

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
FINANCE AND PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 23, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ralph Taboada at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chair Ralph Taboada, Vice-Chair John Hinson, Members Teresa Drain, Don Harper, Marwan Khalifa, Wendy Leece, Al Melone, Tom Pollitt, Richard Riva, Anna Vrska, Mayor Sandra Genis

Members Absent: Bob Juneman

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Tammy Letourneau, Revenue Supervisor Anna Baca, Budget Specialist Dustin Birn, Management Analyst Ray Hull, Office Specialist Cassandra Burkart, City Clerk Brenda Green, Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Police Chief Robert Sharpnack, Economic & Development Services Director Barry Curtis, IT Director Steve Ely, Parks & Community Services Director Justin Martin, Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman

Staff Absent: City Manager Tom Hatch, Assistant Finance Director Colleen O'Donoghue

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Beth Refakes asked when and where the FY 2018-19 Preliminary Budget Community Meeting will be. Tammy Letourneau said it will be on May 30, 2018 in City Hall Room 1A.
- b. Beth Refakes asked why the airplane in Lions Park playground was being moved and how much it will cost. Raja Sethuraman explained the airplane will stay in the park, but it needs to be moved temporarily to resurface the playground to improve safety.
- c. Beth Refakes commented that some sidewalk projects in the FY 2018-19 Preliminary Budget book have the same description and asked if they are duplicates. Raja Sethuraman clarified that the projects may share the same description but are different projects that arise on a case-by-case basis.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2018 FIPAC MEETING**

**MOTION/SECOND:** Richard Riva/Anna Vrska

**Ayes:** Ralph Taboada, Teresa Drain, Don Harper, John Hinson, Bob Juneman, Marwan Khalifa, Wendy Leece, Tom Pollitt, Richard Riva, Anna Vrska

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Bob Juneman

**Motion Carried:** 10-0-0-1

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. FiPAC recommendations to City Council on FY 2018-19 Preliminary Operating and Capital Improvement Budget
  - i. Tammy Letourneau said one additional full-time position (Video Production Specialist) has been added to the FY 2018-19 Preliminary Budget since the Committee was briefed on the budget during its May 16, 2018 meeting, bringing the full-time position count to 476.
  - ii. Tammy Letourneau notified the Committee that a study of Fund 602 Self-Insurance Fund will be a summer project after the FY 18-19 Budget is finalized.
  - iii. A roundtable discussion was conducted on a FiPAC Budget Sub-Committee letter to City Council containing comments and recommendations on the FY 2018-19 Preliminary Budget. Ralph Taboada said Budget Sub-Committee would compile the Committees' comments into a final letter and forward the letter to the City Council ahead of the May 29, 2018 City Council Study Session.
  
- b. Sub-Committee report on collection of sales tax from OC Fairgrounds
  - i. Tammy Letourneau notified the Committee that Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates (HdL) has been retained to review City sales tax collection issues. HdL will work with City staff and the FiPAC Sales Tax Sub-Committee to review current work performed and scope out the study.

**7. MEMBERS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**

John Hinson provided an article to FiPAC members on the City of Palo Alto, CA efforts to prepare for escalating pension liabilities. Ralph Taboada suggested the article be sent to City Council members.


*Alarmed by pension costs, city seeks to slash \$4m* [Web log post]. (2018, May 18). Sheyner, G. from <https://paloaltoonline.com/news/print/2018/05/18/alarmed-by-pension-costs-city-seeks-to-slash-4m>

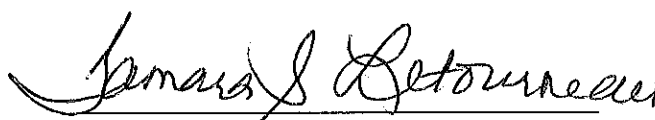
**8. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to the next regular Meeting of the Finance and Pension Advisory Committee on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

  
 Ralph Taboada, Chair

  
 Tamara Letourneau, Assistant City Manager