

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
FINANCE AND PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2017
4:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Fisler at 4:02 p.m. in Conference Room 1A at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Jim Fisler, Vice-Chair Ralph Taboada, Members John Hinson (left at 5:30), Bob Juneman, Wendy Leece, Al Melone, Nick Peterson, Tom Pollitt, Rebecca Trahan (arrived at 4:15), Anna Vrska, Mayor's Designee Sandra Genis

Staff Present: City Manager Tom Hatch, Interim Finance Director Stephen Dunivent, Management Analyst Ray Hull, Executive Secretary Kathy Ulrich

Members Absent: Richard Riva

Staff Absent: Assistant Finance Director Colleen O'Donoghue, Revenue Supervisor Anna Baca,

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS – (Change of agenda)

a) PARS PRESENTATION

Dennis Yu presented a brief description of the 115 Trust plan that PARS can provide to the City.

MEMBER'S REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Juneman distributed an OC Register opinion article for the Committee to look at.

Ms. Genis attended the League of California Cities where investing in a 115 Trust was on the agenda. She also attended an Audit Committee Session, consisting of staff, elected officials and citizens, and would like Council to consider it also.

Ms. Leece set up a meeting with Senator Moorlach and the Pension sub-committee for November 2 at 11:00am. She was happy to see Mr. Hatch today and would like another Council Member to be added to the FiPAC.

Mr. Hinson spoke to Kerry Worgen (CalPERS) recently, to gain further understanding of the pension liability.

MEMBER'S REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS (Con't)

Mr. Pollitt asked if the fire side fund fluctuates, depending on the market? Mr. Dunivent answered yes. He also thinks it would be wise to hire an actuary to advise on hiring City employees in regards to salaries and experience.

Mr. Taboada commented that the Pension sub-committee needs to meet and a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Mr. Fisler asked about John Bartel (Actuarial Services) speaking sometime, and also wanted to compliment Finance staff, City Manager and Council for the great credit rating on the 2017 Bonds.

STAFF REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

- a) Staff reported that a total of \$500,000 in additional funds were paid to reduce the pension liability including the Fire Side Fund, and Fire Tiers 2 & 3 Unfunded Liability Payoff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Meeting of September 13, 2017
Moved/Second: Wendy Leece / Bob Juneman
Ayes: Jim Fisler, John Hinson, Bob Juneman, Wendy Leece, Al Melone, Nick Peterson, Tom Pollitt, Rebecca Trahan, Anna Vrska
Nays: None
Abstain: Ralph Taboada
Absent: Richard Riva
Motion passed: 9-0-1-1

OLD BUSINESS -

- b) FILLED AND VACANT POSITIONS UPDATE
Mr. Dunivent updated the Committee on the September 30, 2017 report.
- c) FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DEVELOP TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT) RECOMMENDATIONS
A sub-committee was formed (Ralph Taboada, Rebecca Trahan, Bob Juneman and Tom Hatch). A report is due to Council by March 2018 for a 2018 ballot issue.
- d) SOCRATA OPEN BUDGET UPDATE AND LAUNCH SCHEDULE
Mr. Dunivent and Mr. Ely reviewed the site demonstration which is now personalized for the City. A November 7th presentation to Council is planned and will launch on November 8th.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) LIONS PARK FINANCING UPDATE
Mr. Dunivent updated the Committee on Lions Park and reviewed the highlights of the Standard & Poors credit rating report.
- a) PARK DEVELOPMENT FEES FUND OVERVIEW
Mr. Dunivent reviewed the 5-year history of park fees fund.


OPEN DISCUSSION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Self-Insurance Fund update
- Budget Process for FY 18-19
- TOT Sub-Committee
- Mid-Year Budget Review

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. to the next regular Meeting of the Finance and Pension Advisory Committee on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.



Jim Fiesler, Chair



Stephen Dunivent, Interim Finance Director