

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

**March 13, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A, City Hall, 77, Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Monahan.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Monahan  
Mayor Pro Tem James M. Righeimer  
Council Member Eric R. Bever  
Council Member Wendy Leece  
Council Member Stephen M. Mensinger

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: CEO Thomas R. Hatch  
Assistant CEO Rick Francis  
City Attorney Thomas Duarte  
Economic Development Director/Deputy CEO  
Peter Naghavi  
Transportation Manager Raja Sethuraman  
Interim Development Services Director  
Khanh Nguyen  
City Clerk Julie Folcik

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, thanked Mayor Monahan for his service and for keeping order at council meetings. (00:00:45)

Dan Goldmann, Costa Mesa, thanked Mayor Monahan for his service and recommended nominating Wendy Leece for mayor. He also expressed hope for some tranquility for Costa Mesa. (00:02:07)

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM**

- I. Selection of Council Officer(s) (00:03:39)

Mayor Monahan thanked everyone for their support over the last year and a half, but stated that due to family and business obligations he needed to step down as Mayor.

**MOTION: To nominate Council Member Bever for Mayor, moved by Mayor Monahan, seconded by Council Member Mensinger.**

**The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

Ayes: Mayor Gary Monahan, Mayor Pro Tem James M. Righeimer  
Council Member Eric R. Bever, Council Member Wendy Leece,  
Council Member Stephen M. Mensinger  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

**MOTION: To close nominations by Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, second by Mayor Monahan.**

Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer spoke in support of Mayor Bever due to his dedication to the city's financial issues. (00:04:37)

Council Member Leece read a written statement of encouragement for the City Council, and commented on Mayor Bever's attendance and asked that he represent the City at meetings and functions. (00:06:35)

Council Member Mensinger thanked Council Member Monahan for his service and expressed support for the appointment of Council Member Bever as Mayor. (00:11:26)

Mayor Bever thanked Council Member Monahan for his service, and indicated he would do everything within his power to help employees understand they are vital to the process and help the city make improvements. (00:12:09)

**The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

Ayes: Mayor Gary Monahan, Mayor Pro Tem James M. Righeimer  
Council Member Eric R. Bever, Council Member Wendy Leece,  
Council Member Stephen M. Mensinger  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor adjourned the special meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

ATTEST:

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Acting Deputy City Clerk of the  
City of Costa Mesa