

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COSTA MESA CITY COUNCIL,
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

December 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, and Council Member Mensinger

Council Members Absent: Mayor Monahan

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed into closed session at 5:04 p.m. to consider the following items:

1. Conference with Thomas R. Hatch, Chief Executive Officer, and Labor Negotiator, Agency Negotiator regarding Employee Organizations: Costa Mesa City Employee Association (CMCEA), Costa Mesa Firefighters Association (CMFA), Costa Mesa Police Officers Association (CMPOA) and Costa Mesa Police Management Association (CMPMA), Costa Mesa Fire Fighters Management Association, and Costa Mesa Division Managers Association pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
2. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Costa Mesa Employees Association v. City of Costa Mesa, a municipal corporation, et al., Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2011 00475281, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
3. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Timothy M. Slappy, an individual v. Robert Harris in his official and individual capacities; City of Costa Mesa, a government entity, Case No. SACV11-00425 DOC (MLGx), pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
4. Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Helyn May Elitzak, an individual v. the City of Costa Mesa; Arnell Management Company Inc., a California corporation, Orange County Superior Court Case No. Case No 30-2011-00439380, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

5. Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – (one case).

The City Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (00:00:10)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (00:00:50) – Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

MOMENT OF SOLEMN EXPRESSION (00:01:06)

Head Pastor Rod Randall, Harbor Trinity Baptist Church

ROLL CALL (00:02:50)

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, and Council Member Mensinger

Council Members Absent: Mayor Monahan

Officials Present: Chief Executive Officer Thomas R. Hatch, City Attorney Thomas Duarte, Assistant Chief Executive Officer Rick Francis, Economic and Development Services Director Peter Naghavi, Public Services Director Ernesto Munoz, and City Clerk Brenda Green.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

The City Attorney stated that there was no reportable action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (00:03:00)

"Costa Mesa Minute" was played featuring upcoming events and activities in the community.

PRESENTATIONS (00:06:10)

Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer acknowledged the Pop Warner Flag Football Team "The Mighty Mites" for winning 10 out of 11 games in the season.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:22:40)

Jim Jordan, Costa Mesa, thanked Council for continuing the Snoopy Display and asked for donations and volunteers. (00:23:32)

Helen Nenadal, Orange, President of the Costa Mesa City Employees Association, spoke about the city employees and the outsourcing of services. (00:26:56)

Perry Valentine, Costa Mesa, recounted a timeline of events that occurred in 2011 related to the budget, outsourcing, and City employees. (00:29:39)

Marshall Krupp, Costa Mesa, expressed concerns regarding issues around Susan Street and the Providence Park area. (00:33:00)

Barb Freeman, Costa Mesa, reiterated concerns from the previous speaker regarding traffic and parking issues around Susan Street and Sunflower Avenue. (00:37:07)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, spoke about employee layoffs, and committee appointments. (00:41:33)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke about Fire and safety personnel pensions and contracts. (00:45:07)

Billy Folsom, Costa Mesa, spoke about outsourcing and the extension of layoff notices, the Request for Proposal process, and referred to an article by Colin McCarthy. (00:48:20)

Sue Lester, Costa Mesa, expressed thanks for the continuation of the Snoopy display, and urged everyone to work together as a team. (00:51:39)

Greg Thunnell, Costa Mesa, spoke about Council actions. (00:54:19)

Bill Harader, Costa Mesa, expressed dissent in Council's direction, complimented the city's improved website, and spoke about the Snoopy house (00:57:55)

James Proctor, Costa Mesa, provided cost-saving ideas. (01:02:20)

Hayley Hudgens, Ashlyn, Emily, Michael, students from Brethren Christian High School, introduced themselves and informed of their attendance at the meeting to learn about government. (01:04:53)

Terry Koken, Costa Mesa, sang a song about the proposed city charter. (01:05:45)

Tom Pollitt, Costa Mesa, spoke about the budget and thanked Council for their efforts to balance it. (01:06:50)

Reverend Sarah Halverson, Costa Mesa, spoke about outsourcing and the Homeless Task Force. (01:08:04)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS CONSIDERED OUT OF ORDER (01:11:40)

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING: Continued from the meeting of November 1, 2011, Review of Planning Commission's determination regarding Planning Application PA-11-22, for Peak West Development LLC, for a design review with a variance from maximum number of stories and building height (2 stories/27 ft. max. allowed; 3 stories/44 ft. proposed) and deviation from the city's residential design guideline for 2nd and 1st floor ratio (80% maximum recommended; 86% proposed) for a new 23,109 square-foot community building with below-grade parking for tenants of both Villa Venetia and Pine Brook Village Apartments in an R3 (Multiple-Family Residential District) Zone. This is a revised submittal from the previously proposed building height of 61 ft. under Planning Application PA-11-15. Environmental Determination: Exempt. (01:11:57)**

MOTION: Continue the Public Hearing to the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012.

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Bever

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

Public Hearing continued to Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING INCREASED FEES AND NEW FEE CATEGORIES FOR CONTRACT TOW OPERATORS. (01:12:33)**

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Mensinger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

Public Hearing continued to Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012.

REPORT-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) (01:13:14)

CEO Thomas Hatch thanked Mr. Jordan for his support in the community; acknowledged Mr. Fitzpatrick for assistance with coordinating volunteers; spoke on quality services provided to the public by the City; addressed questions regarding layoff notices and the Police Department; addressed concerns regarding Susan Street; spoke on Fleet Maintenance, the hiring of a Labor Negotiator, and the Homeless Task Force; provided an update on Fire Statistics, the creation of a Quality of Life Task Force, and the League of California Cities Goals; and spoke on the draft of budget policies and the City's 5-year forecast.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – (01:34:20)

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal of Planning Commission's determination regarding Development Review DR-99-22 A2, for Pacific Land Services, for the amendment of the condition of approval for Target Costa Mesa's Winter Holiday hours as follows: 12 midnight to 11 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving; and 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. thereafter until New Year's Day. Current approved holiday hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon. – Fri., and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from the day after Thanksgiving to New Year's day. Environmental Determination: Exempt. (01:34:22)**

Staff report provided by Mel Lee, Senior Planner. (01:35:14)

Al Morelli, Costa Mesa, expressed opposition to the approval of the extended hours of Target and provided reasons for his opposition. (01:38:50)

Discussion ensued regarding Target's holiday hours.

John Warren, representing Pacific Land Services, requested that Council approve the extended hours for Target and provided reasons for the extended hours. (02:15:17)

Jackie Lerner, Target District Team Leader, spoke on Target as a company and a good corporate neighbor. (02:22:15)

Discussion ensued regarding potential Black Friday issues, prevention measures, and the process of extending store hours. (02:28:40)

Louise Rose, Costa Mesa, thanked for the Snoopy House; spoke on Mr. Morelli's comments; and expressed support of the approval of extended hours for Target. (02:39:03)

Eleanor Egan, Costa Mesa, expressed opposition to the approval of extended hours for Target. (02:42:45)

LouAnne McCormick, Costa Mesa, spoke on the agreement between Target and the Halecrest Community; and expressed opposition to the approval of extended hours for Target. (02:44:06)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke on comments made by Mr. Morelli and expressed concerns regarding the agreement between Target and the Halecrest Community. (02:47:51)

Mr. Warren responded to comments made by Mr. Morelli and the public. (02:50:30)

Mr. Morelli spoke regarding the timeline of the appeal and Target's hours and reiterated his opposition to the approval of the extended hours of Target. (02:51:10)

Council Member Mensinger requested staff to provide a report to City Council to waive the appeal fee for Mr. Morelli. (03:03:53)

MOTION: Adopt Resolution to uphold Planning Commission's decision approving the Black Friday hours for the hours for Black Friday to annually be from 12:00 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving until 11:00 p.m. and to approve the extending of the winter holiday hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until New Years Day.

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Mensinger

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Adopt the resolution to deny the request for the Target's Black Friday and extended Holiday's hours.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Leece

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Adopt the resolution to deny the request for the Target's Black Friday and extended Holiday's hours and to agendize the request for the waiver of the fee for the appellant.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Bever/Council Member Leece

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Mensinger

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion failed 2-2-1.

ORIGINAL MOTION: Adopt Resolution to uphold Planning Commission's decision approving the Black Friday hours for the hours for Black Friday to annually be from 12:00 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving until 11:00 p.m. and to approve the extending of the winter holiday hours from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until New Years Day.

ORIGINAL MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Mensinger

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion failed 2-2-1.

MOTION: Continue the Public Hearing to the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012.

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Mensinger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

Public Hearing continued to Regular Meeting of January 17, 2012.

BREAK (03:13:54)

CONSENT CALENDAR (03:25:45)

MOTION: Approve recommended actions for Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1 through 12 except for Items 2, 6, 10, 11, and 12.

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Bever

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

1. READING FOLDER

ACTION: Received and processed

(a) Claims received by the City Clerk: Gary De La Rosa; Rosemary De La Rosa; Cecil Ray Davidson; Michael Hutton.

(b) Requests for Alcohol Beverage Control licenses: Madee, 401 East 17th Street, Suite C; Café International, 3198 Airport Loop H2A; Marukai Market, 2975

Harbor Boulevard; Jons Liquor, 2790 Harbor Boulevard, 101 & 102; and Sushi Shunka, 369 East 17th Street, Suite 17.

(c) Letter of Notification: Southern California Gas Company Notice of Proposed Rate Increases, Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP), Application No. A.11-11-002.

3. **WARRANT RESOLUTION 2396: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS, INCLUDING PAYROLL REGISTER NO. 11-23 AND PAYROLL REGISTER NO. 11-22A AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, FUNDING PAYROLL NO. 11-23 FOR \$2,038,978.58 AND PAYROLL NO. 11-22A FOR \$0, AND CITY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR \$1,552,600.86, INCLUDING PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.**

ACTION: Approved

4. **WARRANT RESOLUTION 2397: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS, AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, FUNDING CITY OPERATING EXPENSES FOR \$693,148.12.**

ACTION: Approved

5. **WARRANT RESOLUTION 2398: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS, INCLUDING PAYROLL REGISTER NO. 11-24 AND PAYROLL REGISTER NO. 11-23A AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID, funding Payroll No. 11-24 for \$2,060,796.26 and Payroll No. 11-23A for \$96.44, and City operating expenses for \$611,000.76, including payroll deductions.**

ACTION: Approved

7. **COMPLETION OF ALLEY NOS. 116, 75, AND 76 IMPROVEMENTS, CITY PROJECT NO. 11-01, BY BLACK ROCK CONSTRUCTION, INC., 282 NORTH SAINT CRISPEN AVENUE, BREA.**

ACTION:

1. City Council accepted the work performed by Black Rock Construction, Inc.; and
2. Authorized the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion; and

3. Will release the Labor and Material Bond seven (7) months after the filing date; will release the Faithful Performance Bond one (1) year after the filing date; and will release the retention monies 35 days after the Notice of Completion filing date.

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEASURE M2 EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.

ACTION:

City Council adopted the Resolution approving the Renewed Measure M2 Expenditure Report.

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

ACTION:

City Council adopted the Resolution amending the order of business for council meetings.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR (03:27:49)

2. MINUTES: Regular meeting of November 1, 2011. (03:27:52)

MOTION: Continue the item to the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012.

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Bever/Council Member Mensinger

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Rigeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

Item continued to the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2012.

6. AMENDMENTS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH SCOTT FAZEKAS AND ASSOCIATES, 9 CORPORATE PARK, #200, IRVINE; BUREAU VERITAS, 1565 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD, COSTA MESA; AND CSG CONSULTANTS INC., 801 PARK CENTER DRIVE #230, SANTA ANA, FOR CONTRACT PLAN CHECK AND INSPECTION SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$634,000 IN THE AGGREGATE. (03:28:10)

Discussion ensued regarding the clarification of the budget adjustments.

Greg Ridge, Costa Mesa, spoke about Scott Fazekas in a Voice of OC article and conflict of interest. (03:32:20)

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Leece/Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

1. City Council approved budget adjustment in the amount of \$196,000 from salary savings and \$125,000 from general fund to the Engineering and Architectural account.
2. Authorized the Mayor to amend Professional Services Agreements (PSAa) approved in June 2011, for contract plan check and inspection services with the companies of Bureau Veritas, CSG Consultants, Inc., and Scott Fazekas & Associates, Inc., for the total amount not to exceed \$634,000 in the aggregate.

10. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PAYROLL (03:34:47)

Sue Lester, Costa Mesa, shared her experience with using private payroll companies. (03:40:18)

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Leece

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

ACTION:

City Council authorized staff to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Payroll Services based upon the analysis provided by both the Payroll Services Contracting Committee and Finance Department.

**11. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(03:43:23)**

Discussion ensued regarding Information Technology Services at surrounding Cities.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, inquired about a complete list of software used in the City and spoke about management of the contracted employees. (03:49:14)

Greg Ridge, Costa Mesa, expressed opposition of outsourcing IT. (03:52:08)

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Mensinger/Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: Council Member Leece

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 3-1-1.

ACTION:

City Council authorized staff to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Information Technology Services based on the analysis provided by both the Information Technology Services Contracting Committee and the Finance and Information Technology Department.

**12. COSTA MESA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY 2011 ANNUAL REPORT
(04:19:30)**

Discussion ensued regarding the reallocation of the money from the denial of the Harper's Point project.

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Leece/Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan, Council Member Mensinger

Motion carried 3-0-2.

ACTION:

City Council received and filed Costa Mesa Redevelopment Agency's 2011 Annual Report.

OLD BUSINESS (04:21:55)

1. APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF COSTA MESA'S TEWINKLE PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX TASK FORCE (04:22:06)

Staff report provided by Ernesto Munoz, Interim Public Services Director. (04:22:15)

Eleanor Egan, Costa Mesa, spoke about Deed Restrictions. (04:35:13)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, expressed support for a Public Hearing on the item and keeping the park locally-controlled. (04:37:48)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke on others' opposition to the item. (04:40:15)

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, expressed concern with the vendor and spoke on the make-up of the Task Force. (04:42:02)

MOTION: Approve the increase of the membership of the taskforce to 13 members and appoint the following At-Large Members: Gordon Bowley, Ron Amburgey, Tim Cromwell, Joaguin "Jack" Morales, Kevin Orton as regular members and Carl D. Smith as an alternate.

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Mensinger/Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: Council Member Leece

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 3-1-1.

ACTION: City Council approved the increase of the membership of the taskforce to 13 members and appointed the following At-Large Members: Gordon Bowley, Ron Amburgey, Tim Cromwell, Joaguin "Jack" Morales, Kevin Orton as regular members and Carl D. Smith as an alternate.

MOTION: Appoint Mayor Monahan as the Liaison to the taskforce with Council Member Mensinger as the Alternate.

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Mensinger/Council Member Bever

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Appoint Mayor Monahan as the Liaison to the taskforce with Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer as the Alternate.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Mensinger/Council Member Bever

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: Council Member Leece

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 3-1-1.

ACTION:

City Council appointed Mayor Monahan as the Liaison to the taskforce with Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer as the Alternate.

NEW BUSINESS (04:59:29)

1. INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED CHARTER (04:59:33)

Staff report provided by CEO Hatch.

Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer provided a presentation regarding the proposed charter. (05:02:19)

MOTION: Continue the meeting past Midnight.

MOTION/SECOND: Council Member Leece/Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Leece, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 4-0-1.

City Council recessed for a break at 11:46 p.m. and reconvened at 11:51 p.m.

Jim Fitzpatrick, Costa Mesa, expressed support for the Charter. (05:51:23)

Robert Dickson, Costa Mesa, expressed support for the Charter. (05:53:55)

Jim Adams, Los Angeles, representing Los Angeles/Orange County Building and Construction Trades, spoke on prevailing wages. (05:55:20)

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa, inquired about term limits, Council Member compensation, and cost-of-living index, and the impact on the RDA. (05:58:39)

Patrick Kelly, Costa Mesa, expressed support for prevailing wages and spoke on unemployment and homelessness in Costa Mesa. (06:01:38)

David Kinkade, Costa Mesa, spoke on local and state government and expressed support for the Charter. (06:03:46)

Jay Humphrey, Costa Mesa, spoke on checks and balances of the Charter, prevailing wages, and outsourcing. (06:06:25)

Perry Valantine, Costa Mesa, expressed support of the Charter being written by 15 members elected by the public; expressed concern regarding the schedule; and spoke on General Plan zoning consistency. (06:10:15)

Jerry Kern, Oceanside, spoke on Charter Cities in Sand Diego County and prevailing wages and expressed support for the Charter. (06:13:52)

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa, spoke about Council actions; expressed opposition to an elected commission; and expressed support for a distant second. (06:17:41)

Colin McCarthy, Costa Mesa, expressed concern with the schedule and the compressed time-frame and spoke on prevailing wages. (06:21:25)

Sue Lester, Costa Mesa, spoke on power and requested to have a Charter commission. (06:24:05)

Tom Egan, Costa Mesa, expressed opposition to the proposed Charter and to the meeting running past midnight. (06:27:40)

Eleanor Egan, Costa Mesa, expressed opposition to the Charter. (06:31:25)

Greg Ridge, Costa Mesa, spoke on the timeline of the proposed Charter, layoff notices, and an article in the Daily Pilot, written by Council Member Mensinger. (06:37:08)

John Hill, Costa Mesa, expressed support of the proposed Charter and thanked Council for their efforts. (06:41:40)

Robin Leffler, Costa Mesa, expressed support of an elected 15-member committee and spoke on Unions and an Ex-Parte Communications Ordinance. (06:46:50)

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Charter schedule, process, and components.

MOTION: Add Town Hall meetings on the 24th and 31st

MOTION/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer/Council Member Bever

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer, Council Member Bever, Council Member Mensinger

Noes: Council Member Leece

Absent: Mayor Monahan

Motion carried 3-1-1.

ACTION:

City Council directed staff and the City Attorney to begin the process of drafting a Proposed Charter and required supplemental documents; and hold a Town Hall meeting on January 24, 2012; and on January 31, 2012, if needed.

COUNCIL MEMBER' REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS (07:24:47)

Council Member Mensinger commented on Estancia High School's football team's presence in the Semi-finals; congratulated the Costa Mesa High School football team; and invited the public to the Mesa Verde Classic on January 16, 2012. (07:24:54)

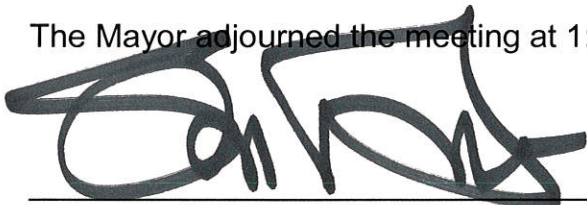
Mayor Pro Tem Righeimer commented on Estancia High School's football team's success. (07:27:25)

Council Member Bever requested to add a Council Initiative Session to the City Council Study Sessions. (07:28:24)

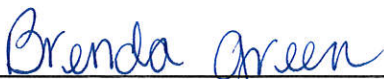
Council Member Leece wished everyone a happy holiday; spoke on the Costa Mesa Fire Department's Santa Letters Program; and announced a meeting regarding Banning Ranch to be held in January. (07:29:54)

REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY (07:32:34)

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 1:33 a.m.



Stephen M. Mensinger, Mayor



Brenda Green, City Clerk