



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 21, 2003

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: COSTA MESA JOB CENTER
DATE: JULY 10, 2003
FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT/RECREATION DIVISION
PRESENTATION BY: STEVEN E. HAYMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MARK TAYLOR, MANAGEMENT ANALYST 754-5636

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report and provide Staff with direction on Costa Mesa Job Center operation.

BACKGROUND:

The Job Center began operations in 1988 to provide a central clearinghouse for contractors/employers to find temporary work. Following the Job Center's opening, its performance has been reviewed periodically by the City Council.

At this time, Council Member Mansoor has requested the Job Center be agendized for discussion. Council Member Mansoor has indicated an interest in limiting the Job Center to Costa Mesa residents only. There are 2 types of residents who utilize the services provided by the Job Center: Day Workers who are seeking employment and contractors who need labor. Currently, Costa Mesa resident day workers do not pay to use the Center and non Costa Mesa day worker residents pay a one time fee of \$5.00 when they initially register. There is no fee for employers. In addition, Mayor Pro Tem Steel requested that the funding for the Job Center be considered as well.

ANALYSIS:

Over the years, a number of reports have been presented to Council regarding the Job Center and rather than recreate the history of the Job Center in this report, Staff has attached the 2 most recent reports as analysis of the operation of the Center. Attachment 1 is the report of April 1, 2002, and Attachment 2 is the report of June 17, 2002. Both of these Staff Reports provide a history of the Job Center, a summary of the issues, and Staff analysis of those issues.

As Council Member Mansoor has indicated an interest in limiting the Job Center to Costa Mesa residents only, Staff would point out that limiting the contractors to residents only would limit the pool of available employers by approximately 50% and therefore reduce the potential for Costa Mesa resident workers for finding employment.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives are presented at this time as Staff is requesting direction. Based on Council discussion and direction, Staff can return at a later date, if appropriate, with alternative service delivery options.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no Fiscal Review for this item. Funding for the Job Center was included in the adopted FY 2004 City budget. The FY 2004 approved budget for the Costa Mesa Job Center is \$99,149. Staff has been discussing the Job Center lease the landlord, who indicated they would seek a rent adjustment of \$200 per month. The current rent is \$2000 per month and it has been approximately 9 years since the Job Center rent has been adjusted and staff included the potential increased rent in the FY 2004 Adopted Budget.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no Legal Review for this item.

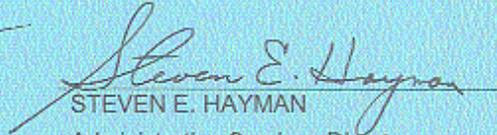
CONCLUSION:

Council Member Mansoor and Mayor Pro Tem Steel have requested the Costa Mesa Job Center operation be agendaized for discussion. Staff requests Council direction and will be present to answer questions.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1 April 1, 2002 City Council Report
2 June 17, 2002 City Council Report

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