



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 – MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –The Study Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Pettis, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS ONLY LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Ralph Taboada, Costa Mesa, spoke on considering additional options before making a final decision, spoke on the high amount of open CIP projects and prioritizing the open projects, using the gas tax monies for the Adams Avenue project, and would prefer public comments be after the staff presentation.

Speaker, requested additional information on sales taxes and revenues, spoke on utilizing gas taxes for street projects, spoke on having more options on the table and to consider cutting the Climate Action Plan and Active Transportation Green Streets projects.

James Peters, Costa Mesa, spoke on reviewing the expenditures line by line, spoke on the quarterly summary and the potential of a \$7 million downfall if the trend continues, and requested full disclosure on expenses.

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, requested additional information on options, inquired on which of the CIPs are being deferred, requested public comments be after the staff presentation, and spoke on the cannabis revenue.

STUDY SESSION ITEM:

1. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

Presentation by Ms. Molina, Finance Director.

ACTION:

City Council provided feedback on the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Update.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 1st day of April, 2025.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

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