

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION OF THE COSTA MESA CITY
COUNCIL AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

June 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL (00:00:25)

Present: Mayor Righeimer, Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger, Council Member Leece,
and Council Member Genis, Council Member Monahan
Absent: None

Officials Present: Chief Executive Officer Thomas R. Hatch, Assistant CEO Rick Francis, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Economic and Development Services Director Gary Armstrong, Public Services Director Ernesto Munoz, Finance and IT Director Bobby Young, Acting Chief of Code Enforcement Willa Bouwens-Killeen, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

PUBLIC COMMENT (00:00:38)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke on items on the budget wish list, and funds for public safety. (00:00:53)

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke about the budget gap, and homeless issues. (00:03:05)

**1. FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 PRELIMINARY OPERATING AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BUDGET (00:05:20)**

Introduction by CEO Hatch. (00:05:23)

Staff report provided by Bobby Young, Finance and IT Director. (00:17:00)

Council Member Leece spoke about legal expenses, labor negotiations, and police budget and staff. (00:24:00)

Discussion ensued regarding SB90 and state mandated costs; rental automotive equipment; self-insurance funds, sales tax; investments; Redevelopment Agency interest; and "Uniforms and Clothing" line item under City Council. (00:49:28)

Council Member Genis spoke about the contingency fund, objectives for the CEO's Office, consultants, inventory list, inspection of City property, and categorizing of expenses. (01:04:35)

Discussed ensued regarding the parking lots and lighting at Fairview Park; Historical Costs; Parks and Recreation budget; and the Pomona Elementary School Recreation on Campus for Kids (R.O.C.K.S) program. (01:25:35)

Council Member Leece spoke about the Fireside Fund. (01:51:10)

2. 2013-2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT ALLOCATIONS (01:52:50)

Mayor Righeimer disclosed he is a board member of Mercy House and recused himself. (01:53:00)

Staff report provided by Mike Linares, CDBG Home Coordinator, and Willa Bouwens-Killeen, Acting Chief of Code Enforcement. (01:54:50)

Discussed ensued regarding CDBG paperwork; public noticing and response; funding for transportation; funding recommendations; and the funding of social workers. (01:58:10)

Council Member Genis expressed concern regarding the decision to focus on Mercy House separately. (02:06:10)

Mayor Righeimer returned at 6:38 p.m. (02:07:20)

Council Member Genis expressed concern regarding the reduction in funds for Alzheimer's Family Services Center. (02:07:31)

Discussion ensued regarding the Alzheimer's Family Services Center program funding and items that can and cannot be moved to the General Fund. (02:09:47)

Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger requested to move Elwyn and Youth Employment Services moved to the General Fund and expressed support for the balance to be funded through CDBG.(02:15:00)

Council Member Leece spoke regarding the City's lack of an Alzheimer's center and the services provided by Colette's Children's Home; expressed support of funding for the Church's Consortium; and inquired on the reasons for the amount of funding for each item on the staff recommendation. (02:15:33)

Discussion ensued regarding unallocated funds for Public Services; funding of the Senior Corporation; the criteria for the ratings of each program; and federal funding. (02:21:47)

Council Member Monahan requested having a minimum of \$10,000 per grant. (02:33:22)

3. FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) (02:35:05)

Staff report provided by Silvia Kennerson, Housing Rehab Coordinator, and Willa Bouwens-Killeen, Acting Chief of Code Enforcement. (02:35:40)

City Attorney Duarte advised Mayor Righeimer to recuse himself from any discussion of Mercy House. (02:49:15)

Discussion ensued regarding funding for code enforcement officers; the loan program; the grant program; the Neighbors for Neighbors program; homes that have been helped in the past; and "Available for Projects and Programs" fund. (02:51:05)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS - NONE

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



Stephen M. Mensinger, Mayor



Brenda Green, City Clerk