

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA**  
**FINANCE AND PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**May 12, 2021**  
**4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 4:04 PM in Costa Mesa, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Ralph Taboada, Vice Chair Tom Arnold, Members, Philip D'Agostino, Wendy Leece, Lisa Buchanan and Kip Hancock

Members Absent: Gabriel Godinez and Boris Gresely

Council Liaisons Present: Mayor John Stephens

Council Liaisons Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Marr and Council Member Don Harper

Staff Present: Finance Director Carol Molina, Assistant Finance Director Jennifer King, Budget & Purchasing Manager Jeannie Fortune, Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Services Manager Jennifer Rosales, Energy & Sustainability Services Manager Salem Afeworki; City Engineer Seung Yang, Police Chief Bryan Glass, Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Fire Management Analyst Kristen Stevens and Acting Executive Secretary Dina Wild

Staff Absent: None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steven Chan, Costa Mesa resident, provided a video on noise wars.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE**

**a. April 14, 2021 FIPAC MEETING**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Vice Chair Arnold/Chair Taboada

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes as presented

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Arnold, Member Kip Hancock, Chair Taboada

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Member Lisa Buchanan, Member Wendy Leece, Member Philip D'Agostino

**Absent:** Gabriel Godinez and Boris Gresely

**Motion Failed:** 3-0-3-2

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wendy Leece reported that she watched a part of the Study Session on May 11, 2021; and requested that she wanted to be appointed to the Pension sub-committee.

Vice Chair Tom Arnold welcomed new Member Buchanan to the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Marr joined the meeting.

**6. CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair Taboada welcomed Member Buchanan to the committee and inquired how the City fills committee vacancies. Mayor Stephens responded.

**7. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Finance Director Carol Molina provided updates on Finance staff vacancies; introduced the new Budget and Purchasing Manager Jeannie Fortune; discussed preparation for the Measure Q cannabis implementation; preparing the RFP for the new financial system; and working with the implementation of the new land management system with Development Services. The Treasury team has been supporting the cashiering purposes, providing online support.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a. FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Capital Improvement Program

Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman provided an overview of FY 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Projects, which included a segment presented by Fire Chief Dan Stefano and Police Chief Bryan Glass. Committee Members, Council Liaisons, and Staff engaged in a questions and answer discussion related to the FY 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Projects at the conclusion of the presentation.

b. Budget Subcommittee

Chair Taboada called for volunteers for the Budget Subcommittee. Member Leece and Member Buchanan volunteered to sit on the committee. Chair Taboada proposed holding a FiPAC Special Meeting on May 26, 2021.

**10. CITY STAFF/LIAISON COMMENTS**

Finance Director Carol Molina reported that the Department has been filling vacancies, and thanked the committee, city staff and the City Council for supporting the department during the past year.

Mayor Stephens welcomed new member Lisa Buchanan to the committee.

Chair Taboada thanked Public Services, Fire and Police Department staff for their presentation on the FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Capital Improvement Program.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Taboada adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Ralph Taboada, Chair

  
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Carol Molina, Finance Director