

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:12) - The Study Session was called to order by Mayor Foley at 5:05 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:00:35) – Led by Mayor Foley.

ROLL CALL

Present by Zoom: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Harlan, Council Member Harper, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Marr, and Mayor Foley.

Absent: None

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION ITEM:

- 1. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON THE STAFFING PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RETAIL CANNABIS TAX AND REGULATION MEASURE (MEASURE Q) (00:55:18)** - Finance Department

Presentation by Ms. Molina, Finance Director.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued on staffing levels, tax revenues and reporting measures, enforcement against illegal dispensaries, fees, grant opportunities, and streamlining the regulatory process for illegal dispensaries.

ACTION:

City Council received and filed the update on the staffing plan being developed by the City for the successful implementation of the Retail Cannabis Tax and Regulation Measure (Measure Q) allowing for cannabis retail storefront (dispensaries) and retail non-storefront (delivery) uses in specified areas of the City subject to limitations.

ADJOURNMENT (00:55:18) – Mayor Foley adjourned the Study Session at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 2nd day of March, 2021.



Katrina Foley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk