

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Lockhart called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Roll was called. A quorum was present of the following Commissioners:

City Members: Janet Lockhart and Marshall Kamena

County Members: Gail Steele and Alternate Scott Haggerty

Special District Members: Alternate Herbert Crowle

Public Member: Sblend Sblendorio

Commissioners absent: Nate Miley (County), Jocelyn Combs (Special Districts), Katy Foulkes (Special Districts), and alternates Jennifer Hostermann (City) and Linda Sheehan (Public)

Staff present: Crystal Hishida Graff; Executive Officer; Brian Washington, Legal Counsel; Barbara Graichen, Planner; and Sandy Hou, Clerk

Others present: Lou Ann Texeira, Consultant

2. Approval/Correction of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Crowle and second by Commissioner Kamena, the minutes for the September 14, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. Union Sanitary District Annexation No. U-285 and Alameda County Water District Annexation No. 103 Reorganization

Staff recommended that, in order to fully comply with noticing requirements, this item be moved to the January 2007 meeting. Upon motion by Commissioner Crowle and second by Commissioner Kamena, the Commission unanimously approved to continue this item to the January 2007 meeting.

4. Las Positas Road Reorganization No. 5 (also referred to as Hilliker) Annexation to the City of Livermore and Corresponding Detachment from and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendments to the Alameda County Library District and the Alameda County Fire Department

Likewise to comply with noticing requirements, Staff recommended that this item also be continued to the January 2007 meeting.

Commissioner Kamena inquired if the Commission might move to continue the item with the stipulation that the Executive Officer would relay to the Alameda County Community Development Director that the Commission had concerns about applications before the County for building permits prior to the January 2007 Commission meeting.

Public Comment: George Mancuso, speaking on behalf of three of the affected landowners, expressed disagreement with the suggestion from Commissioner Kamena regarding the stipulation.

LAFCo Counsel, Brian Washington, clarified that it was within the Commission's discretion to include the suggested stipulation in the motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Haggerty and second by Commissioner Steele, the Commission unanimously approved to continue this item to the January 2007 meeting and directed the Executive Officer to convey to the Director of Alameda County Community Development Agency that the Commission has concerns about applications before the County for building permits prior to the January 2007 Commission meeting.

5. Sphere of Influence (SOI) Updates – City of Oakland and City of Berkeley

Consultant Texeira and Planner Graichen presented information on this item that was continued from the July and September 2006 meetings.

There was brief discussion among the Commissioners regarding the Staff's observations and recommendations regarding 1) the City of Oakland and City of Berkeley boundary issues in the Panoramic Hills area, 2) City of Oakland and Contra Costa County boundary issues in three areas along Skyline Blvd., and 3) Islands within the City of Oakland

Upon motion by Commissioner Crowle and second by Commissioner Kamena, the Commission unanimously approved Staff's recommendation to expand the SOI for the City of Berkeley to include the Panoramic Hill area, to reduce the SOI for the City of Oakland to exclude the Panoramic Hill area, and to encourage the two cities to work together to resolve issues in the Panoramic Hill area including consideration of a reorganization of territory in the area.

6. Prioritization of Government Structure and Other Options Identified and Evaluated in the Municipal Service Review

Commissioner Lockhart reported back on the subcommittee's meeting regarding developing criteria to consider for the purpose of prioritizing the government structure and other identified options from the recently completed Municipal Service Reviews. Copies of the subcommittee's notes and recommendations were provided to the other Commissioners.

There was discussion about island annexations, with agreement reached concerning the subcommittee's suggestion that LAFCo take a more active role in eliminating islands by encouraging cities to provide periodic updates on the status of their islands.

There was a discussion, initiated by Commissioner Crowle, on concerns regarding urban sprawl. Commissioner Sblendorio suggested asking the presenters at the recent CALAFCO Conference on that topic to give a presentation locally – to either East Bay or Bay Area LAFCOs. Chair Lockhart suggested that we possibly host such a meeting. It was agreed to ask Commissioner Combs, who sits on the CALAFCO Board, to bring this recommendation to the CALAFCO Board.

Lastly, upon motion by Commissioner Kamena and second by Commissioner Sblendorio, the Commission unanimously approved to direct Staff, using the criteria developed by the subcommittee, to prepare a first draft of prioritization of government structure and other options identified and evaluated in the Municipal Service Reviews for the Commission's review at a subsequent meeting.

7. 2007 Commission Meeting Schedule

Staff pointed out that the proposed schedule of Commission meetings for 2007 was in the agenda packets provided to each Commissioner. All regular meetings are held on the second Thursday on each odd month and are usually held at the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board Room in Dublin.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sblendorio and second by Commissioner Kamena, the Commission unanimously approved the schedule of Commission meetings for 2007.

8. Matters Initiated by Members of the Commission

Commissioner Lockhart asked if it was necessary to keep information relating to the two continued items. Staff responded that new packets would be provided for the January meeting. LAFCo Clerk Hou assured the Commission that arrangements would be made with DSRSD staff to keep the gates to the back parking lot open past 6:00 p.m. on days of Commission meetings.

9. Public Comment – There was none.

10. Informational Items

11. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

12. Next Regular Meeting of the Commission

- Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

Note: The above minutes are a summary of actions. A taped recording of this meeting serves as the official record and is available upon request from the LAFCo office.