



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: Request of Council Member Monahan for Review of Senior Center Programs/Services; Establishment of a Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee

DATE: December 29, 2008

FROM: City Manager's Office

PRESENTATION BY: Council Member Gary Monahan

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OVERVIEW:

In 1988, the Costa Mesa Senior Corporation (CMSC) was established by action of the City Council to manage the Senior Center located at 695 W. 19th Street. As a non-profit corporation, the CMSC was established with broad authority to develop and implement a variety of programs and services for the senior population of Costa Mesa. The City contracts with CMSC to provide these services at an annual cost of approximately \$339,000. A copy of the latest Program Report outlining the services provided is attached as Exhibit A to this report. In addition, a comparative analysis of programs and services with other comparable senior centers – as required under the agreement between the Senior Corporation and the City – is attached as Exhibit B. The current contract between the CMSC and the City runs through June 30, 2010.

Council Member Gary Monahan has requested that this subject be placed on the City Council Agenda. While the Council member will overview his specific thoughts on the subject, the presentation will generally cover the following:

1. Establishment of a Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee consisting of representation from the City Council, Board of Directors of the Senior Corporation, staff from the Senior Center and the City along with additional participants, as needed;
2. A comprehensive review of existing programs & services provided by the Senior Center as well as potential expansion of programs and facility enhancements;

3. Review of the existing contract between the City and the Senior Corporation in anticipation of an extension of the contract in 2010; and
4. Short and long range financial planning for existing and future operations, including required staffing, in conjunction with a contract extension.

Council Member Monahan has attached to this report his suggested composition for the proposed Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee. The Council member will overview the basis for the suggested composition of the Task Force or Ad Hoc Committee and the related scope of its intended work. The Council member has requested that it be made clear in this report that this effort is not intended to serve as an on-going advisory committee on senior citizen services, but be limited specifically to the operation of the Senior Center.

CONCLUSION:

Should the City Council choose to support implementation of the proposed Committee, it will only move forward with the support of the Board of the Senior Corporation. The City does not maintain unilateral authority over the Corporation or its Board, so cooperation between the parties is essential. At the conclusion of the Committee's work, there will likely be action items requiring City Council approval; some requiring action by the Board of the Senior Corporation and still others that require approval by both entities. Consequently, there are no binding actions as a consequence of establishing this Committee – simply opportunities.

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ATTACHMENTS: A [Costa Mesa Senior Center Programs and Services](#)
B [Surrounding Cities Survey 2008](#)
C [Committee Formation Application](#)