

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

MAY 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 4:36 p.m. in Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Righeimer, Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger, Council Member Leece, and Council Member Genis

Council Members Absent: Council Member Monahan

Officials Present: CEO Thomas Hatch, Assistant CEO Rick Francis, Assistant CEO Tamara Letourneau, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Economic and Development Services Director Gary Armstrong, Public Services Director Ernesto Munoz, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

PUBLIC COMMENT (00:01:23)

Harold Weitzberg, Costa Mesa, spoke regarding dialogue. (00:01:23)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke on starting the meeting at a later time. (00:02:35)

Tom Pollitt, Costa Mesa, spoke regarding no increase to expenses. (00:04:30)

Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on the Capital Improvement Budget and safety budget. (00:05:13)

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on the senior center budget; drought conditions; and the community center, library funding. (00:06:22)

STAFF REPORT

1. FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 PRELIMINARY OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

CEO Hatch provided an overview of the budget. (00:08:45)

Presentation by Stephen Dunivent, Interim Finance Director. (00:17:40)

Discussion regarding fund balance and reserves. (00:48:34)

Discussion regarding legal fees and consulting fees. (00:54:53)

Discussion regarding budget priorities and reserves. (00:58:30)

Discussion regarding the police department budget and staffing levels. (01:06:00)

Discussion regarding fire station repairs, fire department staffing levels, and retirements costs. (01:15:15)

Presentation by CEO Hatch on the Capital Improvement Program. (01:26:30)

Discussion regarding the tree planting program; lighting at Fairview Park and the Balearic Center. (01:46:40)

Discussion regarding signage and branding. (01:55:28)

Harold Weitzberg, Costa Mesa, spoke regarding the police and fire staffing levels. (01:59:16)

Mayor Righeimer spoke regarding the police and fire staffing levels; reserves, the tree planting program; and alleys. (02:00:50)

Council Member Leece spoke regarding the library and police staffing levels. (02:07:15)

Council Member Genis spoke regarding fire station repairs and animal shelter services. (02:10:53)

Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger spoke regarding the library. (02:13:00)

CEO Hatch spoke regarding financing the library and fire station improvements. (02:15:00)

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK