

MAY 26, 2022
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Rutherford at 6:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Ashendorf

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Angely Andrade Vallarta
- Charlene Ashendorf
- Kelly Brown
- Scott Glabb
- Michelle Murphy*
- Elizabeth Dorn Parker, Vice Chair**
- Cassius Rutherford, Chair

City Staff

- Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
- Raja Sethuraman, Public Services Director
- Robert Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager
- Seung Yang, City Engineer
- Laura Fautua, PACS Secretary

*Commissioner Murphy attended via Zoom

**Vice Chair Dorn Park entered via Zoom at 6:05pm and left via Zoom at 7:01pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In Person - None

Martha O'meara (Zoom): Requested for more disability services/resources be available.

[Vice Chair Dorn Parker entered the meeting via Zoom]

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta: Thanked City staff in the last couple of City events.

Commissioner Brown: Acknowledged recent school shooting.

Commissioner Glabb: Attended the Spring Bark Bash and had a great time talking to vendors and seeing performance. Mentioned it was a good turnout and thanked City staff.

Chair Ashendorf: Participated in the Mother's Day Brunch at the Costa Mesa Senior Center. Also mentioned two other upcoming events: Father's Day celebration, Independence Day at the end of June. Attended Love Costa Mesa Day and repainted structures at Moon Park. Wanted to remind the public that they have a week from Friday to get in there Park and Recreation posters. Shared an invitation from Trellis for the City leaders gathering on June 9 from 12-130pm at the Crossing Church. They will be providing a free lunch while they give us an update on homeless issues in our community.

Chair Rutherford: Expressed sympathy for the tragic events. Thanked City staff on the latest events and their successful turnouts. Had a great time on Arbor Day. Would like staff to look into the public comment to address the concerns for the need of more programming/resources. Reached out to the public to spread the word for the part-time

positions available in the Parks & Community Services Department.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2022 MEETING

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta made a motion to approve the minutes with the adjustment of hyperlinked correspondence received/Seconded by Commissioner Glabb.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Dorn-Parker, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Murphy, Chair Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

2. OLD BUSINESS - None

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 THROUGH 2026-27 22-706

Mr. Sethuraman, Mr. Yang, and Mr. Ryan presented.

Vice Chair Dorn Parker spoke on two challenges: dogs in the park off leash and minimal infrastructures to support owners to clean up their pet's mess. Inquired if there is anything in the CIP to begin a launch of more specific signage at Parks to educate the public.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about the Mesa Verde Library ADA compliance improvements and asked for specific timelines.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta thanked City staff and inquired in regards to the Shalimar Park expansion. Also mentioned she is looking forward to improvements at her District parks and looking for opportunities to evaluate space usage at parks and potentially repurpose spaces in a more engaging way for the public to maximize the space.

Commissioner Brown asked if all desired projects were in the CIP presentation.

Commissioner Ashendorf is happy to see progress in current projects and is looking forward to future ones, such as the Butterfly Garden.

Public Comment: None.

[Vice Chair Dorn Parker left the meeting via Zoom.]

Chair Rutherford asked if the Jack Hammett project is able to have EV parking stations or be prepared to have them installed in a future date. Is excited to see the expansion of the Shalimar Park. Commented on the funding towards the country club and

potential reallocation of funds. Inquired about potential projects in regards to pet friendly spaces.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta echoed some of the comments made by councilmember Chavez in at the last Council meeting about opportunities of expanding green space on the West side.

- b) **MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Rutherford made a motion to move forward the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-23 Through 2026-27 22-706 to Council/Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Andrade Vallarta, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Glabb, Commissioner Murphy, Chair Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: Vice Chair Dorn Parker

Motion Carried: 6-0

4. MONTHLY REPORTS

- a) Park Ranger Report – April 2022

Mr. Minter mentioned that the Police Department rotates leadership and there is a new lieutenant who oversees Park Rangers and will be inviting him to the Commission to help address any questions or concerns the commission may have.

Chair Rutherford shared concern that it is a safety issue when the public are not following rules of the parks.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired about the misuse of a shopping cart.

Mr. Minter mentioned he would follow-up with the Police Department.

Public Comment: None.

- b) Director's Report - April 2022

Mr. Minter & Ms. Villasenor presented.

Chair Rutherford inquired about any specific hashtags for the Parks and Recreation month in July.

Ms. Villasenor confirmed it was #ParksMakeLifeBetter.

Commissioner Brown inquired about disability services on the City's website.

Chair Ashendorf asked about the Master Plan and if Newport Mesa School District are involved. Also made comment about the low enrollment of Teen Camp. Inquired about April Park reservations and comparison from previous numbers.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta gave kudos regarding the website updates and making information more accessible.

Chair Rutherford encouraged the public to vote and encouraged the public to spread the word about part time positions available in the City.

Mr. Minter mentioned that it is a challenge faced in Orange County cities.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta inquired how much is the starting rate for a leader.

Commissioner Andrade Vallarta also mentioned the public are entrusting staff with their children. Inquired if there is opportunity to increase the pay rate to remain competitive.

5. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Rutherford at 7:53pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 23, 2022 AT 6:00P.M.

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