



## City of Costa Mesa

# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Minutes

**MARCH 1, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER-** The Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.**

### **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION – ONE CASE**  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)  
Name of Case: Costa Mesa v. Newport Mesa Unified School District, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2021-01179397-CU-WM-CXC.

City Council adjourned the Closed Session until after the regular meeting.

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**MARCH 1, 2022 – 6:00 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 6:02 p.m.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A video was played for the National Anthem and Council Member Reynolds 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 Harlan, Council Member Harper, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Marr (Via Zoom Webinar) and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: None.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Recognition of Costa Mesa Fire Captain Mike Kreza and the Mike Kreza Memorial Highway.

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation for Women's History Month.

Mayor Stephens presented a proclamation for the 80th Year Day of Remembrance of Japanese Internment Camps.

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

Jen Tanaka, Costa Mesa, expressed gratitude for recognizing the remembrance of the Japanese Internment Camps and spoke on her family history.

Matt Garcia, Costa Mesa, President of Harbor Soaring Society, thanked the Council for allowing gliders to fly again at Fairview Park, and spoke on the timeline and requested a resolution on the agreement.

Chris Collum, Costa Mesa, spoke on a fire at his residence on November 23, 2021, and problems associated with the fire response and processes.

Hank Castignetti, Secretary of the Harbor Soaring Society, thanked the City for the donation to the Harbor Soaring Society.

Kim Hendricks, spoke on flying at Fairview Park, and presented pictures of Fairview Park.

Speaker, thanked the City for the Remembrance of Japanese Internment Camps and spoke on her family history.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

**1. FOURTH PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP**

Presentation by Ms. Green, City Clerk.

Public Comments: None.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Chavez/Mayor Pro Tem Marr

**MOTION:** Approve recommended actions.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion: carried 7-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council conducted the fourth public hearing to receive additional public input on district boundaries and draft map.
2. Introduced for first reading Ordinance No. 2022-01, to adopt a Council District Map.
3. Scheduled March 15, 2022 for the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-01.

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

Council Member Harlan spoke on the war in Ukraine.

Council Member Harper requested an update on Harbor Soaring Society, and an update on the fire incident from public comment.

Council Member Reynolds spoke on the war in Ukraine, spoke on the TCA Board and restoration efforts on a site in Trabuco Canyon, spoke on a meeting with Wendy Leece regarding safety issues, spoke on parking study efforts, spoke on Walk to School Day, and spoke on Women's History Month and acknowledged the women on city staff.

Council Member Chavez spoke on the homeless Point in Time count, and on Fat Tuesday and Lent.

Council Member Gameros recognized the Police and Fire Departments, spoke in remembrance of Officer Vella, and spoke on Pony Baseball opening day.

Mayor Stephens spoke on adjourning the meeting in memory of Officer Vella and Gladys Refakes, spoke on Little League and Pony Baseball opening day, thanked the Police Department, spoke on Fat Tuesday and Lent, and showed a video of Council Member Harlan and his golf hole in one.

**REPORT – CITY MANAGER** – Ms. Farrell Harrison provided a homelessness update and the work being done by the team, spoke on the Point in Time count, introduced new Neighborhood Improvement Manager Nate Robbins, and Grant Administrator, Mikelle Daily, recognized Engineers for Engineer Week, and expressed condolences for Officer Vella.

**REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY** – Ms. Hall Barlow spoke on events around the world, expressed condolence for Ann Thomas, and expects no reportable action out of closed session.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 1-4)**

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Chavez/Council Member Gameros

**MOTION:** Approve recommended actions for Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 through 4

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried: 7-0

**1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE ONLY 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. ADOPTION OF WARRANT RESOLUTION**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved Warrant Resolution No. 2675.

**3. MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

City Council approved the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 15, 2022.

**4. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) 2022 REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**ACTION:**

City Council designated Council Member Arlis Reynolds as the delegate for the upcoming 2022 Annual Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference & General Assembly.

**AT THIS TIME COUNCIL WILL ADDRESS ANY ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. INTERIM LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY OPERATION OF THE COSTA MESA TENNIS CENTER**

Presentation by Mr. Minter, Parks and Community Services Director.

**Public Comments:**

Amy Pazahanick, Agape Tennis Facility, expressed concern on how the interim operator was selected.

Steve McAvoy, President of Top Seed Tennis Academy, spoke on their experience on running and operating the academy.

Cameron Ball, currently affiliated with the Costa Mesa Tennis Center, spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy as the interim operator.

Mr. Ball, spoke on the Costa Mesa Tennis Center and the process and spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy.

Janine Nguyen, spoke on attending the tennis center, and spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy.

Eduardo Alvarez, teaches at the Tennis Center, spoke on the process, and spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy.

Barbara Hinshaw, Costa Mesa, opposed the lease agreement with Top Seed Tennis Academy, and supports considering a local operator.

Speaker, praised Eduardo Alvarez and recommended him to run the Tennis Center.

Speaker, spoke on keeping the Tennis Center the same.

Liz Tenney, spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy, and spoke on the process.

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, praised the Tennis Center operations, the pro shop, supports Top Seed Tennis Academy, and to consider an additional extension period.

Deborah Nguyen, spoke on using a local operator, spoke in support of Eduardo Alvarez, spoke on transparency, and expressed concern on the selection process.

Lauren Weinstein, Costa Mesa, spoke on continuity and transparency in the operations and process, and spoke in support of Eduardo Alvarez.

Speaker, spoke on a seamless transition and spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy.

Patrick Heath, spoke in support of Top Seed Tennis Academy.

**MOVED/SECOND:** Council Member Harlan/Mayor Pro Tem Marr

**MOTION:** Approve recommended actions.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion: carried 7-0

**ACTION:**

City Council approved the Assignment and Assumption of the Costa Mesa Tennis Center's Lease Agreement for the temporary operation of the center to Top Seed Tennis Academy, Inc., effective March 1, 2022 for a period of four months with the option of two, two-month extensions.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF OCTA GRANT AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BAKER-PLACENTIA-VICTORIA-19TH STREET REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT**

Presentation by Mr. Sethuraman, Public Services Director and Ms. Rosales, Transportation Services Manager.

Public Comments:

Jimmy Vivar, Costa Mesa, spoke on traffic synchronization, looking at phasing around schools and the Senior Center, and more Accessible Pedestrian Signals on 19<sup>th</sup> street around the Senior Center.

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, spoke on infrastructure preventing pedestrian death and injuries, and encouraged reducing speed limits.

Marc Vukcevich, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project.

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

**MOTION:** Approve recommended actions.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None.

Motion: carried 7-0

**ACTION:**

1. City Council accepted OCTA competitive grant award of \$1.77 million and awarded a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to Architectural Engineering Technology, Inc. for the design and implementation of the Baker-Placentia-Victoria 19th Street Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project in the amount of \$2,211,405.23, including a local match requirement of \$443,000, in substantially the form as attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.
2. Authorized a five (5) percent contingency in the amount of \$110,570 for any additional services that may be required for the project.
3. Authorized the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the agreement and future amendments to the agreement.

**ADDITIONAL COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – The Mayor adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 9:23 p.m. in memory of Officer Vella, Gladys Refakes, and Ann Thomas.

**Minutes adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.**



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John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Brenda Green, City Clerk