

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

May 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:16)

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL (00:00:25)

Present: Mayor Mensinger, Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Foley, and Council Member Genis (Arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Monahan

Officials Present: Chief Executive Officer Thomas R. Hatch, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Assistant CEO Rick Francis, Economic and Development Services Director Gary Armstrong, Public Services Director Ernesto Munoz, Interim Finance Director Stephen Dunivent, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:00:42)

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on a strip of land on 17th St. behind Plum's Café; and spoke against the taxpayers paying for the replanting of trees. (00:01:15)

Art Goddard, Costa Mesa, spoke on the academies and test scores; and spoke in support of library funding. (00:03:14)

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on the upgrading of the City website; spoke on the need for a video production replacement fund; spoke on funds needed to replace both fire stations; and spoke on funding needed for signal pre-emption. (00:05:25)

Wendy Leece, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of funding libraries; spoke on a vision; spoke on the City Council's priorities; a strategic plan; and spoke on the narcotics seizure funds. (00:07:27)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

CEO Hatch provided an introduction to the budget. (00:09:40)

Interim Finance Director, Stephen Dunivent, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Preliminary Budget; and presented a Power Point Presentation. (00:20:29)

Public Services Director, Ernesto Munoz, provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Preliminary CIP Budget; provided a projects overview; and presented a Power Point Presentation. (00:49:38)

Council Member Genis requested additional information on: the use of the proprietary funds; the number of vacant positions and the length of those vacancies; the 2.5 million dollar carryovers; and including a summary of part-time employees. (01:15:01)

Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer spoke on the budget and revenues and property taxes. (01:27:33)

Mayor Mensinger spoke on the infrastructure budget. (01:30:09)

Council Member Genis requested additional information on the costs for outsourcing the street cleaning program by individual department; the \$365,000 City Council budget; the goal regarding empowering residents to form community groups; the costs for oversize printing and laminating services; the line item regarding Maintenance & Operations and self-insurance fund; requested including: the time spent on providing a staff liaison to the Pension and Finance Committees; the objectives and accomplishments to increase the teen programs; the number of Parks and Community Services Department personnel employees; an objective of achieving full staffing and reestablishing special task forces such as Gangs and Narcotics; the costs associated for Police Officer attending the academy; the Police and Fire Department Emergency Response times; and spoke on the turnaround time for processing applications in the Development Services Department. (01:31:02)

Council Member Foley requested that City Council establish Goals, Priorities and Objectives to be included in the budget. (02:06:42)

Council Member Genis requested adding monitoring the planning of properties owned by other government agencies in the City of Costa Mesa; a goal be added to Public Services to coordinate all improvements with local residents and businesses in the early planning stages; that all the Capital Improvements include the estimated annual operating costs; a Traffic Study for SoBeca; and funding of the Police Station Emergency Generator. (02:10:43)

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS – NONE

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 2nd day of June, 2015.



Stephen M. Mensinger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk