

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

ROLL CALL: At 5:35 p.m., on Monday, July 10, 2017 the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall.

PRESENT: SHAM, MESSINA, AYALA, MEJIA
ABSENT: MALONEY (entered at 5:54 p.m.)

Officials Present: City Manager Yokoyama, Assistant City Manager Schultz, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Myles, Assistant City Manager Binnquist, Director of Risk Management Bacio, Director of Public Works Chavez, Interim Director of Development Services Castagnola, Fire Chief Phelps, Director of Community Services Paulson, Director of Utilities Ray, Assistant Chief of Police Kase, Library Services Manager Sisavath, Director of Finance Espinoza, Management Assistant Kespradit

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Mejia

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 Mrs. MESSINA, 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.

CEREMONIAL

1. COMMENDATION: SOPHIA DE LEON ALEMAN – F2M17-3

Mayor Mejia and the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Alhambra, wished to recognize and commend **Sophia De Leon Aleman**, age 4, for her bravery and strength of spirit. On September 5, 2016, Sophia was struck by tragedy, but persevered and her determination and courage serve as an inspiration to all. The City Council and all the citizens of the City offer their thoughts and well wishes to Sophia and her family that she may have a full recovery. Mayor Mejia presented the commendation to Sophia.

PRESENTATION

2. LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY – F2M17-16

Gary Gero, Chief Sustainability Officer for the County of Los Angeles, gave a

presentation to the City Council regarding the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE). A copy of Mr. Gero's presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. He noted that LACCE was authorized in California under AB 117 (2002) and SB 790 (2011), LACCE allows local governments, including counties and cities, to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market and sell it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor owned utility (IOU). LACCE could offer competitive rates and potentially greener and more local energy as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor-owned utility, taking over the acquisition and sale of electricity to residential and commercial customers while using the IOU's transmission and distribution services and power line maintenance and continuing with the customer billing services.

MALONEY: At 5:54 p.m., Councilmember **MALONEY** entered the Council Chambers

Discussion: Councilmember **MESSINA** asked about the number of cities in Southern California that had signed on for this program. Responding, Mr. **GERO** noted that so far the cities of Palmdale and Claremont had adopted the ordinance and the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). He added that in August and September, he expected a number of additional cities to join. He noted that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments has voted at a committee level to recommend approval by their member cities and that this recommendation would be considered by the full Board on July 20th. Councilmember **MALONEY** thanked Mr. Gero for presenting this topic to the City Council for a second time. He noted it was nice to hear the COG was considering recommending this at the Board level soon. He pointed out the presentation had outlined the different options with respect to the formula of renewable energy and cost for each option and he wondered if those options would be available at the consumer level or was it something dictated by the JPA or by the City. Mr. **GERO** replied that the JPA would offer three tiers: base, mid-level and 100% and all three levels will be available to customers, unless the City decided not to include one of the rate options. For example, a City may choose to eliminate the base rate and only offer the mid-level, say 50% renewable, as the default rate. However, typically, this was not done and all options were offered to customers so that they could choose the rate that best suited them. Mr. **MALONEY** noted he felt it was a good idea and that it was exciting to be able to offer rate-payers the chance to reduce their rates and increase the percentage of their renewable energy makeup as well as have the choice to stay at the base rate or go up to the 100% renewable level.

Action Taken: City Council to received and ordered the informational report filed as presented.

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:

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):
None

whereupon at 6:05 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 7:06 p.m., the City Council moved out of closed session with all members present.

CEREMONIALS

3. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: SERGEANT GERALD JOHNSON - F2M17-3

Mayor Mejia and the City Council wished to commend and thank **Sergeant Gerald Johnson** for his **28 years** of faithful and loyal service to the Police Department and the City of Alhambra. Mayor Mejia will presented a Certificate of Service plaque to Mr. Johnson for his outstanding work for the City.

4. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: SENIOR OFFICER JOHN STONE - F2M17-3

Mayor Mejia and the City Council wished to commend and thank **Senior Officer John Stone** for his **27 years** of faithful and loyal service to the Police Department and the City of Alhambra. Mayor Mejia will presented a Certificate of Service plaque to Mr. Stone for his outstanding work for the City.

5. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF RAYMOND MOSACK - F2M17-3

Mayor Mejia and the City Council wished to commend and thank **Assistant Fire Chief Raymond Mosack** for his **30 years** of faithful and loyal service to the Fire Department and the City of Alhambra. Mayor Mejia presented a Certificate of Service plaque to Mr. Mosack for his outstanding work for the City.

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 6 - 20)

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

6. RESOLUTION: ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL GRANT – F2M11-40A, R2M17-25

Staff requested that the City Council adopt a resolution to accept the award of grant funds in the amount of \$68,050 from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). With the assistance of ABC grant funds, the Alhambra Police Department will have the means to conduct expert training to assist police officers in the prevention and detection of alcohol sales to under aged drinkers. The grant will also allow the Police Department to conduct specialized training for owners, managers, and staff at licensee locations, and better inform these individuals about ABC regulations and best practice methods. The funds awarded by ABC will enhance public awareness of under aged drinking and law enforcement efforts being dedicated to combat this issue.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council 1) adopted **Resolution No. R2M17-25** entitled: *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Alhambra accepting the award of grant funds from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and authorizing the Chief of Police to execute all related agreements with the State in relation thereto* to accept the award of grant funds in the amount of \$68,050 from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; 2) appropriated the funds in account 101.20.2010.51031 and budget the revenue in account 101.20.42321 (Alcoholic Beverage Grant Fund); and 3) instructed the City Clerk to send a certified copy of Resolution No. R2M17-25 to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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

7. ACCEPT GRANT: ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – F2M17-17, M2M17-103

The Alhambra Civic Center Library staff applied for and received a \$7,500 grant from the California Immigrant Alliance Project, funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The purpose of this grant is to reimburse libraries for the purchase of bilingual books for children to update their print collection. The grant will reimburse the Library for purchases of children's books that are bilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese and Spanish to be added to the Library's circulating collection.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted a \$7,500 grant awarded to the Alhambra Civic Center Library from the LSTA-funded California Immigrant Alliance Project for the bilingual books for the children's collection update. (**M2M17-103**)

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

8. ACCEPT GRANT: ALHAMBRA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY – F2M17-17, M2M17-104

The Alhambra Public Library Foundation applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from the Freedom to Read Foundation to host a series of Banned Book Week activities for community members of all ages. The purpose of this programming is to raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during Banned Books Week, which is September 24-30, 2017. The Library will host events for children, teens and adults, as well as an all-ages program on September 30, 2017. The programs will highlight books that have been banned around the world and celebrate the freedom to read without censorship.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted a \$1,000 grant awarded to the Alhambra Civic Center Library as part of the Freedom to Read Foundation Krug Fund Banned Book Week. **(M2M17-104)**

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

9. CONTRACT EXTENSION: MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE CITY'S SCADA SYSTEM FOR SEWER AND WATER – F2M9-80, C2M16-49, M2M17-105

Staff requested that the City Council approve a one year contract extension with SCADA Integration Inc. for the maintenance and repair of the City's SCADA system for the sewer and water systems. In 2016, SCADA Integrations Inc. was awarded a one year contract (C2M16-49) with an option to extend their services for three additional one year terms. Staff has been satisfied with the performance of SCADA Integrations Inc. and recommended offering the first year of the contract extension.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved a one year contract extension, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, by and between the City of Alhambra and SCADA Integration Inc. for the maintenance and repair of the City's SCADA System for the sewer and water systems, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-105)**

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

10. AWARD CONTRACT: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING, DESIGN SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR A SEWER RELINING PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS – F2M17-24, RFP2M17-2, C2M17-43, M2M17-106

Staff requested that the City Council approve an award of contract to Civiltec Engineering Inc. for professional engineering, design services, and construction management for the Sewer Relining Project at various locations. On February 27, 2017, the City Council approved distribution of a Request for Proposals for the Engineering, Design Services, and Construction Management for the Sewer Lining Project on Cypress, Essexfells, Vega, and Florentina. Only one proposal was received. Staff conducted a review and evaluation of the proposal and found that the proposal by Civiltec Engineering, Inc. met all of the requirements contained in the request for proposal.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council awarded a contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, to Civiltec Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$52,694 for Engineering, Design Services, and Construction Management for the Sewer Lining Project on Cypress, Essexfells, Vega, and Florentina; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-106)**

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

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: EMERY PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT PROJECT – F2M16-42, C2M17-8, M2M17-107

Staff requested that the City Council accept the work of R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. for the Emery Park Playground Replacement Project as complete. There was one change order initiated by staff out of a desire to make the park area surrounding the playground more ADA accessible. These changes resulted in an increase of \$64,196. This project has been inspected by staff and all work has been completed in accordance with the City's requirements and specifications.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted the work of R.E. Schultz Construction, Inc. for the Emery Park Playground Replacement Project in the amount of \$268,907 as complete; 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. **(M2M17-107)**

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

Absent: NONE

12. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: ALMANSOR PARK RESTROOM REHABILITATION PROJECT - F2M16-42, C2M17-6, M2M17-108

Staff requested that the City Council accept the work of GEM Construction Inc. for the Almansor Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project as complete. This project has been inspected by staff and the Los Angeles County Health Department, all work has been completed in accordance with the City and County requirements and specifications. As such, it would be appropriate for the City Council to accept this project as complete.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council accepted the work of GEM Construction Inc. for the Almansor Park Restroom Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$172,039 as complete; 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. **(M2M17-108)**

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

13. AWARD CONTRACT: FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE REPAIR – F2M16-6A, RFP2M17-8, C2M17-44, M2M17-109

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 service contract, subject to final language approval by the City Manager and City Attorney, 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 \$150,000 commencing on August 1, 2017 and terminating June 30, 2018 and including three one year extensions at the City Manager's discretion commencing July 1, 2018; authorized the City Manager to execute the contract; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-109)**

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

14. NIB: EXTERIOR PAINTING OF CITY HALL AND CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY BUILDINGS – F2M17-39, N2M17-80

City Hall was last painted over two decades ago. Since then, the paint has deteriorated and dirt has attached to the building. The Alhambra Library, approximately ten years old, is in need of painting and patching as a result of construction of a building adjacent to the library causing cracks to the exterior façade. Therefore, staff requested that the City Council approve the distribution of a Notice Inviting Bids to qualified contractors for the exterior painting of City Hall and the Civic Center Library buildings.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved the distribution of a Notice Inviting Bids to qualified contractors for the Exterior Painting of City Hall and Civic Center Library Buildings Project, with bids due no later than 10:30 a.m. on August 24, 2017 and opened publicly at 11:00 a.m. the same day.

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

15. AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR PLANNING SERVICES – F2M16-39, K2M16-320, M2M17-110

Staff requested that the City Council approve an amendment to the professional services contract with Lilley Planning Group in the amount of \$130,000. In order to close expenses for the 2016-17 fiscal year budget, it is necessary at this time to request the City Council's approval of an increase in the amount of this contract to an amount not to exceed \$230,000. Services provided under the contract with Lilley are typically charged to the project directly and then later reimbursed by the project applicant back to the City.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved an amendment to the current professional services contract with Lilley Planning Group (Contract No. K2M16-320) in the amount of \$130,000; instructed the Finance Director to amend the FY 2016-2017 budget accordingly; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-110)**

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

16. APPROVE MOU: ALHAMBRA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION - F2M17-2, C87-16C, M2M17-111

Staff requested that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Police Officers' Association (APOA) for fiscal years 2017-2019.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved that certain Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Police Officers' Association for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2019, a copy of which MOU is on file in the City Clerk's Office as Contract No. C87-16C and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part of as though fully set forth herein; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-111)**

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

17. APPROVE MOU: ALHAMBRA POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION - F2M17-2, C2M11-32, M2M17-112

Staff requested that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Police Management Association (APMA) for fiscal years 2017-2019.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved that certain Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Alhambra and the Alhambra Police Management Association (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019), a copy of which MOU is on file in the City Clerk's Office as Contract No. C2M11-32 and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part of as though fully set forth herein; and, directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-112)**

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

18. REJECT BIDS & REAUTHORIZE: ALMANSOR PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – F2M16-42, N2M17-52, N2M17-79, M2M17-114

On June 29, 2017, staff received eight bids for the Almansor Park Improvement Project. A particular line item in the bid was much greater than the engineer's estimate. As a result, staff recommended it was in the best interest of the City to reject all eight bids, revise the scope of work, and recirculate the Notice Inviting Bids (N2M17-79) with bids

due no later than 10:30 a.m. on July 27, 2017 in the office of the City Clerk and opened at 11:00 a.m. that same day.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council rejected all bids received on June 29, 2017 in response to Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M17-52 for the Almansor Park Improvement Project; authorized a new Notice Inviting Bids (N2M17-79) for a revised Almansor Park Improvements Project; and directed staff to take the steps necessary to finalize Council's action. **(M2M17-114)**

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

19. 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 July 10, 2017, showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting.

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

20. DEMANDS - F2M17-1

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council approved as submitted Final Check List (183798 thru 184023) in the amount of \$618,257.59 for the period ending June 15, 2017; Final Check List (184024 thru 184202) in the amount of \$1,723,696.52 for the period ending June 22, 2017 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$2,353,994.79 for the week ending June 9, 2017; and, Final Check List (184203 thru 184377) in the amount of \$1,249,644.42 for the period ending June 29, 2017, Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$589.38 for the week ending June 16, 2017; Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of 1,824,339.72 for the week ending June 23, 2017 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$857.97 for the week ending June 30, 2017.

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

ORDINANCES – URGENCY & SECOND READING

21. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A LONG RANGE (35 YEAR) PHASED MASTER PLAN FOR THE ATHERTON BAPTIST HOMES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY – F2M12-48, O2M17-4716

Staff requested that the City Council consider a second reading and adoption of an ordinance regarding the approval of an Amendment to the Development Agreement by and between the City of Alhambra and Atherton Baptist Homes for a long range (35 year) phased master plan for an existing residential retirement community located in the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) zone generally located within the area bounded by Atlantic Boulevard on the west, Washington Street on the north, Sixth Street on the east and Commonwealth Avenue on the south, in the City of Alhambra. Approving the proposed Amendment will allow Atherton Baptist Homes to be able to secure their right to redistribute units between phases throughout the life of the Agreement (through 2050). All other remaining portions of the Development Agreement, the Master Plan and all previously approved conditions of approval for the project will remain valid for the duration of the Development Agreement.

Discussion: None

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

Ordinance No. O2M17-4716: An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council approving an amendment to the Development Agreement by and between the City of Alhambra and Atherton Baptist Homes for a Long Range (35 year) Phased Master Plan for an existing residential retirement community located in the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) Zone generally located within the area bounded by Atlantic Boulevard on the west, Washington Street on the north, Sixth Street on the east and Commonwealth Avenue on the south in the City of Alhambra

after which the Council adopted Ordinance No. O2M17-4716.

22. AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH CALPERS TO INCLUDE SECTION 20965 CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE FOR THE LOCAL MISCELLANEOUS MEMBERS AND LOCAL SAFETY MEMBERS - F2M17-2, O2M17-4712, O2M17-4717

Staff requested that the City Council consider a second reading and adoption of an ordinance as well as first reading and adoption of a related urgency ordinance regarding and amendment to the contract with CALPERS to include Section 20965 credit for unused sick leave for the local miscellaneous members and local safety members. The City, as part of its negotiations with the employee groups, has proposed an amendment to the Miscellaneous and Safety contracts with CalPERS, for the conversion of sick leave to service credit upon retirement. This benefit will allow employees to take their bank of sick leave and give it to CalPERS to be converted into service credit, rather than to cash out the allowable portion and lose the rest when they retire. Staff has been

in contact with CalPERS and has been provided with an actuarial for the amendment to the contract. On June 12, 2017 the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2M17-21, a resolution of intention to approve an amendment to the contract, and approved the first reading of Ordinance No. O2M17-4712 amending the City's contracts with CalPERS. The implementation timeline set by PERS requires the second reading of the Ordinance as well as the adoption of an Urgency Ordinance to ensure that the amendment will become effective on July 12, 2017.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: City Council, by one motion, took the following actions:

- A. Directed the City Attorney to give second reading by title only to the following ordinance entitled:

Ordinance No. O2M17-4712: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alhambra authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Alhambra and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; after which, the Council adopted Ordinance No. O2M17-4712; and,

- B. Directed the City Attorney to introduce and give reading by title only, waiving further reading to the following urgency ordinance entitled:

Ordinance No. O2M17-4717: An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Alhambra authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City Council of the City of Alhambra and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; after which such ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption by a 4/5th vote of the City Council; and,

- C. Directed staff to undertake the steps necessary to finalize Council's action.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M17-4, F2M10-48

1. R. Sheldon **HESS**, Elca Pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America SoCal Synod, invited the City Council to attend the upcoming Summer Promise Music Bowl on July 16th at the Barnes Park Amphitheater in Monterey Park. He noted all proceeds from the event would support Family Promise of the San Gabriel Valley, whose mission was to help homeless children and families; and, Merci, an organization dedicated to serving individuals with developmental disabilities. He also thanked Panda Express for their generous donation of 500 meals for the event.
2. Tamar **IGOYAN**, 312 North Bushnell Avenue, noted that she had been an Alhambra

resident for nine years and was inspired to address the Council this evening out of concern for the development at 1428 Marengo Avenue and the over two hundred trees that will be removed. The sheer number of trees being removed gave her concern as she had driven the perimeter of the property and observed a lot of very healthy, grand, mature, majestic trees. She also noted her concern that it appeared the property was not being watered. She pointed out that Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles had tree ordinances that protected oak trees and native species trees and that the surrounding communities of South Pasadena, San Marino, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, and Rosemead each had minimum protection for oak trees and/or native species in their municipal code. She added it was her hope and intention in bringing this to the Council to make tree preservation and protection a serious goal for the City. She asked the Council to adopt a tree ordinance for Alhambra as it was an investment in the future quality of life in the City. She added that she had compiled a list of resources and links to the tree ordinances she had referenced, as well as resources for the case for mature trees, and asked for the Council to consider the information when deciding on the development at 1428 Marengo Avenue as well as future developments in the City.

3. Melissa **MICHELSON**, Emery Park, expressed concern about the project at 1428 South Marengo Avenue and the over two hundred mature trees providing tons of shade slated to be removed to make room for a hundred and twenty-four townhomes. She noted that she wanted to share some data that was different from the developer's arborists. She explained that she had hired a licensed arborist, Liam McKinley, who was employed by the City of Glendale to review the report and conduct an independent analysis. She questioned the number of trees in the developer's tree report designated as poor quality as well as whether the trees slated for removal were not worth transplanting. She recommend that before the Council approved the project, it be clear on the reason for removing each of the two hundred and twenty-nine trees because the developer's arborist report was not clear. For example, she noted that during her review she found trees without rating numbers were slated for removal. She felt the rating numbers should correlate to the reason for removal; otherwise the validity of the report was questionable. She felt an independent and licensed arborist, not the one hired by the developer, was needed. She also felt the property owner needed to take care of the trees because her arborist, Mr. McKinley, remarked that there had been a sudden change in water care on the property that was making the trees go into shock and limiting their life span.
4. Greg **MILLER**, Emery Park, commended retired Director of Environmental Services Cynthia Jarvis on the fine work she did in assisting with graffiti removal from dumpsters when he called to report it. He also wished to know who on staff he could now contact with similar reports. He also expressed concern about the number of illegal fireworks being set off in his Emery Park neighborhood due to the possibility of fires breaking out in nearby trees and the adverse impact the sound they make could have on veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. He suggested perhaps the City conduct public outreach in the *Around Alhambra* and notices asking residents to be respectful of their neighbors. He also acknowledged that while the Police Department was always overwhelmed with calls on the 4th of July and did the best they could to respond; maybe an increase in special patrols would be helpful. City Manager **YOKOYAMA** explained that Paolo Kespradit in the City Manager's Office would now oversee the City's waste management contract and any dumpsters that may need to have graffiti removed. He also noted that Director of Public Works Chavez could assist with any other graffiti removal in the City.

5. Paul **PADILLA**, 369 Alahmar Terrace, San Gabriel, noted that while he was a resident of San Gabriel, his roots were deep in Alhambra because many family members, including his father, had lived or currently lived in the City. He also noted that he was a new member of the Alhambra Democratic Club and that he had heard about the project at 1428 South Marengo Avenue. He expressed his concern for preservation of the chapel as well as the trees because he did not believe in bulldozing chapels or trees at random. He stated his wish for as many trees as possible to be preserved as well as the historic chapel. He also expressed concern about the lack of a stop sign at Las Flores Street and El Paseo. Finally, he noted his support for Sean McMorris and his advocacy in the City. He felt it was important to stand up for Sean as he believed he was coming from a place of concern for the City of Alhambra despite the fact that he lived in the City of San Gabriel.

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Vice Mayor Sham pointed out the newly installed right-hand-turn-only lane on northbound Garfield Avenue at Main Street. He noted it was an addition to the intersection that would hopefully help improve traffic flow.

Mr. Maloney reported that he had visited Holy Family Church's Food Bank in South Pasadena over the weekend at which leftover fruits and veggies from farmer's markets, including Alhambra's, were distributed to those in need. He noted it was nice to see the City's market be a part of such a great service to the community.

Mr. Ayala announced that there was new information on the City's website regarding tips to be more energy efficient and how to conserve energy. He also encouraged residents and children to use the City's pools and parks this summer. He added that the Granada Park Gym was now air conditioned to allow for summertime basketball to be more comfortable. Finally, he noted the importance for residents to stay focused on water conservation and to be mindful of the best times to water their grass and plants.

Mayor Mejia thanked the City staff, the Police Department and Fire Department for all their work on the City's Fourth of July event and fireworks show. He noted it was a fantastic event and thousands of people had attended.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:41 p.m., there being no further business for the Council to conduct, the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council, adjourned their meeting to Monday, July 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