez, Director of Finance Espinoza, Deputy City Manager Binnquist, Management Assistant Kespradit

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Mejia

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M17-14

City Attorney **MONTES** identified those items listed on this evening's agenda which would be discussed in Closed Session as follows:

AYALA: At 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Ayala entered closed session.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54956.8): None

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)): Daniel Pfau v. City of Alhambra, WCAB No. ADJ6762761; ADJ2024049; and, LACCD v. County of Los Angeles [and Successor Agency; City as Real Party in Interest], LASC BS 137598, BS 108180, BS 127286, BS 130308.

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): 1 matter.

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

Conference with City's Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54957.6): Tara Schultz, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources, re: Management Employees, Alhambra Police Miscellaneous Association, Alhambra Police

Officers' Association, Alhambra Police Management Association, Alhambra Fire Fighters' Association, and the Alhambra City Employees' Association

whereupon at 5:31 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. PROCLAMATIONS – F2M17-3

- A. Ratified the action of Mayor Mejia in proclaiming the month of **April, 2017** as **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in Alhambra. Mayor Mejia presented the proclamation to **Ms. Rachel Rodriguez**, a Donate Life Ambassador to the City of Alhambra.
- B. Ratified the action of Mayor Mejia in proclaiming **April, 2017, and April 26, 2017** as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** and **DENIM DAY** in Alhambra. Mayor Mejia presented the proclamation to **Britni Soto** from the *Peace Over Violence* organization.
- C. Ratified the action of Mayor Mejia in proclaiming **April 9-15, 2017** as **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** in Alhambra. Mayor Mejia presented the proclamation to **Library Director Hernandez**.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 2 - 10)

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

2. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: 2016 CATCH BASIN FULL CAPTURE SYSTEM – F2M14-41, C2M16-29, M2M17-53

On May 9, 2016, the City Council awarded a contract to United Storm Water Inc. for the 2016 Catch Basin Full Capture System. One change order was issued in the amount of \$43,961 for automatic retractable screens (ARS) units to be installed on the County-owned catch basins located in Alhambra because the standard connector pipe screens (CPS) units did not conform to the specifications for installation. The total cost of the project was \$270,603.50. This project has been inspected by staff and all work has been completed in accordance with the City requirements and specifications. As such, it was 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.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted as complete the contract with United Storm Water Inc. for the 2016 Catch Basin Full Capture System in the amount of \$270,603.50; directed the City Clerk be directed 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 (**M2M17-53**)

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN TRUST – F2M17-2, R2M17-13, M2M17-52

Staff requested that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust; and, direct staff to deposit \$1,000,000 in accordance with the General Fund Assigned Reserve Balance to the PARS Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council, by one motion, took the following actions: a) Adopted **Resolution No. R2M17-13** entitled: *Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alhambra approving the adoption of the Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust Administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS)*; and, b) Directed staff to deposit \$1,000,000 in accordance with the General Fund Assigned Reserve Balance to the PARS Post-Retirement Health Care Plan Trust; and c) Directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. (**M2M17-52**)

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

4. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE 2013 CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT/WALKING VIABILITY PROJECT ON VALLEY BOULEVARD – F2M17-29, R2M17-14

Staff requested that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to act on behalf of the City for the Alhambra Pedestrian Improvement/Walking Viability Project on Valley Boulevard funded by Local Transportation Funds administered through Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). As part of the 2013 Metro Call for Projects, the City applied for a grant for the Alhambra Pedestrian Improvement/Walking Viability Project on Valley Boulevard between Ninth Street and Garfield Avenue. The project would improve safety and access to encourage walking as a viable form of transportation and improve connectivity between transit areas.

Improvements would include the installation of pedestrian countdown signals, installation of High Intensity Activated Crosswalks with pedestrian lights, public transit stop improvements, ADA accessibility and sidewalk improvements. The City was notified that the project was approved in the amount of \$1,027,920. The contract documents require the City Council to adopt a resolution designating an official to execute the agreements and supporting documents.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Resolution No. R2M17-14** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Alhambra with respect to the Local Transportation Funds administered through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA); and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.*

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

5. AUTHORIZE DEED RESTRICTION ON CITY PARK AND GOLF COURSE PROPERTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION GRANT - F2M11-63, M2M17-54

Staff requested that the City Council authorize recording a Deed Restriction on the Alhambra Parks and Golf Course properties in order to comply with the Safe Neighborhood Parks Grant received to replant trees throughout the City. On May 14, 2012 the City Council approved a resolution that enabled staff to apply for the Competitive Tree Planting Grant Program administered by the County of Los Angeles. The program offered funding to communities that suffered unprecedented tree loss due to the windstorms in the San Gabriel Valley in late 2011. On September 11, 2012 the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District granted the City \$60,000 to replant trees downed by the storm. On or about September 30, 2015 the tree planting project was completed. Staff is in the process of closing out this grant program. In order to receive the \$60,000 reimbursable funds the City must record a deed restriction on the properties where the trees have been planted.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council authorized recording a Deed Restriction on the Alhambra Parks and Golf Course properties in order to comply with the Safe Neighborhood Parks Grant received to replant trees throughout the City; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. (**M2M17-54**)

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

6. CLASS SPECIFICATION: POLICE SERGEANT – F2M17-2, M2M17-55

Before a class specification becomes effective, it must be approved by the City Council. An assessment by the Human Resources Department and Police Department sustained the need for an update of the representative duties and qualification guidelines for the position of Police Sergeant to more accurately reflect the duties and qualifications of the classification. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council adopt class specification for the position of Police Sergeant.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted the class specification for the position of Police Sergeant as described in the Assistant City Manager/Human Resources April 10, 2017 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. **(M2M17-55)**

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

7. CLASS SPECIFICATION: FIRE BATTALION CHIEF – F2M17-2, M2M17-56

Before a class specification becomes effective, it must be approved by the City Council. An assessment by the Human Resources Department and Fire Department sustained the need for an update of the representative duties and qualification guidelines for the position of Fire Battalion Chief to more accurately reflect the duties and qualifications of the classification. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council adopt the class specification for the position of Fire Battalion Chief.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted the class specification for the position of Fire Battalion Chief as described in the Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director's April 10, 2017 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. **(M2M17-56)**

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

8. MINUTES

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council reviewed and approved as submitted the Minutes of the March 27, 2017 regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council and special meeting of the Successor Agency to the Former Alhambra Redevelopment Agency.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

9. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M17-2

Action Taken: City Council ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated April 10, 2017 showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

10. DEMANDS - F2M17-1

Discussion:

Action Taken: City Council approved as submitted Final Check List (181562 thru 181700) in the amount of \$541,251.52 for the period ending March 23, 2017; Final Check List (181701 thru 181880) in the amount of \$526,492.95 for the period ending March 20, 2017; and Final Check List (181881 thru 181987) in the amount of \$40,139.92 for the period ending April 4, 2017.

Vote: Moved: SHAM Seconded: AYALA
Ayes: SHAM, MESSINA, MALONEY, AYALA, MEJIA
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M17-4

1. Nick **IOANNIDIS**, founder of National Immigrants Day celebrated on October 28th annually, noted that he would celebrate his 42nd year of citizenship on April 21st. He explained that on this day, 42 years ago, he made an oath to love and obey the United States of America and that he celebrated each year after to show his gratitude to the country. He thanked the City Council for always supporting him and National Immigrants Day.
2. Gayle **MCKINNEY**, 333 West Main Street, noted that she was a member of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults and asked that the City, when collecting data on residents, consider delineating out seniors as a group, this would help her Commission in having the information/statistics needed to assist seniors in the community.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) - F2M17-7

Councilmember Messina thanked Mr. Ioannidis for attending the meeting and noted she appreciated his words and his cause.

Mayor Mejia announced that he would like to adjourn tonight's meeting in honor of Mr. Earle Bunker, who passed away on April 5th at the age of 95. He noted that Mr. Bunker was survived by Mary Louise Bunker, who served on the Alhambra City Council from 1982 to 1994 and that Mr. Bunker was a veteran of WWII and a rocket scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He asked for a moment of silence in Mr. Bunker's honor before adjournment of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:30 p.m., there being no further business for the Council to conduct, the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, adjourned their meeting

In honor and memory of

EARLE BUNKER

to Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in the Alhambra City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

LAUREN MYLES, CMC
CITY CLERK