



SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL JULY 1, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. - MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – The Special Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr (Via Zoom Webinar), Council Member Pettis, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: None.

Ms. Hall Barlow, City Attorney requested to add to the Closed Session agenda Existing Litigation, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)(1) Ayman Ahmed Abdulmagid v. City of Costa Mesa, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01402612-CU-MC-CJC due to the item requiring action prior to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting and arose after the posting of the current agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, spoke on the selection of a new City Manager.

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Stephens/Mayor Pro Tem Chavez

MOTION: Add Existing Litigation, Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)(1) Ayman Ahmed Abdulmagid v. City of Costa Mesa, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01402612-CU-MC-CJC item as requested by the City Attorney to the Closed Session agenda.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 7-0

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: City Manager

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b)(1)

Name of Case: Ayman Ahmed Abdulmagid v. City of Costa Mesa

Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01402612-CU-MC-CJC.

Ms. Hall Barlow, City Attorney stated she did not expect reportable action from the Closed Session.

City Council recessed at 5:06 p.m. for Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Stephens adjourned the Special Closed Session meeting at 6:24 p.m. and there was no reportable action taken.

Minutes adopted on this 2nd day of September, 2025.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk