

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Foley at 9:06 a.m. at the Avenue of the Arts Hotel, Gershwin Room, 3350 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Chavez, Council Member Genis (arrived 9:26 a.m.), Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Stephens, and Mayor Foley.

Absent: Council Member Mansoor

Officials Present: Acting City Manager Tamara Letourneau, City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow, Finance Director Kelly Telford, Economic and Development Services Director Barry Curtis, Public Services Director Raja Sethuraman, Police Chief Robert Sharpnack, Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Parks and Community Services Director Justin Martin, Chief of Staff Connor Lock, Economic Development Administrator Dan Inloes, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

The Mayor introduced Mr. Dave Kiff, Executive Director of ACCOC, who would be facilitating the Council Retreat.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF THE DAY – GOAL SETTING AND COUNCIL RETREAT

PUBLIC COMMENTS (01:18:15)

Wendy Leece, Costa Mesa, spoke on addressing a variety of issues and on public safety.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, requested status of signal pre-emption on Newport Blvd., funding for fire station #2, public safety, and storm drain improvements.

Speaker, spoke on sober living issues.

Speaker, spoke on transparency.

Public Comments closed.

Presentations on City Department updates, key initiatives and challenges provided by Mr. Lock, Ms. Telford, Chief Sharpnack, Chief Stefano, Mr. Sethuraman, Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Martin.

Break 11:45 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.

Presentations on City Department updates and key initiatives and challenges provided by Mr. Inloes, and Ms. Letourneau.

Lunch and Closed Session held from 12:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Closed Session

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): 1 matter
Title: City Manager

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Section 54956.9, California Government Code
Name of Case: Orange County Catholic Worker, an unincorporated association:
Lisa Bell, Shawn Carroll, Melissa Fields, Larry Ford, Cameron Ralston, Kathy Schuler, Gloria Shoemake, as individuals v. Orange County, City of Anaheim, City of Costa Mesa, and City of Orange, United States District Court, Central District of California – Southern Division, Case No. 8:18-cv-00155.

City Council resumed open session at 2:55 p.m.

City Attorney Closed Session Report – No reportable action.

The City Council identified and discussed various priorities.

Public Comments:

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke on fiscal sustainability and transparency.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, spoke on transparency, airport issues, and fire station #2.

Olga Reynolds, Costa Mesa, spoke on public outreach.

Mary Spadoni, Costa Mesa, spoke on broader civic engagement.

Speaker, spoke on additional programming for early childhood.

The City Council provided direction on the following Goals and Objectives:

1. Keep our Community Safe.
2. Improve Our Neighborhoods and Quality of Life.
3. Keep the City Fiscally Sustainable.
4. Address Housing Shortages and Homelessness.
5. Improve Mobility and Parking.
6. Good Government and Community Engagement.


ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Foley adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Minutes adopted on this 2nd day of March, 2021.



Katrina Foley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Green, City Clerk