

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
FINANCE AND PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 14, 2019
4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 4:14 PM in Conference Room 1A at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Ralph Taboada, Vice Chair Wendy Leece, Members, Al Melone, Robert Juneman, Tom Pollitt, Members Tom Arnold and Anna Vrska present via teleconference, Mayor Pro-Tem John Stephens, and Acting Assistant City Manager Justin Martin

Members Absent: Members Matthew Parlow and John Hinson

Staff Present: Finance Director Kelly Telford, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer King, Management Analyst Amber Haston, and Executive Secretary Angie Madsen

Staff Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaker spoke on positive changes in the flow of FIPAC meetings with regards to public comments being heard on agenda items, indicating that the changes will provide greater transparency to the public.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE July 10, 2019 FIPAC MEETING

MOTION/SECOND: Bob Juneman / Al Melone

MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented.

Ayes: Wendy Leece, Ralph Taboada, Tom Pollitt, Anna Vrska, and Tom Arnold

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Matthew Parlow and John Hinson

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-2

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Taboada spoke on the following:

Provided, for informational purposes, that there is an ACCOC meeting on 9/19/19 regarding pensions, which is not open to the public.

CalPERS reported preliminary 6.7% net return on investments for FY2018-19; this will have a negative impact on unfunded liability.

At a meeting recently attended, a Fountain Valley City Council member commented that the city passed a 1% sales tax increase in 2016 that has generated about \$11 million so far, and that the city could have done a better job communicating to its residents, the needs for the tax increase.

Commented on the committee continuing to receive the Vacancy Report as well as concerns about the vacancies of Communications Officers.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Member Tom Pollitt spoke on adding the topic of finances on the homeless situation to the FIPAC Matrix as well as the 5-year plan.

Member Bob Juneman spoke on the Vacancy Report, agreeing for the committee to continue receiving the reports via email monthly. Member Juneman also suggested committee members raise their hands and be called on by the Chair before speaking.

Member Al Melone spoke on Santa Ana's 9.25% sales tax and Santa Ana's City Council approving a raise (gift) to the Police Department indicating that it doesn't sit well and adds to the pressures of the city.

Member Wendy Leece spoke on the status of the 115 Trust, the 5-year plan, and the Vacancy Report regarding Communications Officers and a safety concern related to those vacancies.

Member Anna Vrska spoke on the committee being permissive in allowing the public to speak as it encourages the public's participation.

Member Tom Arnold spoke on his agreement to the changes in the structure of the committee meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. *General Fund Reserve Policy Review (Current Policy and Other City Comparative)*

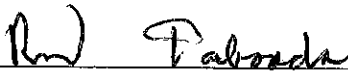
- i. Finance Director, Kelly Telford, provided handouts and gave a review of the General Fund Reserve Policy including a comparative with other neighboring cities' policies.

8. CITY STAFF REPORT

- a. Finance Director, Kelly Telford, provided Council's FY 19/20 Goals and Priorities handout to the committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.



Ralph Taboada, Chair



Kelly A. Telford, Finance Director