

**ALISO VIEJO MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

The adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Aliso Viejo was called to order by Mayor Vali-Cave at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at the Aliso Viejo City Hall Council Chambers, 12 Journey, Aliso Viejo, California.

A complete copy of the agenda for the meeting containing all items as shown herein was posted by 5:00 p.m. on March 3, 2006, on the outdoor bulletin board at City Hall. Copies were also posted at the Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, and the Aliso Viejo Sheriff's Substation, 11 Journey.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Carmen Vali-Cave
Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia D. Adams
Council Member Greg Ficke
Council Member William A. Phillips
Council Member Karl P. Warkomski

Absent: None.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, REORDERING TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Vali-Cave stated that there will be no Closed Session tonight.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Budget Kick-Off Workshop for FY 2006-07

City Manager Pulone gave a brief background from the staff report. He stated that he would be reporting on the workshop objectives, the review of last year's initiatives, the City's philosophy, and discussion of the FY 2006-07 goals, projects, and initiatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams arrived at 5:43 p.m.

City Manager Pulone reviewed the prior years' accomplishments in three categories: community enhancement, public safety, and capital projects.

Under the Community Enhancements category, City Manager Pulone listed the projects accomplished: initial renovations at the Family Resource Center (FRC); establishment of the homework club, after-school fun zone, weekly mobile clinics, parent education and ESL classes; initiation of the AV Golf Cup Tournament; increasing code enforcement on weekends; installing of feedback speed limit signs; completion of development agreements; development of a Master Street and Trail Amenities Plan; renovating the City's website; completion of franchise agreement and technology grant with Cox Cable; and execution of the City's solid waste franchise agreement.

Under the Public Safety category, City Manager Pulone listed the projects accomplished: enhancement of police services, executing an ambulance franchise agreement, adding an Emergency Services Coordinator, and reviewing development projects with Crime Prevention through Environment Design (CPTED).

Under the Capital Projects category, City Manager Pulone listed the projects accomplished: the Aliso Creek Median project completed with partial grant funding, the annual slurry seal project, the re-striping of Wood Canyon Drive, the Wood Canyon Emergent Wetland Project also completed with grant funding, the annual review of school related traffic improvements, and traffic signal synchronization.

City Manager Pulone identified future Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to include the Aliso Creek Road rehabilitation, the Pacific Park rehabilitation, landscape medians at various locations, the SR-73 Traffic Islands, and the right-turn pocket at El Toro Road and Aliso Creek Road.

Financial Services Manager/City Treasurer Tharani gave a PowerPoint presentation depicting the City's fiscal position since incorporation.

Discussion ensued regarding the payment on revenue neutrality, this year's revenues and expenditures, the growth from the prior year, and the trending between revenues and expenditures.

The FY 2005-06 Project and Program Matrix was reviewed by Council. City Manager Pulone addressed the building improvements and various construction quotes for the Family Resource Center. City Manager Pulone discussed the funding from Prop 40 of \$334,272 and the necessary expenditures needed. He stated that Staff was trying to find additional grant funding to complete the renovations in one phase rather than in several phases in order to save costs.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of feedback speed limit signs that have been implemented, the recommendation to review other traffic

improvement methods in the summer rather than installing additional feedback speed signage, the improvements needed at City Hall, the Gabrielson Family Foundation project, possible cable broadcasting options, the estimate costs of the FRC rehabilitation, the progress on the 73 Corridor Master Plan, the Park-n-Ride facilities, the parameters of the \$100,000 OCTA grant, the possibility of an intra-city grant, and the clarification from OCTA on the reallocating of funds from the Centerline project.

City Manager Pulone reviewed the overarching philosophy of the City and its various goal statements: public safety, community enhancement, local sustainability, interactive communication, and relationship building. The Council reconsidered the overarching philosophy statement: "The City of Aliso Viejo excels at being a regional leader in the introduction of high quality, innovative practices and programs. We continue to maintain this culture of continuous innovation in the provision of existing city services by reflecting upon, and retooling if necessary, the "best practices" currently available of those that point to the future."

City Manager Pulone read the goal statement for Public Safety: "Provide for the personal safety needs of the citizens of Aliso Viejo through active law enforcement, passive police presence at major venues, control of natural occurring threats to human health and safety (i.e., vectors), and preparation for natural disasters." Council desired to add Crime Prevention into the public safety goal statement.

Discussion ensued regarding emergency preparedness needs since the situation that occurred with federal assistance during the Katrina disaster, the need to have interagency coordination, the need to have basic shelter, food, water and water sewage systems in place, the need to have each household prepared for three to four days without assistance, the need to disseminate information to each household prior to a disaster, the possibility of holding classes to certify citizens in EOC training, the upcoming Citizens' Disaster Preparedness Academy, the Academy being a component of the Neighborhood Watch Program, the difference between a CERT team and the Academy, and recognizing National Preparedness Day in a proclamation.

Council recessed at 6:40 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:08 p.m. with all Council Members present.

City Manager Pulone read the goal statement for Community Enhancement: "Enhance the livability and attraction value for citizens and others interested in relocating to the City through projects and programs that provide for increased beautification, outreach to the business community, youth programs, and improved mobility within the community – the 'soft infrastructure'." There was Council consensus not to make any changes to

the statement.

Discussion ensued regarding grant funding on projects, the shuttle being a high priority, a Master Transportation Plan to review and coordinate projects, sharing bus services with other agencies, bus service amenities, programming for the aquatic center, the expansion of youth programs at schools as presented to Council last year, the Cox technology grant, additional lobbying services or grant seeking services, reviewing the next phases of median projects, trails signage and coordination with the Aliso Woods Canyon Master Plan, the water tanks being more aesthetically pleasing if modifications occur, the 73 Corridor Master Plan, the bicycle amenities in the Town Center, the Master Trails Plan to include amenities, such as, garbage cans, additional doggie walk bag locations, water foundations and shade trees, and improving the entry monumentation to the City.

City Manager Pulone read the goal statement for Local Sustainability: "Improve the community's ability to be self-sufficient by creating 'people-centric' communities, maintaining the live-work-play-shop-learn balance, providing a variety of housing types, improving citizens' ability to conserve natural resources, and assisting the business community in improving economic opportunities." There was Council consensus not to make any changes to the statement.

Discussion ensued regarding affordable housing issues, a first-time home buyer programs, potential housing programs funded through in-lieu fees from the Development Agreements, a program working with the employers and investing in industries that provide services to the community, partnerships that can target specific industries and job specific recruitments, future housing concerns, updates of the General Plan, the residential green building ordinance, a farmers' market being established in the Town Center, home business occupancies and maximum uses for the residents, and the restrictions on a home occupation business.

City Manager Pulone read the goal statement for Interactive Communication: "Provide systems and programs that allow interactive and dynamic communication between the City and its citizens through the use of such systems as the City's website, Cable Government Access Channel, and other media available now or in the future." There was Council consensus not to make any changes to the statement.

Mayor Vali-Cave left the dais at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Vali-Cave returned to the dais at 8:07 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the request for cable broadcasting of Council

meetings, the request for research on the cost analysis for broadcasting, the need to look at the demographics of the City, alternative modes of broadcasting meetings such as webstreaming, having wi-fi throughout the City, document imaging and possible access through the website, and upcoming City Hall improvements. Direction was given for Staff to bring back with the draft budget cost information on televising City Council Meetings and/or video streamlining meetings.

City Manager Pulone read the goal statement for Relationship Building: "Enlarge the community's capacity to provide services by creating, building, and maintaining relationships that collaboratively leverage the assets, talents, knowledge, and constituencies of other governmental and non-governmental organizations." There was Council consensus not to make any changes to the statement.

Discussion ensued regarding contracting a grant writing/lobbyist service, participation in the League of California Cities divisional meetings, joint use with the school districts, bringing together key stakeholders in the community, meeting with politicians and having a voice in Sacramento, the possibility of a Leadership Academy, AVCA's bimonthly meetings, information sharing with other cities, attendance of Staff at conferences, having a town hall meeting with speakers, and finding out the new and creative ways other cities are solving issues.

City Manager Pulone requested Council's direction on the FY 2006-07 Initiatives. There was Council consensus to consider items discussed at the Workshop when preparing the Draft FY 2006-07 Budget and upcoming 5-year Strategic Business Plan.

COMMUNITY INPUT

There were no speakers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COUNCIL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Council Member Ficke

None.

Council Member Warkomski

None.

Council Member Phillips

None.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams

Mayor Pro Tem Adams informed Council that Westminster City Council Member, Russell C. Paris, passed away. He served on the OCFA Board with her.

Mayor Vali-Cave

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Vali-Cave stated that there will be no Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Susan Robinson, CMC
City Clerk

Carmen Vali-Cave
Mayor