

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:01)

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:25 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Costa Mesa Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL (00:00:09)

Present: Council Member Foley, Council Member Righeimer, Council Member Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, and Mayor Genis.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:01:19)

Officials Present: City Manager Tom Hatch, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Assistant City Attorney Tarquin Preziosi, Deputy City Attorney Gary Kranker, Deputy City Attorney James Touchstone, Assistant City Manager Tamara Letourneau, Economic and Development Services Director Barry Curtis, Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (00:01:48)

1. FAIRVIEW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER AND HOMELESS ISSUES

Tom Hatch, City Manager, spoke on the resources provided by the City. (00:01:48)

Barry Curtis, Development Services Director, provided background information on the Fairview Developmental Center. (00:05:09)

Mr. Hatch provided a powerpoint presentation on homeless issues in the City. (00:07:48)

Frank Kim, County Executive Officer for the County of Orange, spoke on behalf of Supervisor Steel against the use of the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter; spoke on the long-term use of the site and collaboration with the City and with the support of the City Council; and stated he spoke with Supervisor Nelson's office, who indicated that he will not pursue the use of the site without support and collaboration from the City and the community. (00:19:05)

Tim Whitaker, spoke on behalf of Supervisor Steel and collaboration with the City. (00:20:26)

Discussion ensued on the press release by Supervisor Nelson. (00:21:53)

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor spoke on his request for a statement from Supervisor Nelson. (00:24:10)

Supervisor Todd Spitzer spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (00:25:35)

Council Member Foley spoke on the County and funds for homeless and mental health services. (00:30:48)

Supervisor Spitzer spoke on the funds; a project in Anaheim in his district; and a Veteran and Women Housing for Orange County in Irvine. (00:32:35)

Council Member Stephens spoke on the River trail evacuation. (00:35:20)

Discussion ensued on the River trail evacuation; transitioning the homeless individuals into hotels; available shelter beds; no motel extensions; finding individuals housing; providing bus passes and yellow cab vouchers; data by region; and a county team to work with the City. (00:37:02)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:56:30)

Terry Koken, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (00:56:30)

Steven Chan, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (00:58:53)

Michelle Johnson, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:01:40)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:04:09)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:06:24)

Teresa Drain, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:07:56)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:10:05)

Colin McCarthy, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:11:55)

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:13:04)

Geri Curl, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:15:24)

Brett Eckles, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:17:46)

Debbie Marsteller, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:19:57)

Janet Krochman, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:21:25)

Phil Raffel, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:23:03)

Kathy Lacorp, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:25:24)

Matt Holtzman, Vice Chairman of County Mental Health Board, spoke on working together and finding a solution. (01:26:20)

Kevin Orth, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:27:45)

Kathy Esfahani, Affordable Housing advocate, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:29:13)

Maria Dezeda, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:31:25)

Susan Meyer, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter but agrees that the facility is a good place as part of a countywide plan to deal with homeless issues. (01:32:37)

Karen Fredericki, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:34:45)

Karl Ahlf, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:37:06)

Speaker, spoke on the transitional housing meeting building codes and if it is going to be a tent city, provide a timeline for local residents first. (01:39:08)

Dee Storm, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:39:55)

Speaker, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:41:10)

Lisa Lacey, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:43:14)

Megan Morales, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:44:49)

Margaret Mooney, Costa Mesa, spoke on the need for a plan. (01:46:52)

Ralph Soto, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:48:22)

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:49:36)

Larry Haynes, Costa Mesa and Executive Director Mercy House, spoke on a proportional response. (01:51:05)

Julie Alione, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:53:07)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:53:44)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:55:48)

Speaker, spoke on the issue and solutions. (01:57:35)

Dave Goodman, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (01:59:30)

Speaker, spoke on homeless issues. (02:00:41)

Wendy Leece, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:01:59)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:04:05)

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on the issue. (02:04:45)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:06:56)

Flo Martin, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:09:22)

Shirley McDaniels, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:11:33)

Steve Dezeda, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:12:44)

Becks Heyhoe, Housing Manager for Orange County United Way, spoke on the need for long-term sustainable solutions and a regional approach. (02:14:33)

Michelle Murphy, Costa Mesa and Director of Advocacy and Health for Orange County United Way, spoke in support of permanent solutions for the homeless. (02:16:10)

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:18:34)

Sue Lester, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:20:51)

Linda Dixon, Newport Beach, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:23:02)

Speaker, spoke on homeless; sober living; and against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:23:37)

Bill McCarty, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:25:46)

Speaker, works for the Fairview Developmental Center, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:27:04)

Kevin Rurock, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:29:01)

Speaker, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:30:15)

Kelly Hacker, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:32:23)

Michelle Cooper, Costa Mesa, spoke against using the Fairview Developmental Center as an emergency homeless shelter. (02:35:18)

Public Comments Closed.

Council Member Righeimer spoke on the issue. (02:36:53)

Council Member Stephens spoke in support of the resolution. (02:45:10)

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor spoke on the motion. (02:55:47)

Mayor Genis spoke in support of the motion. (02:56:56)

Council Member Foley spoke on the issue. (03:02:25)

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor/Council Member Foley

MOTION: To approve and adopt Resolution No. 18-20, stating the City's strong opposition for the use of Fairview Developmental Center as a temporary facility for centralizing Orange County's homeless population.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Foley, Council Member Righeimer, Council Member Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, and Mayor Genis.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

ACTION:

City Council approved and adopted Resolution No. 18-20, stating the City's strong opposition for the use of Fairview Developmental Center as a temporary facility for centralizing Orange County's homeless population.


ADJOURNMENT – The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 1st day of May, 2018.



Sandra L. Genis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk