

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:21 p.m. at Costa Mesa City Hall, Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Righeimer, Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger, Council Member Monahan, Council Member Leece, and Council Member Genis

Absent: None

Officials Present: Chief Executive Officer Thomas R. Hatch, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Assistant CEO Rick Francis, Assistant CEO/Administrative Services Director Tamara Letourneau; Economic and Development Services Director Gary Armstrong, Public Services Director Ernesto Muñoz, Interim Finance Director Steve Dunivent and City Clerk Brenda Green.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:00:40)

John W. Goddard, Costa Mesa, spoke on the upgrading of the Senior Center; and correspondence submitted. (00:02:14)

Sue Healey, Costa Mesa, spoke on the deteriorating morale of seniors; lack of fundraising; and supports the City operating the Senior Center. (00:04:26)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke on the firing of employees; and no indemnification from the City. (00:50:51)

Stella Adkins, Costa Mesa, spoke on volunteering at the Senior Center; the decline of the membership; mistreatment of seniors; financial problems; and supports City as operator. (00:07:27)

Richard Detwiler, Costa Mesa, spoke on the noticing agreement; and informing the Senior Center Board. (00:08:36)

Barbara Echan, Costa Mesa, spoke on the troubled non-profit; supports City as operator; and deteriorating services to seniors. (00:10:02)

Kathleen Eric, Costa Mesa, spoke on the deteriorating issues at the Senior Center; and supports City as operator. (00:12:28)

Judy Lindsay, President, Board of Directors, spoke regarding funding, the audit; communication to Staff and Board; noticing; and inaccurate accusations. (00:15:38)

Beth Rafakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on the 90-day notice for contract termination with the Senior Corporation; people on the Board should not be subject to lawsuits; and the decline of the Senior Center. (00:18:44)

Ernie Feeney, Costa Mesa, spoke on Senior Center staffing; supports City operating the Senior Center; and the lacking of services. (00:22:12)

Gay Royer, Costa Mesa, stated that seniors deserve the best services and treatment. (00:26:12)

ITEM

1. SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS – PROPOSAL FOR CITY TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Tammy Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, presented Staff Report. (00:27:50)

Discussion ensued on history of the agreement between the City and Corporation. (00:35:51)

Council Member Leece spoke on the financial assistance from the City; and analysis of funds. (00:36:53)

Discussion ensued on the Albert Dixon Fund; Albert Dixon Board; and use of that money. (00:38:12)

Council Member Leece spoke on the indemnifying of Board Members. (00:40:53)

Discussion ensued on the Senior Board Meetings; financial situation; Senior programs and services; and rescuing of the Senior Center. (00:42:34)

Council Member Genis spoke on Board insurance; funding; and legal authority. (00:44:55)

Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger spoke on indemnification; and Senior treatment. (00:46:12)

Mayor Righeimer spoke on operation of Senior Center; indemnity clause; and working cooperatively in the best interest of the seniors. (00:47:17)

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Monahan/Council Member Leece

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Genis, Council Member Leece, Council Member Monahan, Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger, and Mayor Righeimer.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

ACTION:

City Council approved the following recommendations regarding the Senior Center operations to provide an opportunity for the Senior Center to thrive:

1. Invoked the 90-day termination clause in the current Agreement between the City and the Costa Mesa Senior Corporation; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 14-xx, to be read by title only and waived further reading, the exception to the 180-Day Wait Period Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224 to retain the services of a retired PERS employee who is a former Senior Center Director at another public agency; and
3. Adopted Resolution No. 14-xx, to be read by title only and waived further reading, which establishes the new Senior Center Program Administrator job description; and corresponding salary range; and
4. Authorized the CEO to execute a three (3) year contract with one optional two (2) year extension with Allied Nationwide Security Inc. to provide security services at the Senior Center during hours of operation; and
5. Approved one (1) year of free membership for all seniors who sign up at the center.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Council Member Leece spoke on the Relay for Life event at Costa Mesa High School; and Teen Academy. (00:51:56)

~~ADJOURNMENT~~ – Mayor Righeimer adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Stephen M. Mensinger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk