

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
FINANCE AND PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 12, 2022
4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Arnold at 4:01 PM in Costa Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Tom Arnold, Vice Chair Lisa Buchanan, Members: Ralph Taboada, Wendy Leece, Felice Shiroma, Jennifer Tanaka and Boris Greasely

Members Absent: Altaf Wahid and Gary Craig

Council Liaisons Present: None

Council Liaisons Absent: Councilmember Don Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Marr and Mayor John Stephens

Staff Present: Finance Director Carol Molina, Assistant Finance Director Robert Moya, Executive Assistant Stella Giragossian, Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Fire and Rescue Department Management Analyst Kristen Stevens, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

Staff Absent: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of June 8, 2022 – Regular Meeting

MOTION/SECOND: Tom Arnold

MOTION: Approval of minutes

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-2

Ayes: Tom Arnold, Felice Shiroma, Wendy Leece, Ralph Taboada, Boris Greasely, Lisa Buchanan, and Jennifer Tanaka

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gary Craig, and Altaf Wahid

Meeting of September 14, 2022 – Regular Meeting

MOTION/SECOND: Wendy Leece/Felice Shiroma

MOTION: To push the approval of the minutes to next meeting since members would like more detailed minutes.

Motion Carried: 7-0-0-2

Ayes: Tom Arnold, Felice Shiroma, Wendy Leece, Ralph Taboada, Boris Greasely, Lisa Buchanan, and Jennifer Tanaka

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Gary Craig, and Altaf Wahid

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Subcommittee Considerations

FiPAC Chair Tom Arnold conducted votes to appoint FiPAC subcommittees.

Pension and Investments: Members Wendy Leece, Felice Shiroma and Ralph Taboda volunteered for this committee.

Revenue Subcommittee: Members Jennifer Tanaka, Boris Greasley and Wendy Leece volunteered for this committee.

Appropriations Subcommittee: Member Ralph Taboda, Boris Greasley and Lisa Buchanan volunteered for this committee.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee member Tanaka asked staff about CalPERS valuation letters, if we still have those, and if it makes sense to post them online. She also inquired about staff's view on whether we expect an increase in the contribution requirement next fiscal year.

Committee member Leece asked when FiPAC could expect to get the ACFR. Committee member Leece later suggested the next agenda include the eligible use of the \$13 million of ARPA funds, how it is going to be spent, and if FiPAC will weigh in and advise Council on its use.

Committee member Taboada asked Director Molina the status of the FY 2021/22 audit. He also inquired about the recent funding received: \$10M for parks and \$1M for Ketchum-Libolt Park.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Arnold thanked the Committee members for joining the recently added subcommittee's.

8. DIRECTOR UPDATES

Finance Director Molina gave an update of the finance department. Finance is still closing the ledger. The auditors requested additional information and backup documentation to ensure the finances are in order. The ledger usually closes around December when the final audit is complete. In response to member Leece, the ACFR should be completed in December or January. Director Molina mentioned that the Budget Book will publish in the upcoming weeks. In regards to committee member Tanaka's CalPERS question, Director Molina stated that when there is an adjustment to PERS, whether they make the rate of return or not, it is a two-year lag. Therefore, the impact to that adjustment is two years out. In

regards to a five-year plan, Director Molina stated now that we are meeting the pre-pandemic numbers coming back. Staff plans to return to FiPAC with a renewed five-year plan which includes FY 21/2022 audited numbers. The second tranche of ARPA money has been received and those funds have not been spent.

9. STAFF/LIAISON COMMENTS

No liaison's present.

Chief Stefano stated that he appreciates how Chair Arnold runs the meeting and the Committee, and echoed Carol's comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Tom Arnold, Chair

Carol Molina, Finance Director