

**March 6, 2007
City Council Meeting
Verbatim Transcript**

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS –

Mayor Mansoor:	One other item that I do have ...as has been past practice, I would like to modify our seating arrangement up here, so that our newest member, Council Member Leece has an opportunity to sit next to Allan Roeder in case she has any questions. That's been standard practice in the past, and for that reason, I would like to request that Council Member Dixon and Council Member Leece switch seats.
Council Member Leece:	Mr. Mayor?
Mayor Mansoor:	Council Member Leece.
Council Member Leece:	I think that would be a good idea. That would be very helpful to me. Several times during several meetings I have had questions to ask and I think it would be helpful if I was able to sit next to one of the most knowledgeable people about Costa Mesa, Mr. Roeder.
Council Member Dixon:	Mr. Mayor?
Mayor Mansoor:	Council Member Dixon.
Council Member Dixon:	We've had this conversation on the telephone and I don't understand why Member Leece couldn't sit next to our attorney. Our attorney is very knowledgeable and I am certain that she will do an excellent job advising. When I met with Council Member Leece she told me she really didn't want to sit at the ends because she didn't want to look like the new guy who didn't know what was going on. So, I just don't really understand why a simple move on that end can't be done.

Mayor Mansoor:	Well, I would like to ask if we make this change now and quite frankly I'd like to know why you can't...your not willing to make this move between you and Council Member Leece.
Council Member Dixon:	I don't think that it's appropriate that Council Member Foley and I be off to the side and the three of you be on the other side. I think it's...an inappropriate look for our city. I think that this is a way where we at least look like we're working together by being spread out, and I just don't think it's right.
Council Member Leece:	Mr. Mayor?
Mayor Mansoor:	Council Member Leece, then I have a comment.
Council Member Leece:	Ms. Dixon, perhaps I did state that. With the last few meetings that I've attended I have found that it would be helpful if I could sit next to the City Manager.
Mayor Mansoor:	Okay...Well...
Council Member Dixon:	Why don't we try it where you sit next to the City Attorney for awhile and see if that works.
Mayor Mansoor:	Well, based on the refusal to move... you know...I guess we will have to agendize it. I think it's unfortunate but that is what I am asking.
Council Member Dixon:	I also think that it's unfortunate that you would not make that slight move right over there. I think it is very unfortunate.
Mayor Pro Tem Bever:	Mr. Mayor?
Mayor Mansoor:	Mayor Pro Tem Bever, then I am ready to go to the consent calendar.
Mayor Pro Tem Bever:	Member Dixon, I'm extremely flattered that you don't want to relinquish you seat. I don't know if it's Mr. Roeder or me that you like...
Council Member Dixon:	I think it's both of you, Eric. I don't choose favorites.

Mayor Pro Tem Bever:	I did sit next to Mr. Roeder when I was a newbe and I found that to be a very helpful placement as well. So I just wanted to add that to the record.
Council Member Dixon:	And I sat next to the City Attorney and found it extremely helpful.
Mayor Mansoor:	Okay, I'm ready to move onto the consent calendar. ...