

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY OF COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL**

AND

THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY COUNCIL

September 30, 2008

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in a Special Joint Meeting with the City of Newport Beach City Council on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Los Lagos Room, at the Costa Mesa Golf and Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eric Bever.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Eric Bever

II. ROLL CALL:

Costa Mesa Council Members Present: Mayor Eric R. Bever
Mayor Pro Tem Allan R. Mansoor
Council Member Katrina Foley
Council Member Wendy Leece

Costa Mesa Council Members Absent: Council Member Linda Dixon

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder
Assistant City Attorney Harold Potter
City Clerk Julie Folcik

Newport Beach Council Members Present: Mayor Edward D. Selich
Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Daigle
Council Member Michael F. Henn
Council Member Steven Rosansky
Council Member Don Webb
Council Member Nancy Gardner
Council Member Keith D. Curry

Newport Beach Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Homer Bludau
Assistant City Attorney Robin Clauson
Assistant City Clerk Leilani Brown

III. OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Edward D. Selich, City of Newport Beach, and Mayor Eric R. Bever, City of Costa Mesa, each commented on the historic meeting and the importance of the special joint meeting to discuss solutions, jointly, relative to the expansion of John Wayne Airport, quality of life issues and meeting passenger demand.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation – Evaluation of Transit Connection to John Wayne Airport/OCTA “Go Local” Program

Costa Mesa City Manager Allan Roeder provided an account of the efforts in the “Go Local” grant application and award of funds by Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the purpose of conducting a study by Ducey and Associates to identify and provide solutions to the ever increasing passenger demand at the John Wayne Airport (JWA).

Peggy Ducey, Peggy Ducey and Associates, gave an overview of the scope of the study, which included the evaluation of the transit links to JWA, as planned by OCTA (Metrolink, I Shuttle and Bus Rapid Transit), and how the evaluation process was conducted. She also provided results of the study which included the passenger make-up, and passenger and employee ground travel into JWA.

Joel Griffith, Peggy Ducey and Associates, presented study results relative to a passenger survey covering the primary trip purposes of travelers, a breakdown of the resident and visitor mix and their trip origins that utilize JWA for traveling needs. He presented details on the mode of ground transportation used by passengers to and from the airport, as well as that of employees.

Jeff Thomas, CEO of Landrum and Brown Aviation, addressed such potential regional solutions such as express rail and bus transport, improvement of ground access to airports located in outlying areas, and high speed rail.

Heather Somers, Costa Mesa, inquired if the airlines would be stakeholders in the possible high-speed rail to airports such as McCarran Airport and also if airport funds could be permitted to be used for secondary transportation access connections.

Peggy Ducey responded to question from the Newport City Council regarding the statistics of Orange County residents utilizing Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), funding for alternatives for employee transportation to the airport, and authorized use of airport funds.

MOTION: Receive and file report.

Moved by Mayor Edward Selich, seconded by Council Member Keith Curry.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Edward Selich, Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Daigle, Council Member Michael Henn, Council Member Steven Rosansky, Council Member Don Webb, Council Member Nancy Gardner, Council Member Keith Curry.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The consultants from Ducey and Associates and Landrum and Brown responded to questions from the Costa Mesa City Council regarding coordination of public and private agencies for transportation, further review of the regionalization of transportation, employee commuting, high speed rail, and the concept of airports without runways.

Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor suggested utilizing the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to create a consolidated transportation effort.

MOTION: Receive and file report.

Moved by Council Member Leece, seconded by Council Member Katrina Foley.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Eric R. Bever, Mayor Pro Tem Allan R. Mansoor, Council Member Katrina Foley, Council Member Wendy Leece.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Linda Dixon.

2. Memorandum of Understanding on John Wayne Airport between the City of Costa Mesa and the City of Newport Beach, California

Newport Beach City Manager Homer Bludau gave a brief history of the John Wayne Airport, highlighting a settlement agreement was signed in 1985 in response to litigation regarding the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The agreement established a limitation on the noise, traffic and use of the airport and subsequent changes made due to legislation and in the negotiation and extension of the agreement.

Costa Mesa City Manager Allan Roeder summarized the elements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between both cities, which set forth a process for a more formal foundation in a cooperative effort of addressing the issues surrounding the airport. He highlighted the goals statements and the objectives as noted in the MOU.

Council Member Rosanski commented that he felt that it was important to also encourage involvement by those cities in the north and south county areas that may not be considered corridor cities for a more unified effort.

Council Member Curry, Council Member Henn, and Mayor Selich expressed support for the MOU in this and other issues that affect each community.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor requested that the MOU be amended in the fourth "Whereas" (page 1) to delete "to a lesser extent" and also requested to deleting in Goal J (page 3) the word "support" and replacing it with "explore" in order to provide greater flexibility when considering options.

Council Member Foley expressed her support of the MOU. Council Member Leece concurred and added emphasis on continuing to work with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District noting that there are schools that are directly affected by being under the flight pattern, and also suggested a shuttle service between South Coast Plaza and Fashion Island.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, City Manager Roeder and City Manager Bludau noted that the intent of Objective J was to provide direction to staff in moving forward in a manner approved of by the Councils and in line with the objectives of the MOU.

Mayor Bever suggested exploring a voluntary curfew for General Aviation users at JWA, as established in Florida.

Nancy Alston, Newport Beach, representative of AirFair, requested that "modest" be removed from the staff report as she felt that is was misrepresenting the increase relative to passenger levels. She also commented that AirFair is very supportive of the MOU.

Jim Fitzpatrick, Costa Mesa, expressed that his support of the speed-rail to the regional airports. He was complimentary of the two cities working together on this and many issues that they have common interest in.

City Manager Roeder noted that it was agreeable to expunge the word “modest” from the staff report.

MOTION: To approve the MOU as amended by deleting in the fourth “Whereas” (page 1) “to a lesser extent,” and to delete “modest” from the staff report.

The Assistant City Attorney pointed out that “to a lesser extent” was used in Objective 3 (Page 2) of the MOU and for clarity recommended its deletion. It was agreed.

The motion restated:

MOTION: To approve the MOU as amended by deleting in the fourth “Whereas” (page 1) and in Objective 3 (page 2) “to a lesser extent,” and to delete “modest” from the staff report.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor, seconded by Mayor Eric Bever

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Eric R. Bever, Mayor Pro Tem Allan R. Mansoor, Council Member Katrina Foley, Council Member Wendy Leece.

Noes: None.

Absent: Council Member Linda Dixon.

MOTION: To approve the MOU as amended by deleting in the fourth “Whereas” (page 1) and in Objective 3 (page 2) “to a lesser extent,” and to delete “modest” from the staff report.

Moved by Council Member Don Webb, seconded by Council Member Michael Henn.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Edward Selich, Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Daigle, Council Member Michael Henn, Council Member Steven Rosansky, Council Member Don Webb, Council Member Nancy Gardner, Council Member Keith Curry.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

There were no comments by the Council.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bever declared the Special Joint City Council meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Eric R. Bever, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Folcik, City Clerk