

# **MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION/OPEN FORUM OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Study Session was called to order by Mayor Foley at 5:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Genis, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, and Mayor Foley.

Absent: Council Member Mansoor and Council Member Marr.

## **STUDY SESSION ITEM:**

### **1. WIRELESS FACILITIES INCLUDING SMALL CELLS**

Staff presentation by Ms. Le, Assistant Director of Development Services, and Jonathan Kramer, Ph.D., consultant with Telecom Law Firm.

Discussion ensued on 4G v. 5G, RF emission limits, cumulative effects, several sites on one pole, comparison to other local government ordinances, discretionary review, and shot clocks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Robert Fiskin, Costa Mesa, spoke on close proximity to home, microwave radiation, notification, and safety.

Brian Estrada, Costa Mesa, spoke on the National Toxicology program by the National Human and Health Services, study on RF effects, and harm by long term exposure at low levels.

Monica Draghici, Costa Mesa, spoke on noise, property values, overloading utility poles, setbacks, the National Toxicology report, notifications, and a revised ordinance.

Ray Wallace, Costa Mesa, spoke on setbacks, consider side and back yards, and a revised ordinance.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on concerns on RF emissions.

Mr. West, spoke on the need for cells to be equally spaced, advocated for a different approach where all carriers map out cell sites, and have uniform and preferred locations.

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke against cell sites, noise, and that employees do not want located at fire stations.


Speaker, expressed pleasure that the City Council was addressing the health and safety concerns.

Discussion ensued on FCC regulations, key court decisions, litigation, shot clocks, fees, minimum and reasonable distances, underground wiring, accessibility and landscaping, map of locations, legislation, noticing, application process, and best practices.

7:10 p.m. - The meeting moved to an open forum in Conference room 1A and the City Hall lobby where members of the public were able to share their thoughts and provide input on small cell facilities with Council Members individually, the consultant, and representatives from cell phone carriers.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Foley adjourned the Study Session at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.**



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Katrina Foley, Mayor

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Brenda Green, City Clerk