



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 - MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER –The Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Harlan at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Mayor Stephens stated he was participating remotely pursuant to AB 2449 due to an illness and disclosed there were no other adults present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8

Fairview Developmental Center; APN: 420-012-16

Property: 2501 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Agency Negotiators: Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: State of California

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

City Council recessed at 5:05 p.m. for Closed Session.

Closed Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The Regular City Council and Housing Authority meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Harlan at 6:07 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The National Anthem was played by Mariachi Juvenil Herencia Michoacana, and the Mayor Pro Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SOLEMN EXPRESSION – Led by Calvary Chapel Dave Manne, Pastor Emeritus.

Mayor Stephens stated he was participating remotely pursuant to AB 2449 due to an illness and disclosed that two adults, his wife and his son, were present at the location.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member Harper.

CITY ATTORNEY CLOSED SESSION REPORT – No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council recognized the Arts of Jiu Jit Su Athletes.

The City Council recognized September as Hispanic Heritage Month 2024, and recognized the Prada family, Resilience OC, and Promotoras De Salud OC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Vicki Johnson, spoke in opposition of Costa Mesa joining the Orange County Power Authority.

Wendy Leece, Costa Mesa, spoke in opposition of Costa Mesa joining the Orange County Power Authority, spoke on Consent Calendar item #6 and in opposition of the work completed on 19th St.

Carmen Ramirez, spoke on people dumping trash and furniture in the neighborhood, and requested enforcement notices to be sent to the property owners.

Speaker, spoke on permit parking not being enforced on nights and weekends, spoke on the rental assistance program and that housing is a State issue, spoke against a crosswalk at Center St. and Placentia Ave., spoke on Measure K and the Bear Street development project, and spoke on the performance of the City Council.

Minerva Flores, spoke on receiving an eviction notice and only given two months to move.

Bertha Orozco, requested a traffic signal at Baker St. and College St., and requested parking enforcement tree maintenance and street sweeping.

David Martinez, spoke on consent calendar item #6 and spoke in support of the safety improvements on the roads.

Alicia Esquivel, spoke on an event on Shalimar Street and that people received parking tickets, requested flexibility during community events due to a lack of parking, and spoke on speeding issues on Wilson St. at 7:00 a.m.

Andrew Barnes spoke in support of traffic safety and in support of changes for bike and pedestrian safety.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Council Member Reynolds spoke on an event on September 21st regarding opportunities to lower energy bills, a Costa Mesa Historical Society community bike ride on September 28th, spoke in support of volunteering on PTA's and fundraising drives, shared data on the W. 19th Street project regarding safety, spoke on celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, and spoke on building relationships.

Council Member Chavez wished everybody a Happy Hispanic Heritage Month, spoke on building relationships, spoke on National Voter Registration Day, a Save Our Youth (SOY) open house on September 18th, spoke on reporting graffiti on the 311 App, spoke on enforcement of parking permits, spoke on the need for a crosswalk on Placentia and Center Street, and that he is working with staff on the Plumer Street alleyway improvements.

Council Member Gameros spoke on remembering 9/11 and dedicating the meeting in memory of those that gave their lives on 9/11, spoke on the ARTventure event, congratulated Sergeant Miles on his retirement, congratulated the traffic safety bureau on the bike rodeo, recognized the Fire and Rescue teams on their deployment to other areas, and spoke on the Scarecrow Festival on October 12th.

Council Member Marr spoke on Hispanic Heritage Month, indicated she would like agenda items for discussion the Commercial Parking Standards, inquired on the beekeeping ordinance, and praised Steve Ely, Director of Information Technology, for participating in the Veterans Surf Camp.

Mayor Pro Tem Harlan spoke on the Fire Station 4 groundbreaking, spoke on the ARTventure event and on supporting local artists.

Mayor Stephens spoke on the Fire Station 4 groundbreaking, recognized the Fire and Rescue teams on their deployment to other areas, spoke on attending the Families Forward Gala, spoke on being on a panel at the Genesis Bank Catalyst Expo, and spoke on the Rising Above Disabilities (RAD) Camp Gala on September 29th.

REPORT – CITY MANAGER

The City Manager recognized the Fire and Rescue teams on their deployment to other areas, spoke on remembering 9/11, spoke on National Preparedness Month and a Fire Station open house on October 5th, spoke on the Artventure event, spoke on Hispanic Heritage Month, spoke on being a keynote speaker at a Prayer Breakfast at Vanguard University, spoke on a small business clinic on September 26th, spoke on enforcement of residential parking permits and provided data, and recognized Hispanic staff members Cecilia Gallardo-Daly, Alma Reyes, Sergio Escobar, Ivis Torres, Francine Jimenez, and Carol Molina,

REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY – NONE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Chavez/Council Member Reynolds

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar except for item number 5.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: Council Member Gameros recused himself on item #3 the Warrant Resolution due to his wife being employed by Priceless Pet Rescue.

Motion carried: 6-0-1

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

ACTION:

City Council and Housing Authority approved the reading by title only and waived further reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

2. READING FOLDER

ACTION:

City Council received and filed Claims received by the City Clerk and authorized staff to reject any and all Claims: Jennifer Nieto, Irvine Company-Enclave.

3. ADOPTION OF WARRANT RESOLUTION

Council Member Gameros recused himself due to his wife being employed by Priceless Pet Rescue.

ACTION:

City Council approved Warrant Resolution No. 2723.

4. MINUTES

ACTION:

City Council approved the minutes of the Special meeting of April 19, 2024, the Study Session meeting of June 11, 2024, and the Regular meeting of September 3, 2024.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLACENTIA AVENUE, WEST 19TH STREET, AND EAST 17TH STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, BICYCLE FACILITY, AND STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 22-08

ACTION:

The City Council:

1. Accepted the work performed by All American Asphalt, Inc., 400 East Sixth Street, Corona, California 92879 for the Placentia Avenue, West 19th Street, and East 17th Street Pavement Rehabilitation, Bicycle Facility, and Striping Improvements Project, City Project No. 22-08., and authorized 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; authorized release of the Labor and

Material Bond seven (7) months after the filing date; and release of the Faithful Performance Bond one (1) year after the filing date.

7. RESPONSES TO ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT - E-BIKES FRIEND OR FOE

ACTION:

The City Council approved the draft responses to Findings 1-3 and Recommendations 1-3 in the Orange County Grand Jury (OCGJ) Report titled "E-Bikes Friend or Foe."

ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

5. MOBILE VIDEO SYSTEM (MVS) REPLACEMENT AND PURCHASE WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.

Public Comment:

Ralph Taboada, Costa Mesa, stated the item should have been placed under New Business for discussion.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Chavez/Council Member Reynolds

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0-1

ACTION:

The City Council:

1. Authorized the purchase of a mobile video system (MVS) from Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Axon) through the Omnia Partners Cooperative Agreement Contract # 3544-21-4615 in the amount of \$6,949,522 as part of a 10-year agreement to replace the Police Department's current MVS.
2. Authorized a 1.5% contingency in the amount of \$104,243 for unforeseen costs relating to the replacement of the police department's current MVS.
3. Authorized the City Manager and City Attorney to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CITY COUNCIL SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO INCREASE CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Presentation by Ms. Farrell Harrison, City Manager

Public Comments:

Wendy Leece, Costa Mesa, spoke in opposition to an increase in the Council Compensation.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Gameros/Council Member Marr

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: Mayor Pro Tem Harlan.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 5-1-1

ACTION:

The City Council give second reading to and adopted, Ordinance No. 2024-11 increasing the City Council compensation effective after the general election, with the new City Council in December 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER WITH THE COSTA MESA CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND UPDATES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING AND REFERRAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Presentation by Ms. Lee, Human Resources Manager.

Public Comment: None.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Gameros/Council Member Marr

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0-1

ACTION:

The City Council:

1. Approved and Adopted the Side Letter with the City Employees Association.
2. Approved and Adopted Resolution Number 2024-41 renaming Communications classifications and updating pay rates.
3. Approve and Adopted Resolution Number 2024-42 establishing the Reserve Senior Public Safety Dispatcher.
4. Approved the certified Fiscal Impact Analysis.
5. Authorized the City Manager and members of the City's Negotiation Team to execute the Side Letter documents.
6. Approved an appropriation increase of \$355,866 in the FY 2024/2025 for one-time incentives for the retention and retroactive overtime costs and the new Hiring and Referral Incentive Program.
7. Approved an appropriation increase of \$363,913 in the FY 2024/2025 for recurring costs due to compensation adjustments for the Police Department dispatch staff.

2. AMENDMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH MERCY HOUSE & BRACKEN'S KITCHEN FOR SERVICES AT THE COSTA MESA BRIDGE SHELTER

Presentation by Mr. Robbins, Neighborhood Improvement Manager.

Public Comment: None.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Chavez/Council Member Reynolds

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Harper.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0-1

ACTION:

The City Council:

1. Approved Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Mercy House, increasing the compensation by \$197,894 for a new annual not-to-exceed amount of \$2,383,180.
2. Approved Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Bracken's Kitchen, increasing the compensation by \$91,250 for a new annual not-to-exceed

amount of \$492,750.

3. Authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute all agreements and any amendments to the agreements.

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

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pro Tem Harlan adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. in remembrance of the first responders that lost their lives on 9/11.

Minutes adopted on this 1st day of October, 2024.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk