

**EXCERPT OF MINUTES  
FROM AUGUST 16, 2004  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COSTA MESA

AUGUST 16, 2004

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in regular session August 16, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, and a moment of solemn expression led by Dr. Dennis Short, Harbor Christian Church.

## ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Monahan  
Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor  
Council Member Libby Cowan  
Council Member Mike Scheafer

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder  
Acting City Attorney Tom Wood  
Development Services Director  
Donald Lamm  
Public Services Director William  
Morris  
Assistant City Manager Steve  
Hayman  
Transportation Services Manager  
Peter Naghavi  
Recreation Manager Jana  
Ransom  
Fire Chief Jim Ellis  
Deputy Fire Chief Gregg Steward  
Management Analyst Carol  
Proctor  
Deputy City Clerk Julie Folcik

MINUTES  
August 2, 2004

On motion by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Steel, and carried 5-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2004, were approved as distributed.

ORDINANCES AND  
RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, and carried 5-0, to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only.

PRESENTATION  
Rafael Reynosa  
Proclamation

Mayor Monahan read a proclamation honoring Lance Corporal Rafael Reynosa who was killed during Operation Freedom in Iraq. He offered condolences to the family and presented them with the proclamation and a plaque from the Costa Mesa Police Department in recognition of Lance Corporal Reynosa's bravery in preserving the Democratic principles of our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT  
Millard Comments

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, wondered why test scores in Costa Mesa schools were low compared to those in Newport Beach schools, the crime rate is higher than any other cities except Santa Ana, there is more industrial zoning, the median home price is lower than other cities, there are more renters than homeowners, a growing gang problem, and an overabundance of charities. He believed that the City Council is ultimately responsible for

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NEW BUSINESS  
"Resident only Permit  
Parking"

The Deputy City Clerk presented a resolution designating "resident only" permit parking on Columbia Drive, Wake Forest Road, Amherst Place, Tulane Place, Dartmouth Place, Rutgers Drive, and Fordham Drive. Communications in support of permit parking were received from Costa Mesa residents Mary M. Boag; Doris Nelson; Edith Dilley; Kathy and Gary Chapin; Kim Dalebroux and Anthony lhnat; and Kim and Jeff Anderson. Communications opposed to permit parking were received from Costa Mesa residents Caryn Fitzhugh; Soheila Rahmani; Pat Lake; and Daniel Pettit. The Transportation Services Manager reviewed the Agenda Report dated July 29, 2004, and responded to questions from Council. Mayor Monahan was concerned about guest, parent, and teacher parking at College Park School, especially on street sweeping day.

The following Costa Mesa residents spoke in support of "resident only" permit parking: Royellen Duffield, observed that the neighborhood had deteriorated recently, citing the parking situation, including parking over the 72-hour limit, trash, and disrespecting property, and maintained that the apartment building owners do not provide sufficient tenant parking; Omar Olmedo, stated that the parking issue is a recent development, and reported results of the "domino effect" due to "resident only" parking on Cornell Drive; Danny Deneff; Stan Wlasick, mentioned the disrespect shown by visitors parking on the street; John Huntely, reported that a recent visit of the telephone repair man required him to park a block away from Mr. Huntely's home due to the lack of parking, and advised that persons have often been found sleeping in their cars; Ramon, no last name given; Caren Weir; Linda Bolsen, observed that this is a safety issue, and parking restrictions are necessary to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood; Zach McCrea, sympathized with those who do not have adequate parking, and encouraged further investigation prior to making a decision; Jim Duffield, stated that the problem has exacerbated in the last couple of years; Ron Lane; Sean Haley, mentioned vandalism on his street, and stated that Columbia Drive and Wake Forest Road are used for cut-through traffic; Jack Hoffman, commented that parked cars have spilled over onto Joann Street; Marianne Segalla, asked Council to consider the impact to the neighborhood if pedestrian traffic were blocked, and indicated that restricted parking would not affect teachers or volunteers at College Park School; a resident on Rutgers Drive, suggested that if the request for permit parking is denied that the permit parking on Cornell Drive should be revoked; and Lori McDonald, encouraged limiting the permits to two per residence.

The following Costa Mesa residents spoke in opposition to "resident only" permit parking: the resident at 377 West Wilson Street, proposed removing all "resident only" parking signs; Michelle Morey, asked that this proposal be postponed for two weeks in order for her to inform her neighbors; Dennis Rudolph, objected to the comment that "50 percent of the cars parked are unrelated to the neighborhood", and claimed that the neighborhood has not changed in the 10 years in which he has been a resident; the resident at 311 West Wilson Street, agreed with Mayor Monahan that "resident only" parking may cause a "domino effect"; Michelle Henry, thought that the problem is not new; Pat Lake, suggested that residents adjacent to the streets proposed for permit parking be issued permits and guest passes; Jesus Rivera; Jennifer Ballard; a resident at 327 West Wilson Street; Bob Schaefer; and Lyle Hernandez, asked that the decision be postponed.

Responding to a statement that the mobile home park on West

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Wilson Street had added to the original number of homes, the Development Services Director stated that the park has an approved site plan with approved parking, and the City has not been notified of any change. He assured the Mayor that the matter would be investigated.

Martin Millard, Costa Mesa, believed that the apartment building owners should provide sufficient parking for their tenants.

Mike Berry, Costa Mesa, agreed that there are parking problems but did not believe that parking restrictions are the answer.

Cindy Brenneman, Costa Mesa, thought that "resident only" parking is hard to enforce, the red stickers get lost, and the residents make copies of the guest parking passes. She suggested a joint use agreement with the Harbor Shopping Center for a defined number of spaces.

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, suggested that the City contact managers of the multi-family units to determine the cause of the overcrowding. She reiterated that permit parking only works if it is enforced.

Charles Templin, Costa Mesa, opposed "resident only" parking on Columbia Drive but favored it in the cul-de-sac.

Robert Graham, Costa Mesa, commented about the parking on Swan Drive adjacent to Fairview Park.

Igal Israel, Costa Mesa, preferred that the Police Department be allowed to do their job policing the City rather than giving parking tickets.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, called parking an "epidemic problem throughout the City", and believed that the current parking requirements should be reviewed. She felt that the apartment owners were irresponsible by not providing adequate parking.

After responding to questions from Council, the Transportation Services Manager proposed continuing this item in order for staff to provide additional information and to inform interested members of the public. Mayor Monahan suggested that staff research the mobile home park and other complexes on Wilson Street to ensure that they are in compliance with the original parking standards. He had issues with creating the domino effect and taking a public street for "resident only". He asked staff to delve into other options to alleviate the situation.

Council Member Steel professed his advocacy for neighborhood integrity. He was sympathetic to the residents on Wilson Street, and asked staff to determine why they need to park in College Park. He asked that owners of the mobile home parks and apartment buildings be identified, as well as any homeowners associations. Council Member Steel supported adoption of the resolution to institute the "resident only" parking, directing staff to ascertain what can legally be done for those persons who do not live in College Park to guarantee them a place to park.

Council Member Scheafer concurred with Mayor Monahan who advised looking "outside the box", and thought that the Harbor Shopping Center may be losing an opportunity to institute a permit parking plan for local residents. He advised speaking with the

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residents regarding to these issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor understood that this is a parking, trash, and noise issue, and agreed with the comment that the apartments are a business and the owners need to take responsibility for providing adequate parking for their tenants. He supported a comprehensive approach, and asked that the apartment owners be informed as they need to be a part of the solution. He asked staff to determine what has changed recently to create this problem. Council Member Steel concurred that the apartment owners and shopping centers should work together on the parking issue.

MOTION/Continued  
for 60 Days; Gave  
Directions to Staff

A motion was made by Mayor Monahan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, to continue this item for 60 days, and directed staff to determine the cause of the parking problem, what the current parking situation is for the apartment and condominium complexes; to identify what has changed in the last six months to a year to exacerbate the problem; to determine ways to alleviate the parking issues in the area; and further directed staff to receive input from residents, property owners, homeowners associations and business owners on possible solutions and on issues such as: a possible agreement with the neighboring shopping centers or churches for evening/contracted parking for residents; to determine interest on the part of the residents of the cul-de-sacs, of possibly blocking off of the pedestrian walkways from Fairview Road and to determine the associated costs; to ensure that the pedestrian route to the schools is not disturbed; and consider if parking passes should be issued for Wilson Street and for the Pinecreek Apartments.

Council Member Steel opposed the motion because he thought that action should be taken to provide immediate relief for the situation. Mayor Monahan asked that comments or suggestions for solutions to the parking issues be forwarded to himself or the Transportation Services Manager.

The motion carried 4-1, Council Member Steel voting no.

RECESS

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS  
Prioritization and  
Review of Programs

The Deputy City Clerk presented Council Prioritization and Review of Programs:

Review of Council Standing Committees: Fairview Park Friend/Fundraising Committee; Human Relations Committee; Child Care and Youth Services Committee; Cultural Arts Committee; and the Historical Preservation Committee.

Review of City Council Appeals Process.

Council Standing  
Committees

The Assistant City Manager summarized the Agenda Report dated July 26, 2004, regarding Standing Committees, and he and the Management Analyst responded to questions from Council.

Bill Orton, Costa Mesa, member of the Costa Mesa Historical Preservation Committee, thanked the City for the opportunity to volunteer, and commented that the committee provides citizen input, and urged Council to retain the committees mentioned in the Agenda Report.

Dave Gardner, Costa Mesa, chairman of the Costa Mesa Historical