



SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 22, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – The Special 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.

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION ITEM:

1. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR (2025-26 TO 2029-30) CIP STUDY SESSION

Presentation by Ms. Molina, Finance Director, Mr. Sethuraman, Public Works Director, Mr. Yang, City Engineer, Mr. Bauer, Deputy Director of Public Works, Mr. Ryan, Maintenance Services Manager, and Mr. Martin, Transportation Services Manager.

Public Comments:

Flo Martin spoke in support of Active Transportation Projects.

Maria Theresa Lopez submitted a petition for a new pedestrian crosswalk on Placentia Avenue at Center Street.

Silvia Lopez requested a new pedestrian crosswalk on Placentia Avenue at Center Street.

Carla Hernandez requested a new pedestrian crosswalk on Placentia Avenue at Center Street.

Christian Lopez, Costa Mesa Amigos, requested a new pedestrian crosswalk on Placentia Avenue at Center Street, spoke on engaging the Spanish community with communications in Spanish, holding separate community meetings, and requested outreach to the youth that use the bus services.

Roberto Herrera, Resilience Orange County, thanked City staff and the City Council for assistance on the Palmar Street alleyway improvements, and spoke on the petition for a pedestrian crosswalk on Placentia Avenue at Center Street.

Speaker, spoke in opposition of the emergency exemption for the CAN ordinance.

Speaker, spoke on a letter they submitted regarding being in support of \$250,000 annually for the Westside park development, inquired if it would be a partial or full waiver of the CAN ordinance, inquired which funds would pay for the library park bond, and inquired on the total amount proposed for capital purposes for 2025-26.

Cynthia McDonald spoke in opposition of a traffic signal at Belfast Avenue and requested it to be removed from the CIP list.

Speaker, spoke in support of the Brentwood Park project moving forward, and spoke on grants available.

Jake Comer spoke in support of active transportation projects, spoke in opposition of the City conducting an Orange County Power Authority study.

Richard Huffman spoke in opposition of a traffic signal at Belfast Avenue and requested it to be deferred or eliminated.

Speaker, expressed appreciation for the bollards, bike paths, and safety enhancements around the City.

ACTION:

The City Council provided direction on the proposed deferred Capital Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25, the 2025-26 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and the Five-Year (FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30) CIP, requested additional clarification on the CAN Ordinance, considered the initial and alternative list of deferred projects and made the following observations:

- The Sewer Line Improvement Project should not be deferred as it addresses critical infrastructure needs and may result in more expensive repairs in the future.
- Improvements to the Senior Center, which is used by many seniors and serves a vulnerable population, are necessary.
- There are funds available in the Golf Course and Tennis Center project that can be targeted for deferral.
- The Golf Course is a revenue-generating establishment and needs improvements to address various issues concerning both the golf course grounds and clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Stephens adjourned the Special Study Session at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 20th day of May, 2025.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

DRAFT