



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 3, 2023 – MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** –The Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Harper, Council Member Marr (Arrived 4:02 p.m.) Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.**

Ms. Hall Barlow, City Attorney requested to add one additional closed session item be added to the agenda, regarding litigation that was brought to the attention of the City after the agenda had been posted and needed to be considered before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - ONE CASE**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

**MOVED/SECOND:** Mayor Stephens/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Add the Closed Session item as requested by Ms. Hall Barlow, City Attorney.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros Council Member Harper, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Marr

Abstain: None

Motion carried: 6-0

**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - TWO CASES**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

**2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

APN: 420-012-16

Agency Negotiators: Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: State of California

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

City Council recessed at 4:03 p.m. for Closed Session.

Closed Session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** –The Regular City Council and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency, and Housing Authority meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 6:00 p.m.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A video was played of the National Anthem and Mayor Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SOLEMN EXPRESSION** – Led by Pastor Christine Nolf, Redemption Church.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

**CITY ATTORNEY CLOSED SESSION REPORT** – No reportable action.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation in honor of 2023 Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation in honor of 2023 Fire Prevention Week.

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation in honor 2023 Code Enforcement Appreciation Week.

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation in honor of 2023 Walktober Month.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Speaker, spoke on walkable Cities and accessibility for everyone and spoke in favor of reduced road speeds.

Juana Trejo expressed support for policing efforts, spoke on problems with rental assistance, and to monitor contracts.

Wendy Simoa spoke on noise problems at The 12 gym and the Conditional Use Permit.

Speaker, spoke on Senate Bill 567 being approved and housing rights being violated.

Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on attending the State meeting regarding the Fairview Developmental Center and requested the City to encourage residents to make comments during the EIR review period, and appreciates the Council reconsidering the cannabis ordinance.

Speaker, spoke on being evicted due to the owner making renovations, the high expense to move, and requested assistance.

Megan Wilson, Costa Mesa, spoke on the feral cats on West 20th Street, and requested the City review the policies on animal hoarding.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke on being evicted due to the owner making renovations, and spoke on the barriers to qualify for services.

Speaker spoke on parking minimums.

Speaker, requested assistance as they have received an eviction notice.

Speaker, representing Resilience Orange County, spoke on the barriers to receiving housing assistance and people being denied assistance.

Speaker, spoke on the proposed State Emergency Operations Center at the Fairview Developmental Center and spoke on repairs at the dog park.

Speaker, thanked the Council for the street improvements on Placentia Ave., spoke on Strong Towns and a new Orange County Chapter, and spoke on the Emergency Operations Center meeting at the Fairview Developmental Center.

Speaker, spoke on parking on Monrovia Street, requested to not reduce parking requirements, spoke on the West 19th Street improvements, and spoke on notification for the State Emergency Operations Center meeting at the Fairview Developmental Center.

Kim Hendricks spoke on Fairview Park.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**

Council Member Harper spoke on the timeline for addressing the Cannabis Ordinance, on the number of Cannabis Businesses, requested a moratorium on addressing Cannabis Businesses until the Ordinance is addressed, requested an update on the Tennis Center contract, requested police presence due to street takeovers, spoke on the State Emergency Operations Center meeting at the Fairview Developmental Center, and spoke on parking minimums.

Council Member Marr requested staff review the Families Forward contract and funding, spoke in support of a housing clinic, requested staff review the issues associated with evictions, spoke on the State Emergency Operations Center meeting at the Fairview Developmental Center, and spoke in support of a cannabis business moratorium.

Council Member Reynolds spoke on access gaps to resources on housing, requested data on the number of people being denied services and the causes of these decisions, spoke on Walktober, participating in A Week Without Driving, spoke on the new striping on W. 19th St. and requested delineators between the bike lanes, spoke on the kickoff for Strong Towns Orange County, spoke on a sidewalk condition index, and spoke on funds for supporting community-based events.

Council Member Chavez spoke on Walk to School Day on October 4th, spoke on the Fire Station Open House on October 7th, spoke on Back to SOY Night on October 12th, spoke in support of a housing clinic and a cannabis moratorium, and requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Brandon Accola.

Council Member Gameros recognized first responders.

Mayor Pro Tem Harlan spoke on Walk to School Day on October 4th, spoke on the meeting on the proposed State Emergency Operations Center at Fairview Developmental Center, expressed support for housing at the Fairview Developmental Center site and is opposed to an Emergency Operations Center at the location.

Mayor Stephens spoke on the meeting on the proposed State Emergency Operations Center at Fairview Developmental Center and supports housing at the location, spoke on Jake Knapp from Estancia High School receiving a PGA card, spoke on the sustainability Decathlon October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds, spoke on evictions and that legal aid will be at future Council meetings to provide assistance, spoke on Placentia Ave. street improvements, and spoke on Adjourning the meeting in honor of Brandon Accola, Dianne Feinstein, Jordan Brandman, and Ronnie J. Coleman,

**REPORT – CITY MANAGER –** Ms. Farrell Harrison spoke on the proposed State Emergency Operations Center at the Fairview Developmental Center and providing comments on the EIR, spoke on the Nationwide Emergency Alert and Wireless Emergency Alert Test on October 4th, spoke on the new Costa Mesa App CM311, and spoke on bringing forth an eviction ordinance.

**REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY – None.**

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Reynolds/Council Member Marr

**MOTION:** Approve the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Harper, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Abstain: None

Motion carried: 7-0

**1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: WAIVE THE FULL READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ACTION:**

City Council, Agency Board, and Housing Authority approved the reading by title only and waived full reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

**2. READING FOLDER**

**ACTION:**

City Council received and filed Claims received by the City Clerk: Gloria Aquino, Monique Low, Albert Jack Pacheco, Bonnie Winslow.

**3. ADOPTION OF WARRANT RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved Warrant Resolution No. 2706.

**4. MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2023.

**5. DESIGNATION OF CITY NEGOTIATORS FOR THE COSTA MESA CITY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (CMFA) MEET AND CONFER AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) PER THE TRANSPARENCY IN LABOR NEGOTIATIONS COUNCIL POLICY**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council designated City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison as the City's Principal Negotiator, Deputy City Manager Alma Reyes, Human Resources Manager Kasama Lee, Human Resources Administrator Fanni Acosta, and Finance Director Carol Molina as the City's representatives in negotiations with the CMFA.
2. Authorized staff to have the independent fiscal analysis of the current CMFA 2017-2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) completed per the requirements of the Transparency in Labor Negotiations Council Policy.

**6. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LONG BEACH BMW FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR NEW 2024 BMW R1250 RT-P POLICE MOTORCYCLES**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council approved the purchase of four (4) new 2024 BMW R1250RT-P police motorcycles based on pricing provided through a cooperative agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, PO-SH-23008318-1.
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for the purchase in the amount of \$129,033.94 from Long Beach BMW Motorcycles located at 2125 E. Spring Street, Long Beach, CA 90806.

**7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITYWIDE PARKWAY MAINTENANCE, STREET REHABILITATION, AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 21-03**

**ACTION:**

1. City Council accepted the work performed by All American Asphalt, Inc., 400 East Sixth Street, Corona, California 92879 for the Citywide Parkway Maintenance, Street Rehabilitation, and Slurry Seal Project, City Project No. 21-03, and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion.
2. Authorized the City Manager to release the retention monies thirty-five (35) days after the Notice of Completion filing date; release the Labor and Material Bond seven (7) months after the filing date; and release the Faithful Performance Bond one (1) year after the filing date.

-----**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**-----

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

(Pursuant to Resolution No. 05-55, Public Hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.)

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

City Council recessed into a break at 7:55 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. COSTA MESA FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW**

Presentation by Fire Chief Stefano, Assistant Fire Chief Pyle, Emergency Medical Services Manager Horner, Training Safety & Professional Standards Captain Torres, Battalion Chief Coates, Fire Marshal Neal, and EOC Manager Emrick.

**Public Comment:**

Speaker, spoke on strategies to add speed humps and slower speeds, size of fire trucks and negotiating the width of streets, hybrid fire trucks, single staircase buildings, and lithium ion batteries.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Mayor Stephens/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Receive and file the report and presentation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros Council Member Harper, Council Member Reynolds, Council Member Marr, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 7-0

**ACTION:**

City Council received and filed the report and presentation.

## 2. COSTA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Presentation by Police Chief Lawrence, Deputy Police Chief LaPointe, Field Operations Captain Wadkins, and Support Services Captain Chamness.

Public Comment:

Speaker, spoke on supporting mental health and spoke on recruitment efforts.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Mayor Stephens/Council Member Chavez

**MOTION:** Receive and file the report and presentation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros Council Member Harper, Council Member Reynolds, Council Member Marr, Mayor Pro Tem Harlan, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 7-0

**ACTION:**

City Council received and filed the report and presentation.

## **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS – NONE.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m. in honor of Brandon Accola, Dianne Feinstein, Jordan Brandman, and Ronnie J. Coleman,

**Minutes adopted on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.**

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John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Green, City Clerk

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