



**CITY OF COSTA MESA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION - MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER - The Special Study Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Stephens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros (via Zoom), Council Member Harlan, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Marr, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: Council Member Harper

STUDY SESSION ITEM:

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR (2022-23 TO 2026-27) CIP STUDY SESSION

Presentation by Mr. Sethuraman, Public Services Director, Ms. Molina, Finance Director, Mr. Seung, City Engineer, and Ms. Farrell Harrison, City Manager.

Public Comments:

Flo Martin, requested additional funding for Active Transportation projects.

Ralph Taboada, provided a powerpoint slide, and requesting prioritizing Active Transportation projects.

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Cynthia McDonald, requested current budgeted monies that are not being spent to be applied to other projects, spoke on cost sharing with the school district, and requested bike racks.

Aaron McCall, requested more monies for protected bike paths, prioritizing funding for the climate action plan, and requested cooling centers.

Speaker, spoke in support of funding for housing and rental assistance, a fund for youth housing, expressed concern on rising rent prices.

Marc Vukceovich, requested additional funding for Active Transportation projects.

Discussion ensued on the bike infrastructure improvements, improving roads for all users, incorporating green alleys, the climate action plan, community connections, sidewalk improvements, improvements on Victoria St. West of the 55 freeway, improvements to the bus stops and shelters, community spaces for opportunities to gather, safe routes to schools, a page on the website on the status of projects, school district crossing guards, additional bike racks and bike racks for private property owners, applying current budgeted monies to other projects, wayfinding signage, the progress on projects and accomplishments, and the final improvements at the Lions Park project.

ADJOURNMENT – The Mayor adjourned the Special Study Session at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 17th day of May, 2022.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk