

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE COSTA MESA
CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING AND PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSIONS**

MARCH 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:04)

The Special Joint meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00 p.m. in the Los Lagos Room at the Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

CITY COUNCIL

Present: Council Member Mansoor, Council Member Righeimer, Council Member Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Genis, and Mayor Foley

Absent: None

PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: Commissioner Harlan, Commissioner Kerins, Commissioner Navarro Woods, Vice-Chair de Arakal, and Chair Andranian

Absent: None

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Present: Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds, Vice-Chair McNabb, and Chair Pederson

Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Tom Hatch, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Assistant City Manager Tamara Letourneau, Development Services Department Consultant Jay Trevino, Interim Finance Director Steve Dunivent, City Engineer Bart Mejia, Parks & Community Services Manager Justin Martin and City Clerk Brenda Green.

City Manager Hatch provided an overview of the presentation and spoke on homeless issues. (00:00:43)

Assistant City Manager Letourneau provided background information and overview of the project. (00:06:42)

Sherry Toth, Assistant County Librarian, representing the Orange County Libraries, spoke in support of the project. (00:10:40)

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MASTER PLAN PA-16-71 FOR THE LIONS PARK PROJECTS, 570 WEST 18TH STREET, 1845 AND 1855 PARK AVENUE

Mel Lee, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. (00:11:34)

Steve Johnson, Principal at Johnson Favaro Architecture and Urban Design, provided a powerpoint presentation on the Project Design. (00:15:27)

Steve Dunivent, Interim Finance Director, spoke on the Project Financing Plan. (01:17:39)

Mayor Pro Tem Genis inquired on the site location; and contingency soft costs. (01:23:36)

Discussion ensued on park fees; Edison funds; trees and plant palette; CEQA process; Mobile Recreation program; conditions of approval related to parking; and fundraising efforts for the project. (01:48:31)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (02:35:00)

Debbie Koken, Costa Mesa, spoke on including more nature in the Lions Park plan. (02:35:36)

Robert Graham, Costa Mesa, spoke against the project. (02:37:00)

Art Goddard, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (02:39:35)

Mary Ellen Goddard, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (02:43:01)

Susan Meyer, Costa Mesa, asked various questions regarding the project. (02:45:48)

Harold Weitzberg, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (02:48:10)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke against the project. (02:49:41)

Terry Koken, Costa Mesa, spoke on restrooms and the homeless. (02:53:14)

Andrea Marr, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (02:54:47)

Alex Reich, Costa Mesa, spoke against the project. (02:56:03)

Cindy Black, Costa Mesa, spoke against the project. (02:59:12)

Greg Ridge, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (03:02:21)

Darrell Neft, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (03:05:31)

Bob Ooten, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (03:07:25)

Ralph Taboada, Costa Mesa, expressed concerns on borrowing the funds. (03:10:01)

Cindy Brenneman, Costa Mesa, spoke against the project. (03:11:47)

Cynthia McDonald, Costa Mesa, expressed concerns on the proposed building. (03:14:25)

Speaker, spoke on the current park being inaccessible. (03:17:26)

Will B. King, spoke against the project. (03:20:38)

Rich Russell, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. (03:23:11)

Cheryl Ooten, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of the project. 03:26:20

Speaker, spoke on the history of the park, unlocking the ball field and providing bathrooms. (03:29:09)

Public Comments Closed.

Council Member Mansoor inquired on the contingency funds; going out to bid; and having separate meetings. (03:33:09)

Mayor Foley inquired on the café operator; public outreach; noticing the meetings; and opening up the park and baseball fields. (03:37:03)

Vice-Chair de Arakal spoke in support of the project. (03:52:40)

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Mansoor/Mayor Pro Tem Genis

MOTION: To separate the votes and hold separate meetings for the City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks & Recreation Commission. (03:59:14)

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Mansoor, Mayor Pro Tem Genis

Nays: Council Member Righeimer, Council Member Stephens, and Mayor Foley

Absent: None

Motion failed: 2-3

Parks and Recreation Commission (04:03:00)

Commissioner Bogner requested to look into adding a temporary portable unit with the construction. (04:03:15)

Commissioner Reynolds spoke on the site location; connectivity; taking down fences, bike lockers; and the Historical Society. (04:04:50)

MOVED/SECOND: Chair Pederson/Commissioner Ersoylu

MOTION: To approve the recommended action. (04:10:40)

Discussion ensued on the motion. (04:11:35)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Bogner, Commissioner Ersoylu, Commissioner Reynolds, Vice-Chair McNabb, and Chair Pederson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

ACTION:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission approved the Lions Park Projects Master Plan as proposed.

Planning Commission (04:27:15)

MOVED/SECOND: Chair Andranian/Vice-Chair de Arakal

MOTION: To approve recommended action #1. (04:27:34)

Commissioner Navarro Woods spoke in support of the motion. (04:27:51)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Harlan, Commissioner Kerins, Commissioner Navarro Woods, Vice-Chair de Arakal, and Chair Andranian

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

ACTION:

1. Planning Commission adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

MOVED/SECOND: Vice-Chair de Arakal/Council Member Kerins
MOTION: To approve recommended action #2. (04:29:38)

Commissioner Harlan spoke in support of the motion. (04:30:19)

Commissioner Kerins spoke in support of the motion. (04:31:46)

Chair Andranian spoke in support of the motion. (04:32:29)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Harlan, Commissioner Kerins, Commissioner Navarro Woods, Vice-Chair de Arakal, and Chair Andranian.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried: 5-0

2. Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC-17-15 to approve Planning Application PA-16-71 for the Lions Park Projects Master Plan, subject to conditions of approval and mitigation measures.

City Council (04:33:58)

Mayor Pro Tem Genis inquired on the availability of the meeting rooms; spacing for tot lots and older kids' recreation areas; bike walkers; historical society; and the café cost. (04:34:07)

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Stephens/Mayor Foley
MOTION: To approve the recommended actions. (04:41:40)

Council Member Stephens spoke in support of the motion. (04:42:19)

Council Member Righeimer spoke in support of the project. (04:46:17)

Mayor Foley spoke in support of the motion. (04:51:56)

Mayor Pro Tem Genis spoke on the project. (04:52:13)

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Mansoor, Council Member Righeimer, Council Member Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Genis, and Mayor Foley.

Nays: None

Absent: None

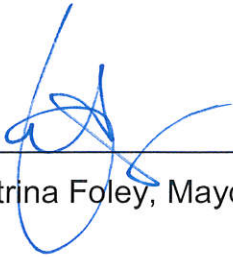
Motion carried: 5-0

ACTION:

1. City Council adopted the plans, specifications, and working details for the Lions Park Projects Master Plan, City Project No. 17-03; and
2. Authorized staff to advertise the Lions Park Projects for construction.

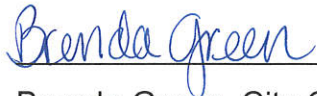
ADJOURNMENT (04:57:30) – The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:04 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 5th day of September, 2017.



Katrina Foley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk