

**REGULAR AJOURNED MEETING (STUDY SESSION) OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COSTA MESA**

**February 8, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a Regular Adjourned Meeting (Study Session), on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 4:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77, Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Monahan  
Mayor Pro Tem James Righeimer  
Council Member Eric R. Bever  
Council Member Wendy Leece  
Council Member Stephen Mensinger

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder  
Assistant City Manager Tom Hatch  
City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow  
Interim Assistant City Manager Terry Matz  
Administrative Services Director Steve Mandoki  
Development Services Director Kim Brandt  
Budget and Research Officer Bobby Young  
ABLE Commander Tim Starn  
City Clerk Julie Folcik

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gordon West, Costa Mesa (00:00:45)
2. Judi Berry, Costa Mesa (00:02:13)
3. Tammy Sack (00:03:00)
4. Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa (00:08:30)

**II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Overview of FY 2010-2011 Budget at Mid-Year (00:14:30)

Mayor Monahan commented on the current state of the City and on the work that needs to be done to move the City forward "in these tough times."

Assistant City Manager Tom Hatch introduced the item and highlighted the shortfall of \$1.4 million for the current budget year. Budget and Research Officer Bobby Young presented the mid-year budget review providing information on historical data on revenues, expenditures, fund balance and what was projected for the year as well as responded to questions from the Council Members.

It was unanimously agreed to take Items 4 and 6 out of order.

4. Presentation of Future Rates and City's Unfunded Liability for CalPERS (00:26:38)

Budget and Research Officer Bobby Young presented the report, explaining the unfunded pension liability (currently \$130 million), provided historical and projected PERS rates and spoke of the PERS contributions to be made by the City and that of the employees. Mr. Young along with City Manager Allan Roeder responded to questions from Council Members.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Redevelopment Agency Update (01:04:08)

Development Services Director Kim Brandt presented the report on the Governor's proposal to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies, and the status of the City's loan to the Costa Mesa RDA and the Downtown Project Fund. Mrs. Brandt along with City Manager Allan Roeder and Budget & Research Officer Bobby Young responded to questions from Council Members.

No action was taken on this item.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**II. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (Continued)**

2. Consider the Dissolution of the Airborne Law Enforcement (ABLE) Program (01:36:22)

Assistant City Manager Tom Hatch presented the report with ABLE Commander Tim Starn, providing a history of the ABLE Program highlighted the agreements with the communities that it served, informed of the program cost saving measures taken in the fiscal year FY 2010-2011, and explained the process of the potential dissolution of the program noting the considerations to include personnel, Joint Power Authority Agreements and the lease of the Hanger at John Wayne Airport.

Assistant City Manger Tom Hatch along with Commander Starn and City Manager Allan Roeder responded to questions from Council Members. Mayor Monahan requested this item to be added to the February 15, 2011 Council Meeting Agenda for further consideration and determination. No action was taken on this item.

3. Consider the Elimination of Two Vacant Police Officer Positions (02:05:48)

Administrative Services Director Steve Mandoki presented this report based on the City Council Budget Working Group's review of vacant positions and recommendation for elimination of the two police officer positions that had been vacant. Discussion ensued on citywide vacancies and staff reductions. Administrative Services Director Steve Mandoki, along with Assistant City Manager Tom Hatch and City Manager Allan Roeder responded to questions from Council Members. No action was taken on this item.

5. Discussion of Noticing Requirements for Outsourcing City Services or Layoffs (02:28:35)

City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow explained the 30-day notice requirement for lay-offs of employees and/or for services that the City would no longer provide and the 6-month notice requirement for services that were to be outsourced pursuant to the Memorandums of Understanding with the various labor organizations. She informed of the need to "meet and confer" with employee bargaining groups and the City's requirement to comply with the Meyers-Milias Brown Act. The City Attorney responded to questions from Council Members. No action was taken on this item.

7. Employee of the Month

The City Council reviewed applications for Employee of the Month, a preference was indicated, absent any objection. Announcement of the Employee of the Month would be made at a subsequent City Council meeting.

**III. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS**


There were no Council Comments made.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held February 15, 2011.

  
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Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa