

REGULAR AJOURNED MEETING (STUDY SESSION) OF THE

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COSTA MESA**

January 12, 2010

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a Regular Adjourned Meeting (Study Session), on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:34 p.m. in the Conference Room 1A of City Hall, 77, Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Mayor Allan R. Mansoor
Mayor Pro Tem Wendy Leece
Council Member Eric R. Bever
Council Member Katrina Foley
Council Member Gary Monahan

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder
Assistant City Manager Tom Hatch
City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow
Acting Development Services Director Kimberly Brandt
Public Services Director Peter Naghavi
Police Chief Christopher Shawkey
Recreation Manager Jana Ransom
Recreation Supervisor Lisa McPherson
City Clerk Julie Folcik

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jenna Watson, Costa Mesa, addressed her comments regarding the commercial use of the park and how it would effect her business as a personal trainer who utilized the park for small group exercise or personal training.
2. Martin Millard Costa Mesa, expressing concern that some of the commercial uses of the park may not be of benefit to the city.

3. Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, commented on the red light cameras being used to catch those drivers that are speeding; felt that there should be a business license required in addition to the fee for commercial use of the park and that the proposed fee was to low.

II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. ATS Red Light Camera update.

Police Chief Christopher Shawkey introduced Bill Kreske, Vice President of Business Development of American Traffic Solutions, and successor to Nestor, made a presentation highlighting his company's technologically advanced red light cameras systems. He responded to questions from the City Council regarding accidents rates, driver violations and details of the features of the company's red light cameras, the current contract for the existing red light cameras and camera locations. No action was taken on the item.

2. Presentation Regarding Proposed League of California Cities Sponsored Ballot Measure.

Assistant City Manager Thomas Hatch introduced Tony Cardenas, Orange County Representative for the League of California Cities. He updated the Council on the issues surrounding the State's budget crisis and informed them of a proposed ballot measure, The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act, to further protect the local revenues. He also advised what was permitted and not permitted by way of fundraising and advocacy for the ballot measure. He responded to questions regarding taxes, and revenue protection provisions of the measure.

3. Commercial Use Policies of City Parks.

Recreation Manager Jana Ransom presented the staff report regarding the recommendation to implement a policy and annual permit fee for commercial use of public parks. She responded to questions from the City Council relative to a business license requirement, CPR certification of personal trainers, and application of the policy. Discussion amongst the Council ensued regarding types of businesses permitted, competition with established "brick and mortar" businesses and the proposed fees. No action was taken.

4. Partnership Policy with Non-Profits Using Recreation Facilities

Recreation Supervisor Lisa McPherson presented the staff report regarding a proposal for non-profits to partner with the City in providing recreational and education programs for the community in City facilities. She responded to questions from the Council regarding the various classes offered, formula for cost recovery, scheduling, and a facility use policy. No action was taken on this item

5. Employee of the Month

The City Council reviewed applications for Employee of the Month, a preference was indicated, absent any objection. Announcement of the Employee of the Month would be made at a subsequent City Council meeting.

III. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

There were no Council Comments made.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held January 19, 2010.