

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COSTA MESA

MAY 3, 2004

The City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, met in regular session May 3, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Council Member Cowan, and a moment of solemn expression lead by the Reverend Barbara Stewart, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mayor Gary Monahan
Mayor Pro Tem Allan Mansoor
Council Member Libby Cowan
Council Member Chris Steel
Council Member Mike Scheafer

Council Members Absent: None

Officials Present: City Manager Allan Roeder
Acting City Attorney Tom Wood
Development Services Director
Donald Lamm
Public Services Director William
Morris
Fire Marshall Tom Macduff
Finance Director Marc Puckett
Recreation Manager Jana
Ransom
Legislative and Public Affairs
Manager Ann Shultz
Deputy City Clerk Julie Folcik

ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Steel, and carried 5-0, to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only.

PRESENTATION
Employee of the Month

Mayor Monahan congratulated Yang Hua, MIS Division, Administrative Services Department, on being selected Employee of the Month for May, 2004, in recognition of her implementation of the new software for Payroll and Personnel. He commended her specialized knowledge, skills, and willingness to work extra hours to ensure that the project was a success. Council Member Cowan acknowledged that the work accomplished by Mrs. Yang has saved the City over \$50,000.00.

PRESENTATION
Mayor's Award

Mayor Monahan announced that Robert Graham is the recipient of the Costa Mesa Mayor's Award for May, 2004, in recognition of his exemplary qualities of leadership, community involvement, and volunteerism. He commended Mr. Graham for his efforts regarding Fairview Park, his familiarity with Costa Mesa's and the County's bicycle issues, and his participation in the tree planting for this year's Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Graham introduced his family and thanked the City for the recognition.

PRESENTATION
CALTRANS/OCTA

Mayor Monahan introduced Chris Mockus, California Department of Transportation Chief of Construction, who provided an update on the I-405/SR-73 Improvement Project. Mr. Mockus thanked the Newport-Mesa Unified School District for providing student artwork relating to the project, and reported that the pictures will soon be

displayed at South Coast Plaza. He recognized the School District and Automobile Association of Southern California members who were in attendance, presented Certificates of Appreciation to representatives from Paularino Elementary School and Costa Mesa High School, and presented a plaque to Costa Mesa High School in recognition of their winning the "Battle of the Brains", a CALTRANS construction challenge. For information regarding any CALTRANS project, he suggested calling (800) 724-0353.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Airport Land Commission Representative

Rachel Perez-Hamilton, Costa Mesa, asked that Council support Harry Dotson, a City of Stanton Council Member, as a League of Cities representative to the Airport Land Commission. She reported that Mr. Dotson has served on the Orange County Regional Airport Authority (OCRAA), is politically astute and aware of the issues, and would be an able representative for the north Orange County cities. She encouraged acting aggressively on this matter in order to protect the interests of Costa Mesa residents. Ms. Perez-Hamilton advised that she is a resident of east side Costa Mesa where developers are being allowed to construct large homes on "postage stamp size lots", comparing this to a proposed second-story addition to a home on East 19th Street which was addressed at a recent Planning Commission meeting. Council Member Steel supported Mr. Dotson's appointment to the Commission.

East Side Second-Story Addition

National Day of Prayer

Diane Hill, Costa Mesa, announced that May 6, 2004, is the National Day of Prayer, and the topic for this month is "The Spiritual Perspective of Safety". She invited everyone to participate, and advised that additional information regarding the summary discussions may be obtained at the internet address: <http://spiritualsolutions.home.comcast.net>.

Millard Comments

Martin Millard, 2973 Harbor Boulevard, No. 264, Costa Mesa, reported that produce trucks in the Mesa North area violate several ordinances by double parking to sell their produce, honking horns, littering, etc., and asked the Police Department to be more proactive. He stated that 14 percent of Costa Mesa land is zoned for industrial use, as compared to 2 percent in Newport Beach and 8 percent in Huntington Beach, and suggested a better balanced city by cutting back on the industrial uses, allowing the market to work, and adding homes to the bluff and other areas which are now heavily industrial. Mr. Millard indicated that Costa Mesa has more rental units versus home ownership than any city of similar size in the County, and noted the proposal to construct an additional 300 apartments on Adams Avenue between Harbor Boulevard and Fairview Road.

2004-05 Preliminary Budget

Judi Berry, Costa Mesa, asked when the fiscal year 2004-05 Preliminary Budget would be released. The City Manager replied that May 10, 2004, is the target date, and the full text for the June 14, 2004, Budget study session workbook will be available at the same time. Referring to the new Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors "tagging" ordinance, Mrs. Berry suggested that parents of the taggers should be held responsible.

"Tagging" Ordinance

Waiver of Park Fees

Jeanne Badajoz, Corona del Mar, representing Orange Coast College Early Childhood Education Lab School, asked for a waiver of park fees for their annual Spring fundraiser to be held at Wakeham Park on May 23, 2004. Mayor Monahan asked Ms. Badajoz to contact Ann Shultz at (714) 754-5327 to determine how to proceed.

Anne Hogan-Shereshevsky, Costa Mesa, asked when Mesa

Hogan-Shereshevsky Comments	Consolidated Water District will offer their small bottles of water for sale. The City Manager responded that the District is bottling the water and donating it for various civic events. He offered to investigate and ascertain if it will be sold commercially. Ms. Hogan-Shereshevsky thanked Council for the road improvement projects on Fair Drive and Fairview Road, and reported on the Senior Center Fundraiser which was held at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, April 28, 2004.
City Ordinances	Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa, addressed what she alluded to as “a really disturbing trend” in the City, referring to the manner in which ordinances are adopted. She reviewed that process and compared requirements for an ordinance and those for an Administrative Regulation or Council Policy, neither of which are subject to rigorous noticing requirements. She observed that for the second time in one month, procedures which should be codified are going to be adopted into a Council Policy.
Gang Ordinance	Mike Berry, Costa Mesa, advised that approximately three years ago, City Council adopted a gang ordinance designed to assist the Police Department in addressing gang related issues. He commented on its limitations. The Acting City Attorney confirmed with Mayor Monahan that he would respond to Mr. Berry.
Costa Mesa Brochures	Robert Graham, Costa Mesa, reported that during a recent trip to John Wayne Airport, he discovered while perusing the brochures offered for various cities that the City of Costa Mesa was not represented. Mayor Monahan responded that the Costa Mesa Conference and Visitor Bureau has previously supplied information to the airport for the public, and assured Mr. Graham that there will be a response to his inquiry.
CONSENT CALENDAR	The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar: Item No. 4, Resolution revising the executive compensation plan and executive salary schedule.
MOTION/Approved Except Item No. 4	On motion by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 5-0, the remaining Consent Calendar items were approved as recommended.
READING FOLDER	The following Reading Folder items were received and processed:
Claims	Claims received by the Deputy City Clerk: Harbor Center Partners; Thomas Tom; and David Weggener.
WARRANTS	The following warrants were approved:
Approved Warrant 2002	Warrant Resolution 2002, funding City operating expenses for \$1,664,440.93.
Approved Warrant 2003/Payroll 409 and 408A	Warrant Resolution 2003, funding Payroll No. 409 for \$1,932,882.91, Payroll No. 408A for \$8,306.95, and City operating expenses for \$370,320.21, including payroll deductions.
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS/Approved Agreement with LAN for Gisler Bicycle Trail Design Services	An agreement was approved with Lim & Nascimento Engineering Corporation (LAN), 12 Mauchly, Building L, Irvine, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, for design services for the Gisler Avenue Bicycle Trail, the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign on behalf of the City, and Budget Adjustment No. 04-080, to appropriate \$18,500 from Measure M funds, was approved. A request for a ninety day Leave of Absence with Pay for Police

Approved Request for Leave of Absence	Department Custody Officer Nancy Ellis was approved pursuant to Personnel Rules and Regulations, Rule 12, Section 4(B).
Approved Award for Reporting Graffiti	An award of \$2,000.00 to a private citizen who reported gang-related graffiti was approved in accordance with the provisions of Costa Mesa Municipal Code Section 11-147.
Accepted Work by Moore Electrical for Fairview Road/McCormack Lane Signal Project 03-19	Fairview Road/McCormack Lane Traffic Signal, City Project No. 03-19, was completed to the satisfaction of the Public Services Director on March 31, 2004, by Moore Electrical Contracting, Inc., 463 North Smith Avenue, Corona. The work was accepted; the Deputy City Clerk was authorized to file a Notice of Completion; authorization was given to release retention monies 35 days thereafter; the Labor and Material bond was ordered exonerated 7 months thereafter; and the Performance Bond was ordered exonerated 12 months thereafter
Executive Compensation Plan/Executive Salary Schedule	Item No. 4 on the Consent Calendar was presented: Resolution revising the executive compensation plan and executive salary schedule.
MOTION/Adopted Resolution 04-28; Approved Budget Adjustment No. 04-079	On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, seconded by Mayor Monahan, and carried 5-0, Resolution 04-28 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, REVISING THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN AND EXECUTIVE SALARY SCHEDULE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE ESTABLISHED LABOR MARKETPLACE, authorization was given to proceed to schedule the anniversary date for future review of the executive job classifications after the conclusion of negotiations with all other employee groups, and Budget Adjustment No. 04-079 for \$11,564.00 was approved.
PUBLIC HEARING Vacation of Excess Right-of-Way on Sea Bluff Drive	The City Manager confirmed that the above action is possible, recognizing that the four employee groups will normally be negotiating at different times.
MOTION/Adopted Resolution 04-29	The Deputy City Clerk announced that this is the time and place set for the public hearing to consider a resolution ordering the vacation of excess right-of-way on Sea Bluff Drive, east of Canyon Drive. The Affidavits of Publishing and Posting are on file in the City Clerk's office. The Public Services Director reviewed the Agenda Report dated April 22, 2004, and responded to questions from Council.
PUBLIC HEARING Regulation of Fireworks Sales	On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Steel, and carried 5-0, Resolution 04-29 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF SEA BLUFF DRIVE, and the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk were authorized to sign Quitclaim Deed No. 3520.
PUBLIC HEARING Regulation of Fireworks Sales	The Deputy City Clerk announced that this is the time and place set for the public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Costa Mesa Municipal Code Chapter II, Article 8, of Title 9, regulating fireworks sales; and a resolution adopting Council Policy 400-2 regulating fireworks sales. Communications were received from Donald and Mildred Nicholson, Costa Mesa, asking Council to ban fireworks in Costa Mesa; and Jeanine Bass, via e-mail, submitting her letter which was sent to the Daily Pilot in support of continuing the tradition of fireworks. The City Manager and Acting City Attorney summarized the Agenda Report dated April 28, 2004.

The Acting City Attorney proposed adding a definition of “youth”, specifying persons 18 years or younger, and updating the provision for insurance to a minimum of \$1 million coverage, combined single limit. Regarding incorporating provisions governing fireworks in a Council Policy, the Acting City Attorney stated that it is more convenient to place some of the minor regulations in a policy which is subject to revisions at a later date. He confirmed that citizens have the ability through an initiative to ban fireworks. The Fire Marshall and the City Manager responded to questions from Council.

Council Member Cowan observed that it is necessary to read several documents to ascertain all of the City’s rules and regulations pertaining to fireworks. She confirmed with the Acting City Attorney that this information could be combined into one ordinance making it easier for persons to determine the requirements.

Council Member Cowan asked if staff had researched the creation of a community-wide program as an alternative, which would provide youth groups access to booths, including a large display similar to the City’s 50th anniversary CostAmazing celebration held at the Orange County Fairgrounds. The City Manager responded that specific research has not been conducted, reporting that the last City-wide events had been hosted by the Kiwanis Club at Orange Coast College and were discontinued after three years due to lack of community interest.

Council Member Cowan expressed her appreciation of fireworks but acknowledged that it is “time we move on and do something different”. She objected to the fact that illegal fireworks cannot be controlled nor can the discharge of fireworks at other than the approved time periods. She recognized the larger problem of debris. Council Member Steel thought that the greater problem is the illegal fireworks which are more dangerous than the safe and sane. He proposed sending a letter to every household in the City notifying them of the severity of illegal firework violations. Council Member Scheafer believed that the sale of safe and sane fireworks provides “much needed funding for these groups.” He asked the Fire Marshall to determine that if fireworks were banned, what the savings to the City would be in regards to cleanup activities. He reported that he had discussed fireworks with a Council Member from the City of Gillroy who indicated that only assortments are sold in their City. Council Member Scheafer asked for information regarding the possibility of instituting a fee which would be a percentage of the total sales.

The following Costa Mesa residents offered negative observations involving the sale of fireworks: Helen Evers advised that it is impossible to enforce the sale of fireworks; Mike Berry reported that there is a fire every 4th of July in his neighborhood; Judi Berry reported that she knew of two fires which were caused by legal fireworks bought at local stands; Anne Hogan-Shereshevsky read an article which stated that the Orange County Fire Marshal advocates abolishing the sale of all fireworks in the remaining Orange County cities where fireworks are legal; Terry Shaw felt that the situation is out of control; and Sandra Genis mentioned the costs incurred which are directly related to fireworks such as paramedic fees, and animal control, and opined that passing a new ordinance is useless.

The following Costa Mesa resident supported the sale of fireworks:

Lou Desandro, representing Costa Mesa High School Baseball Boosters, and the Costa Mesa Pony Baseball League, who together operate a fireworks stand each year, questioned limiting the number of stands; Audrey Buck, representing the music program at Estancia High School; Liz Parker, representing Newport Harbor High School Baseball Boosters, commended the City for holding a town hall meeting on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, concerning fireworks issues; Gary Spenser, representing Costa Mesa High School Aquatics Program; Ramsey Degeare; and Igal Israel, Costa Mesa.

Addressing Section 9-190(d) of the proposed ordinance, John Kelly, of TNT Fireworks, Fullerton, questioned concluding sales at 8:00 p.m. on the 4th of July instead of the previous deadline of midnight. He asked who would enforce that rule and what is the punishment for violation. Regarding the term "homogeneous package" referred to in the Regulations, he asked if the Fire Chief makes the determination as to what that includes. Mayor Monahan assured Mr. Kelly that he would have a response to his questions prior to the meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Kelly encouraged the City of Costa Mesa, in conjunction with the County of Orange and Los Angeles County, to provide resources for ongoing efforts that are making a difference in the control of illegal fireworks.

Council Member Scheafer advised that there had been too many fireworks stands in 2003, and clarified that the City's options are to ban fireworks or to modify the ordinance to require more accountability. He thought that four stands per high school is a viable alternative.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor appreciated the public comments, and thanked Council Member Scheafer for bringing this item forward. He indicated that he was not ready to ban fireworks, and urged personal and parental responsibility in connection with their use. He mentioned the patriotic aspect, and objected to canceling the fundraising aspect until alternate means are identified. Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor opposed prohibiting the sale of hand-held devices and spinners at this time. Regarding reducing the number of stands, he believed that new groups should not be denied the chance to raise funds by selling fireworks, concurred with limiting the number of stands per high school to four, agreed that 80 percent of the members of an organization selling fireworks should be Costa Mesa residents, was concerned about the "youth only" requirement when applying for a permit, and thought that 40 stands total would limit the visual blight.

MOTION/Gave Ordinance 04-5 First Reading; Adopted Resolution 04-30

On motion by Council Member Scheafer, seconded by Council Member Steel, and carried 3-2 Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor and Council Member Cowan voting no, Ordinance 04-5 was given first reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER III, ARTICLE 8, OF TITLE 9, OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING FIREWORKS SALES, adding Subparagraph (e) to Section 9-179, defining "youth" as a person 18 years or younger, and modifying Section 9-189 to update the insurance requirement to a minimum of \$1 million coverage, combined single limit; and Resolution 04-30 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A COUNCIL POLICY REGULATING FIREWORKS SALES, adopting Council Policy No. 400-2. Council Member Steel supported the motion, suggesting that Costa Mesa work with the Police and Fire Departments of surrounding

cities to address fireworks issues. He commented that the sale of safe and sane fireworks allows a “cushion” against the growth in sales of illegal fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor opposed the motion for the reasons that he stated previously. Council Member Cowan opposed the motion, questioned the means to enforce the 8:00 p.m. closure on July 4th, and encouraged incorporating the Council Policy sections into the ordinance. She felt that Council is premature in adopting the resolution and approving the Council Policy. Mayor Monahan clarified with the Acting City Attorney that recommendations from the meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2004, may be addressed when second reading of the ordinance is considered at the Council meeting of May 17, 2004. Mayor Monahan complimented Council Member Scheafer for addressing this issue, calling the approach reasonable.

The City Manager confirmed that the meeting regarding fireworks will be held on Wednesday, May 05, 2004, 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. He added that notices have been forwarded to the fireworks manufacturers and to those organizations who have held permits in the past, as well as being open to the public, Council will not be in attendance, and members of staff will conduct the meeting. Mayor Monahan clarified that this meeting is intended to relay informational material to the groups most affected by the ordinance, not a meeting to debate whether to ban fireworks.

The Mayor declared a recess at 8:35 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

RECESS

NEW BUSINESS Balearic Dog Exercise Area

The Deputy City Clerk presented a request from Parks and Recreation Commission regarding authorizing additional staff time for research and possible development of a dog exercise area at Balearic Community Center/Estancia Park. The Recreation Manager reviewed the Agenda Report dated April 7, 2004.

Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor appreciated the need for additional dog park areas, and believed that the goal is to utilize parks to the maximum degree. He understood that there are five cities which have a similar program, and asked for more information on what they do and how they identify problem areas. He expressed a willingness to meet with members of the community to identify issues, “hammer out” specific details prior to meeting with staff, spend a maximum of four hours with staff to review solutions, and ask for input from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

In reply to an inquiry from Council Member Scheafer, the Recreation Manager reported that the Long Beach Dog Beach was originally created on an experimental basis by a nonprofit group who took on the indemnification, cleaning, and expense of monitoring the water quality.

Paul Hackleman, Costa Mesa, asked Council to approve the request for additional staff time, and volunteered to meet with Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor to discuss the issue. He reiterated their request for an area of the park that the dogs will be allowed to be off-leash during limited hours of the day. He answered several questions from Council Member Steel.

Judi Berry, Costa Mesa, objected to the “resident use only” concept, believing that all residents should be entitled to use the

park.

Denny Olsen, Costa Mesa, explained that the dog area would not be for residents only, as erroneously reported in the Daily Pilot. He reported that Mesa Verde residents volunteer time and money in support of this concept, and he provided a copy of the Santa Barbara Parks and Parks Commission website information which provides an excellent example of an off-leash program which was unanimously approved by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in August, 2003.

MOTION/To Meet
with Community

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor, seconded by Council Member Steel, to meet with the people in the community to discuss the issues and identify solutions, approving a maximum of four hours of staff time, and to provide the information to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Council Member Cowan opposed the motion, cautioning that her experience with dog parks and animal shelters reveals that off-leash dogs are not safe. She thought that there will be maintenance issues, and did not feel it appropriate for a public park to have dogs off-leash. She opposed any further expenditure of time on this matter. Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor commented that he had many of the same concerns but was asking that the homeowners be allowed to address them. Council Member Scheafer opposed the motion and concurred with Council Member Cowan. He encouraged Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Wendy Leece to meet with the residents, acknowledging that this does not require Council action. Mayor Monahan agreed that the proposed meetings should be conducted, citing his major concern that "if there is a meeting, we need to know how the school district is involved because it is their property". He wanted all residents in the neighborhood to be contacted to determine their opinions, and felt that any issues with the neighbors should be resolved prior to involving staff. He believed that dogs off-leash pose a "huge" safety problem.

SUBSTITUTE
MOTION/Authorized
Meetings

A substitute motion was made by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Steel, and carried 3-2, Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor and Council Member Steel voting no, authorizing Mayor Pro Tem Mansoor to meet with interested groups and to proceed in addressing issues; and to deny authorization for additional staff time.

Council Member Cowan clarified that she is not in favor of any off-leash dog use in the community parks, except for the dog park. She did not want to expend the staff time on this project.

NEW BUSINESS
2003-04 Third Quarter
Community Objectives

The Deputy City Clerk presented 2003-04 Third Quarter Community Objectives. The Finance Director reviewed the Agenda Report dated April 15, 2004.

MOTION/Received
and Filed Report

On motion by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 5-0, the report was received and filed, and Community Objective 03-E2 was moved to the completed/ongoing list.

NEW BUSINESS
BIA Reauthorization

The Deputy City Clerk presented Business Improvement Area reauthorization: Annual report for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, and a resolution declaring the intention to levy an annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 for a Business Improvement Area covering certain Costa Mesa hotels and motels. The Legislative and Public

Affairs Manager summarized the Agenda Report dated April 19, 2004.

Joe DeDio, President, Costa Mesa Conference & Visitor Bureau, announced that the Bureau is an award winning organization that has maintained its integrity during 2003 which was a difficult year. He asked for Council's continued support.

MOTION/Adopted
Resolution 04-31,
Setting a Public
Hearing on June 17,
2004

On motion by Council Member Cowan, seconded by Council Member Scheafer, and carried 5-0, Resolution 04-31 was adopted: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FOR A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA COVERING CERTAIN COSTA MESA HOTELS AND MOTELS AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL, setting a public hearing on June 7, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa.

NEW BUSINESS
Request for Closed
Session: Labor
Negotiations

The Deputy City Clerk announced that pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code, a closed session has been scheduled for the City Council to confer with the City's Representative Steve Hayman, Director of Administrative Services, regarding labor negotiations with the following representatives: Costa Mesa City Employees Association, Costa Mesa Firefighters Association, Costa Mesa Police Association, and the Costa Mesa Police Management Association.

The Mayor announced that the item would trail until after Council Comments.

CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT/Neighbors
for Neighbors

The City Manager thanked the volunteers who conducted a clean-up of Canyon Park at the Spring Neighbors-for-Neighbors event on Saturday, April 24, 2004.

COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Council Member Scheafer announced that on Saturday, April 24, 2004, he had given the welcoming speech at the Santa Ana Air Base Reunion, and expressed hope that the reunion would take place for many years to come.

Fairview Park
Encroachments

Council Member Cowan, regarding the Fairview Park Encroachment timeline, reported that the initial information and encroachment permit application describing the process has been sent, and the letter to vacate should be sent sometime in June, 2004. Relative to the information that Assemblyman John Campbell is interested in moving the Orange County Fairgrounds to the County's new "Great Park", she thought that the City needs to clarify that this act would be of no benefit to Costa Mesa. She understood that the City has submitted initial letters of interest on State property which may be for sale, citing several areas in town which are publicly owned but not by the City. She encouraged the City to be proactive in assuring that the zoning for any of those publicly owned properties "meets with our interests as a community", specifically inquiring about the State property on Harbor Boulevard. Council Member Cowan asked the City Manager to address a request for staff to pursue information on this topic.

State Owned Property

Council Member Steel reported that Sunday, April 25, 2004, the Human Relation Committee hosted a reception honoring its

Human Relations
Committee

volunteers. He thanked Steve Hayman, Administrative Services Director, and Debra Yasui, Liaison to the Committee, for their efforts.

State Budget

Mayor Monahan concurred with Council Member Cowan regarding zoning of the properties in Costa Mesa which are not City owned, and addressed the price of the Fairgrounds land should the State decide to sell. He commented that the Governor's revision of the State budget is due approximately the middle of May, 2004, and reported that Costa Mesa may send representatives to Sacramento to monitor Costa Mesa's interests.

ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Monahan adjourned the City Council meeting to a closed session in first floor Conference Room A, for the City Council to confer with the City's Representative Steve Hayman, Director of Administrative Services, regarding labor negotiations with the following representatives: Costa Mesa City Employees Association, Costa Mesa Firefighters Association, Costa Mesa Police Association, and the Costa Mesa Police Management Association.

MEETING
RECONVENED

At 11:10 p.m., Mayor Monahan reconvened the meeting and announced the action taken during closed session.

No Action Taken

At 11:10 p.m., Mayor Monahan reconvened the meeting and announced that no action was taken regarding labor negotiations during the closed session.

Mayor Monahan declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

