

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
May 22, 2017
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 22, 2017 the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

PRESENT: MESSINA, MALONEY, MEJIA
ABSENT: SHAM, 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, Interim Director of Development Services Reynoso, Fire Chief Phelps, Director of Administrative Services Paulson, Director of Community Services Ray, Director of Environmental Services Jarvis, Chief of Police Vu, Library Services Manager Sisavath, Director of Finance Espinoza, Deputy City Manager Binnquist, Management Assistant Kespradit, Sergeant-at-Arms Quiroz

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Mejia

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

Public Input:

1. William **KLEINAU** noted that while he was a Board Member of the Alhambra City Employees Association, he was not speaking on behalf of the Board, but on his own behalf. He explained that he understood the City had a fiduciary responsibility; however, he felt it had a legal and moral responsibility to compensate employees appropriately, especially with increases of minimum wage and costs of living increasing gradually year by year. He noted that over the past nine or ten years the City had given City employees approximately a 1% increase, excluding the 6% that was taken away from EPMC, along with bonuses that were given in the past. He pointed out that other cities such as Monterey Park, Arcadia, El Monte were all giving pay raises, and he felt it was unjustifiable for the City to continue on giving sub-par pay increases to the employees. He added that with all the new construction and increased tax revenue expanded across Main Street, as well as new apartment units that had been built throughout the community, it was a wonder how this City could not afford to give employees the proper pay increase. He noted that there were certain things that the City did to help out certain employees, such as the agenda item regarding the two year additional service credit for retiring employees in Risk Management and Environmental Services. He felt this was a special benefit for valued employees and wondered whether the City valued other employees in the same manner.
2. John **HERNANDEZ** noted he represented the City's Utilities Department. He explained

that he had been with the City for approximately eight months and had previously worked for the City of Monterey Park. He noted his position with the City was a promotion to Senior Utility Worker and it was an excellent position. He remarked that moral was down with veteran employees. He felt the wage increase proposed over the next few years did seem sufficient to meet the cost of the living increases. He also pointed out that the equipment used by the Utilities Department staff daily was not up to par. He noted there was equipment failure at the City Yard and trucks were outdated and breaking down.

3. Jose **LOZANO** stated that he was a Senior Utility Worker for the sewer side and that he had been with the City since 2007. He explained that over that last ten years he enjoyed working for the City. He pointed out that there were deficiencies at the City Yard, however as equipment was outdated. He noted that on the water side of the Utilities Division, the trucks were inefficient, compressors were frequently going out and the mechanics were always busy. He felt there was not enough staff or sufficient equipment to complete required tasks or during crucial times such as when water mains went out. He also added that moral was down among staff because they felt it was their responsibility to do the best work possible on a daily basis and he believed while staff did just that, it was not acknowledged by management. He also mentioned that the service provided to customers in Alhambra was vastly better than the City where he lived with respect to responses to calls handled sometimes the same day, or even the next day. He noted residents acknowledged this good work and, he thought it was time that wage increases were up to par with the cost of living.
4. Immer **CABRERA** commented that he also worked for the City's Utilities Division and echoed his colleagues comments that moral was down. He noted that one of the causes was staff did not feel support from management. He noted it was demoralizing to put in 100% every day and work hard for residents and not receive enough wages to keep up with increasing medical costs and the ever increasing cost of living.
5. Alfonso **HINOJOS** stated he was present this evening to affirm all the comments made by his coworkers thus far. He remarked that if he made \$4,901 a month, a 1% salary increase would be \$49 while medical insurance was going up by 3%, about \$150 or \$200. He wondered, given this math, how he could keep up with the cost of living. He noted he was the only provider in his family; his wife stayed home because he wanted it that way. He believed in raising his kids with his wife home. He noted that he felt the Council were good people because of the position they held and that Councilmembers had something in common with City employees, a desire to make the City better and safer. He asked the Council to help make things better for employees.
6. Eric **ULLOA** noted that he had worked for the City's Utilities Division for four years. He explained that while he was inexperienced when he started, the lead workers and supervisors trained him and made him valuable asset and how to be a productive and efficient member of the organization. He explained that the point he wished to make this evening was that the City was not competitive with other cities with respect to salaries. He stated that when he searched available positions in the area, Alhambra was not up to par with what was being offered. He felt ten years without a raise, despite the hard work he and his fellow employees put in to take care of the City, was too long. He believed that employees took good care of the City and it would be nice for the Council to take care of employees in the same way.

Discussion: Councilmember **MESSINA** thanked all of the employees present for coming this evening and sharing their thoughts. She noted that, speaking for herself and hoping that she was also speaking for her colleagues, that every employee in the City is the engine that drives the City. She was very saddened that those speaking this evening did not feel recognized or appreciated because that was not the case. She noted she would take the information shared by the speakers very seriously.

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

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

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): Tara Schultz, Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources, Alhambra Fire Fighters' Association and the Alhambra City Employees' Association

whereupon at 5:49 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.

AYALA: At 6:00 p.m., Councilmember Ayala entered Closed Session.

RECONVENE: At 7:15 p.m., the City Council moved out of closed session with all members present. [SHAM, absent]

CEREMONIALS

1. PROCLAMATION: UNITED STATES ARMY ANNIVERSARY DAY - F2M17-3

Ratified the action of Mayor Mejia in proclaiming June 14, 2017 as *United States Army Anniversary Day* in Alhambra. Mayor Mejia presented the proclamation to Ms. Janet Chin, Civilian Aide with the Secretary of the Army, and members of the United States Army.

2. CONGRATULATIONS: ALHAMBRA PRESERVATION GROUP – F2M17-3

Mayor Mejia and the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, in celebration of California Preservation Month, wished to recognize and congratulate the Alhambra Preservation Group for celebrating the history of Alhambra. Since its founding in 2003, the Alhambra Preservation Group has worked to ensure that the historical, architectural,

and cultural resources of our City are identified, protected and celebrated through programs, such as the Alhambra Historic Home Tour and the Heritage Awards Program. The City of Alhambra congratulates the Alhambra Preservation Group for their dedication to honoring the rich architectural history of Alhambra. Mayor Mejia will present the congratulatory certificate to Ms. Joyce Amaro, President of the Alhambra Preservation Group.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION TO GRANT A DESIGNATED PERIOD FOR TWO YEARS ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT – F2M17-2, R2M17-15

Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Resources **SCHULTZ** reported that staff had been working with the California Public Employee's Retirement System on the proposed amendment to the City's contract to include two years additional service credit benefit, and allow the employees of the Environmental Resources Department and the Risk Management Department the opportunity to elect to retire with an additional 2 years of service credit. In order for an employee to receive this benefit, the City must first amend its contract with CalPERS, present the cost of the benefit at a public meeting, and establish a window of time during which eligible employees may select this benefit and retire. She noted that the window for this credit would begin May 23, 2017 and last until September 30, 2017 and that the total value of the two year service credit would be \$246,939. She added that City Council adoption of Resolution No. R2M17-15 was required as part of this process and staff was requesting the City Council adopt a the resolution granting a designated period for two years additional service credit.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted **Resolution No. R2M17-15** entitled: *City Council of the City of Alhambra Resolution to grant a designated period for two years additional service credit*; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.

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

4. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SB 231 (HERTZBERG) – F2M17-16, R2M17-16

City Attorney **MONTES** reported that currently Proposition 218, which was adopted by the voters many years ago, controls how various taxes and fees get approved. There is a simpler process, one would argue, for approval of water and sewer and trash rates. And there is a more complicated process for special taxes and assessments. He noted that storm water mandates are being placed on cities by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and those mandates through the NPDES permit require cities to expend a lot of money to address storm water treatment and other clean-up activities. He

explained that Mr. Hertzberg has ostensibly introduced this legislation to make it easier for cities to increase or impose storm water fees on citizens to go through the same process one would go through for a water rate increase or a sewer increase with the intent to make it easier on cities to raise funds to treat storm water. He added that the City of Rosemead requested that the City take an oppose position on this legislation as they have already taken an oppose position. He pointed out Maggie Clark, Councilmember from the City of Rosemead, was also here this evening and wished to speak on this item.

Public Input: Margaret **CLARK**, Councilmember from the City of Rosemead, reported that Prop 218 was passed in 1996 and, with its passage; voters essentially said they wanted to right to vote on all taxes except water, sewer, and trash. Then, last year, she explained that some groups tried to put a measure on the November ballot to ask voters to include storm water as exempt from Prop 218; however, when the Attorney General's office released the language describing the measure for the voter pamphlets, it essentially said the measure amounted to taxes without voter approval. Knowing that it was unlikely to pass as described, the group pulled the measure from the ballot. Currently, SB 231 by Senator Robert Hertzberg, was attempting to redefine "sewer" to include storm water and she believed this was an attempt to evade the requirements of Proposition 218, to get around the fact that voters have to approve tax increases. Hertzberg's bill would allow local governments to pay for storm water projects by adding the costs to resident's property tax bills. She pointed out that everyone could agree that clean water was a necessity, but she felt SB 231 was not the way to accomplish this goal. She felt that if voters had meant for storm water to be exempt along with sewer, water and trash, then they should have the opportunity to vote on it rather than having legislation passed by the state that attempted to redefine the word sewer, as SB 231 did.

Continuing, she noted Los Angeles County as an estimated \$20 billion in storm water projects and she estimated for a family, a home owner, the average cost in property taxes could be \$1,400. She also pointed out that if counties were afforded the ability to charge storm water costs, the way the legislation was written would make it very difficult to undo. She added this was one of the reasons many cities were opposing the bill. She also noted that if residents were suddenly faced with such a large increase to their property tax bill, they would look to their elected Councilmembers for answers as to why it had occurred. She hoped that the City of Alhambra would join the 15 other cities currently opposed to the bill along with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.

Discussion: Councilmember **MESSINA** thanked Councilmember Clark for her comments and she noted that Ms. Clark was a water issue expert and was passionate about local government having control. She noted that this issue was something the cities could have a voice in, backing our communities. Councilmember **AYALA** asked Ms. Clark if the League of California Cities had taken a position on SB 231. Ms. **CLARK** replied that the League had not taken a position yet at this time. She pointed out though that she was on the League's Environmental Committee and the vote to oppose or not was a close one; after which it was sent back to the Policy Committee. Mr. **AYALA** asked if the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority had taken a position. Mr. **CLARK** replied that she was not aware that they had taken a position. Mr. **AYALA** asked if the opposition had outreached to Senator Hertzberg regarding their concerns. Ms. **CLARK** replied that she had spoken with Mr. Hertzberg and his position was firm in support of

SB 231 and he was committed to its passage. She noted that when she questioned the impact the bill could have on his constituents, he indicated his concern for the State of California as a whole. Mr. **AYALA** asked if Ms. Clark was familiar with the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Association and Ms. **CLARK** replied that the organization was opposed to SB 231. Mr. **AYALA** noted they had been a very partisan, conservative in the state in the past.

Mr. **AYALA** noted his surprise at this item being on the agenda because the policy of the Council in the past had been not to take positions on legislation. He noted that if this was a policy the Council wished to change, it could be discussed; however, he did not feel comfortable taking an opposition or support position on any kind of legislation knowing that the legislative process is such that there would be amendments and changes made along the way. He noted the bill was likely to change as he process was still ongoing. He also thought the League of California Cities, which represents Alhambra, was supposed to be representing the City on this issue. He noted that he felt more comfortable when a large organization such as the League of Cities took a position as representing not only Alhambra, but many cities collectively. He asked Ms. Clark how many cities were currently opposed to the bill. Ms. **CLARK** replied Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Duarte, Diamond Bar, Gardena, Glendora, Los Alamitos, Maywood, Rosemead, Sierra Madre, Walnut, West Covina, Covina, and Whittier thus far. Mr. **AYALA** stated that he could not support the item/resolution based on the fact that the legislative process was still ongoing and also due to the past policy of the Council to not take positions on legislation specifically having to do with the state or federal matters.

Councilmember **MESSINA** stated she thought that when the Council had an opportunity to cast a vote or a voice an opinion on an important issue that affected home owners and their tax bills, the Council had the responsibility to participate. She noted her support for the resolution. She acknowledged the Council's policy not to take partisan viewpoints, but she felt that this was not a partisan issue, but rather a bipartisan issue protecting the City's taxpayers.

Councilmember **MALONEY** thanked Ms. Clark for speaking this evening. He appreciated her input and noted she made a strong point with respect to counties. He noted that cities all have to be responsible for the policies, but obviously the City would not have any control if the County decided to adopt a new storm water related tax. He noted that storm water projects/costs had been such a huge sword hanging over the heads of local agencies for such a long time now and the implications were real. He noted that the concern he had with the resolution was that he did not want to take tools away from the City down the road and not be able to have the flexibility to do things with full community support, full disclosure, because this issue was not going away and cities would be responsible for the costs of storm water compliance projects in one way or another. He noted he was amenable to approaching this issue in creative ways, such as multi-benefit projects that could possibly bring the overall bill down, but he thought it was important to maintain all of the possible tools in the box to tackle this issue. He also agreed with Councilmember Ayala that at this point the bill was just on the Senate side and it had not yet been returned back to the Assembly; there could be movement on the bill and perhaps local agencies now had a chance to provide important input and feedback to the legislature about impacts. However, at this point, he could not support the resolution because it was too soon in the process of the bill's approval and he also wished to respect the Council's tradition of not taking positions on state and/or federal

bills.

Mayor **MEJIA** noted it was his personal preference not to get involved with taking positions on any matter on the state or federal level, so he would have to oppose the resolution.

Action Taken: No action was taken. Councilmember Messina's motion to adopt **Resolution No. R2M17-16** entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alhambra, California opposing SB 231 (Hertzberg)* failed due to a lack of a second.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 5 - 17)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda, except Item No. 7, were considered by the City Council to be routine and were enacted by one motion.

5. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: ALHAMBRA PARK POOL REPLASTERING PROJECT – F2M16-49, C2M17-10, M2M17-72

Staff requested that the City Council accept the contract for the Alhambra Park Pool Replastering Project as complete. The project was completed on-time with no change orders issued. The project has been inspected by staff and the Los Angeles County Health Department and all work has been completed in accordance with the City's requirements and specifications. As such, it was appropriate for the City Council to accept this project as complete.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted the contract with Condor, Inc. for the Alhambra Park Pool Replastering Project as complete in the amount of \$199,400; 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. **(M2M17-72)**

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

6. AWARD CONTRACT: PURCHASE OF HANDGUNS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – F2M17-6B, N2M17-13, C2M17-30, M2M17-73

Staff requested that the City Council approve a contract with Adamson Police Products to provide new handguns and accessories for the Police Department. On February 13, 2017, the City Council approved the distribution of a Notice Inviting Bids to purchase replacement handguns for sworn police officers. Two bids were received by the City Clerk's Office in the amount of \$27,321.60 (Adamson Police Products) and \$34,516.06 (Pro-Force Law Enforcement). Upon review of the number of handguns and magazines

to be included in the trade-in for the purchase, the quantity of trade-ins was modified. With this change, the revised bid amounts became \$26,889.10 (Adamson Police Products) and \$34,051.06 (Pro-Force Law Enforcement).

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council awarded a contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, to Adamson Police Products to provide new handguns and accessories for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$26,889.10; authorized the Director of Finance to appropriate the funds from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-73)**

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

7. PULLED

AWARD CONTRACT: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR THE MISSION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT – GARFIELD AVE TO WEST CITY LIMITS – F2M16-53, C2M17-25, M2M17-65

City Manager **YOKOYAMA** reported that he wished to pull this item from consideration for action by the Council this evening and that staff would reschedule it for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

Staff requested that the City Council award a contract to FCG Consultants for construction management services for the Mission Road Rehabilitation – Garfield Avenue to West City limits (STPL-5130(021)). On March 23, 2017, the City Clerk received seven proposals for this Project. After reviewing the proposals, staff selected FCG Consultants in the amount of \$374,600. FCG Consultants has the necessary licenses, permits and has done similar project of type for other local jurisdictions.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: No action was taken.

8. AUTHORIZE RFP: PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES – F2M17-32, RFP2M17-7

Staff requested that the City Council authorize staff to circulate a Request for Proposals (RFP) for parking enforcement services to enforce street sweeping, parking lot, and overnight parking ordinances. The City currently contracts for these services; however, the agreement with Inter-Con Security is due to expire on June 30, 2017. Proposals will be due to the City Clerk's Office on June 15, 2017.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council authorized staff to circulate a Request for Proposals for parking enforcement services to enforce street sweeping, parking lot, and overnight parking ordinances.

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

9. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND, FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE FUND & GENERAL FUND – F2M16-17, F2M5-112, F2M13-37, M2M17-74

Staff requested that the City Council approve the appropriation of funds totaling \$34,500 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund and General Fund to be used toward the purchase of computer maintenance and vehicle equipment, repairs to building equipment and fees for mandatory training for Police Department employees.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council appropriated funds totaling \$34,500 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund and General Fund to be used toward the purchase of computer maintenance, the purchase of vehicle equipment, repairs to building equipment and fees for mandatory training for Police Department employees as outlined in the Chief of Police's report dated May 22, 2017; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-74)**

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

10. NIB: ALMANSOR PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – F2M16-42, N2M17-52

On February 13, 2017, the City Council approved a contract with Lost West Landscape Architecture and Construction for professional engineering and design services to provide plans, specifications, and bid documentation for the Almansor Park Improvement Project. On May 8, 2017 Paul Nota, from Lost West, presented the City Council with renderings and design layouts for the Almansor Park Improvement Project and received feedback, which was then incorporated into the plans. Specifications and bid documentation have now been completed for the Almansor Park Improvement Project. Bids are due no later than 10:30 a.m. on June 22, 2017 in the office of the City Clerk.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council authorized staff to circulate a Notice Inviting Bids to prospective contractors for the Almansor Park Improvement Project; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.

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

11. CLASS SPECIFICATION: POLICE LIEUTENANT/POLICE COMMANDER – F2M17-2, M2M17-75

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 Lieutenant/Police Commander 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 Police Lieutenant/Police Commander.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council adopted the class specification for the position of Police Lieutenant/Police Commander as described in the Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director's May 22, 2017 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. (M2M17-75)

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

12. CLASS SPECIFICATION: ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF – F2M17-2, M2M17-76

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 Assistant Police 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 Assistant Police Chief.

Action Taken: City Council adopted the class specification for the position of Assistant Police Chief as described in the Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director's May 22, 2017 report on file in the office of the City Clerk. (M2M17-76)

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

13. STEPHEN SHAM: APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE – F92-27, M2M17-77

Sec. 12 of the Alhambra City Charter provides in pertinent part that an “elective office becomes vacant . . . if a member of the council . . . fails to attend the meetings of the council . . .of which he or she is a member for a like period (i.e., 30 consecutive days), without being excused therefrom by the council.” Vice Mayor Sham is attending the International Council of Shopping Centers Conference in Las Vegas (May 21-24, 2017) on behalf of the City of Alhambra and is not able to attend this evening’s meeting.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Excused Vice Mayor Sham from this evening’s Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council. **(M2M17-77)**

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

14. TREASURER’S REPORT - F2M17-1

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council received and ordered filed as submitted the Treasurer’s Report prepared by the Director of Finance for the month of April, 2017, listing all of the City’s investments as of April 30, 2017.

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

15. MINUTES

City Clerk **MYLES** reported that there was one change to the Minutes Council was approving this evening, the Minutes for the May 8th meeting. She explained that the consent agenda approval should reflect a motion by Mr. Ayala and a second by Mrs. Messina. She noted that she had provided a corrected copy of the set of Minutes for each Councilmember for their review.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved the Minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular meeting of the Alhambra City Council with the changes requested by the City Clerk.

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

Absent: SHAM

16. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M17-2

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated May 22, 2017, showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

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

17. DEMANDS - F2M17-1

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved as submitted Final Check List (182680 thru 182788) in the amount of \$41,209.92 for the period ending May 3, 2017; Final Check List (182789 thru 182959) in the amount of \$562,623.42 for the period ending May 4, 2017 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$2,047,609.07 for the week ending May 5, 2017; and, Final Check List (182960 thru 183079) in the amount of \$583,824.85, Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$1,864,582.52 for the week of April 28, 2017 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$6,012,153.87.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M17-4

1. Benjamin **RODRIGUEZ**, 128 South Granada Avenue, expressed his concern about negative contact he recently had with an Alhambra police officer on his property. He felt the officer demonstrated a militant response to an issue that did not warrant such a reaction. City Manager **YOKOYAMA** replied that he would have Chief of Police Vu speak with Mr. Rodriguez about his concerns.
2. William **KLEINAU** noted that while he was a Board Member of the Alhambra City Employees Association, he was not speaking on behalf of the Board, but on his own behalf. He explained that he understood the City had a fiduciary responsibility; however, he felt it had a legal and moral responsibility to compensate employees appropriately, especially with increases of minimum wage and costs of living increasing gradually year by year. He noted that over the past nine or ten years the City had given City employees approximately a 1% increase. He pointed out that other cities such as Monterey Park,

Arcadia, El Monte were all giving pay raises, and he felt it was inexcusable for the City to continue on giving sub-par pay increases to employees. He added that with all the new construction and increased tax revenue expanded across Main Street, as well as new apartment units that had been built throughout the community, it was a wonder how this City could not afford to give employees the proper pay increase.

3. Charlie **HUTCHISON**, stated that he was a proud City of Alhambra employee and he was proud of the strong customer service the City provided to residents. He wished for the Council to know that his colleagues were a professional group of people and worked hard for the City.
4. Joan **CHUN**, 309 South Almansor Street #A, thanked the Police Department and Code Enforcement for their assistance on some recent issues she had at her residence. He also expressed concern about dog owners in her neighborhood not picking up after their dogs. She noted that if dog waste is left on the grass it can attract flies and she was concerned about the possibility of the flies spreading disease.

MALONEY: At 8:09 p.m., Councilmember Maloney exited the Council Chambers.

5. Mza Kien **CHU**, 225 Elm Street, asked the Council for assistance in getting her grandson back after he was taken from her custody by a social worker in Pasadena.
6. Omar **HERNANDEZ**, 1605 South Date Avenue, advocated for the completion of the 710 freeway and thanked the City for their efforts to make it happen.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:15 p.m., there being no further business for the Council to transact, the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council adjourned their meeting to Monday, June 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in the Alhambra City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

LAUREN MYLES, CMC
CITY CLERK