

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION AND STUDY SESSION OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Closed Session was called to order by Mayor Foley at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Genis (Arrived at 4:38 p.m.), Council Member Mansoor (Arrived at 4:38 p.m.), Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, and Mayor Foley.

Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54957.6, California Government Code
Agency Designated Representatives: Peter Brown, Partner, Liebert Cassidy
Whitmore, and Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, City Manager.
Name of Employee Organization: Costa Mesa Firefighters Association (CMFA)

City Council reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:11)

The Study Session was called to order by Mayor Foley at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:00:24) – Led by Mayor Foley.

ROLL CALL (00:00:47)

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Genis, Council Member Mansoor, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, and Mayor Foley.

Absent: None.

CITY ATTORNEY CLOSED SESSION REPORT (00:00:55) – No reportable action.

STUDY SESSION ITEM (00:01:06)

1. REVIEW THE GENERAL FUND'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL RESULTS; FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 PACING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; AND STATUS OF DEFERRED ITEMS FROM FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET ADOPTION

Staff presentation by Ms. Telford, Finance Director, Police Chief Glass, and Mr. Ely, Information Technology Director.

Public Comments:

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction. (00:38:31)

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction to 2%. (00:40:53)

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction. (00:43:00)

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction. (00:45:03)

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction. (00:47:05)

Anna Vrska, Costa Mesa, spoke on providing balances of all city funds, not just the general fund, and inquired on the budget for the mobile command unit. (00:49:12)

Speaker, spoke on the current cannabis business tax and requested a reduction, and spoke on the licensing market in the city. (00:51:16)

Ralph Taboada, Costa Mesa, spoke on the budget forecasting for the year, overtime concerns, legal expenses, capital improvement projects, and the Police Department vehicle upgrades. (00:53:33)

Chris Sheppard, Business owner, spoke on the current cannabis tax rate and requested a reduction. (00:55:34)

Discussion ensued on the mobile command vehicle, the cannabis industry and related tax, the 115 Trust, Police Department line items, the Police car video system vs. body cam system, Police Department budget requests, Code Enforcement staffing changes, total number of city vehicles, strategic planning for replacing vehicles, TOT estimates, revenue generating measure, citywide fee study, a phased plan for budgeting, tracking ongoing spending, grant funding, overtime spending, anticipated adjustments in the year, streamlining the business process, receiving a copy of the CAFR prior to the holiday break, the previous budget processes, personal protective equipment, and upgrading technology.


ACTION:

The City Council was updated and discussion ensued on the following items:

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 General Fund preliminary financial results and the projected ending fund balance;
- FY 2019-20 General Fund pacing for the quarter ended September 30, 2019; and
- Status of the FY 2019-20 deferred items for the Finance Department, Information Technology Department, Development Services Department and Police Department.


ADJOURNMENT (02:24:10) – Mayor Foley adjourned the Study Session at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 10th day of November, 2020.



Katrina Foley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk