



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MARCH 3, 2026 - MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – The Closed Session meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION - TWO CASES**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2), Potential Litigation.
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION – ONE CASE**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4), Potential Litigation.
3. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8
APN: 424-211-01; Property: 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Agency Negotiators: Cecilia Gallardo-Daly, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Jamboree Housing
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Name of Case: Juan David Veramancini and Rodrigo Torresmarini vs. County of Orange; City of Costa Mesa, et al.
United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No. 8:22-cv-01501-FWS (JDEx)

City Council recessed at 4:02 p.m. for Closed Session.

Closed Session adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The Regular City Council and Housing Authority meeting was called to order by Mayor Stephens at 6:02 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – A video was played of the National Anthem and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SOLEMN EXPRESSION – Led by Mayor Stephens.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

CITY ATTORNEY CLOSED SESSION REPORT – No reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Inloes, Economic Development Administrator, presented the New Active Development Map.

Mr. Crecelius, Chair of the Fairview Park Steering Committee, presented the Fairview Park Steering Committee Annual Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Roberto Herrera, Resilience Orange County, spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Juano Trejo, Promotor in Orange County, spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Christian Lopez, Resilience Orange County, spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Yolanda Padilla spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Brooke Grey requested an update on an audit of the Flock cameras, spoke in support of a rental registry program and updating the Tenant Protection Ordinance.

Joseph Hrubovcak requested assistance on issues he is having with Code Enforcement and the City Prosecutor.

Min Park, Mr. Hrubovcak caretaker, spoke on behalf of Mr. Hrubovcak and requested assistance on issues he is having with Code Enforcement and the City Prosecutor.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, requested an update on the audit of the Flock cameras, and changing the data retention policy from 1 year to 30 days maximum, and to turn off access to ALPR data to any agency other than the Costa Mesa Police Department.

Carmen Ramirez, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Speaker, Costa Mesa, spoke in support of a rental registry program.

Speaker, spoke against ICE and in support of a rental registry program.

Speaker, spoke on a complaint against the Police Department.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

Council Member Buley spoke on the Active Development Map, attendance at the Costa Mesa Little League opening day, and requested staff to research a tax on sober living homes.

Council Member Gameros reported that an audit is regularly completed on the Flock camera program, spoke on the system security and there have been no security breaches since the cameras have been put in place.

Council Member Marr spoke on addressing the rental registry program and Tenant Protect Ordinance at the March 17th City Council meeting.

Council Member Reynolds requested an update on the Joseph Hrubovcak case, spoke on safety on Newport Blvd. and meeting with Caltrans staff and state representatives, spoke on attending the Neighborhoods Where We All Belong event, spoke on a rental registry program, spoke on the Flock cameras, requested data retention information and to share the information with the public, and spoke on a Costa Mesa Mutual Aid training on March 11th.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked the Mexican Consulate General for speaking to residents who live in District 4 on knowing their rights, noted those needing food assistance may go to the Someone Cares Soup Kitchen and the Meals on Wheels program at the Senior Center.

Mayor Stephens spoke on attending the Little League opening day, requested staff to research a screen in the council chambers that shows both English and Spanish transcriptions, and spoke on adjourning the meeting in remembrance of Shirley Foster.

REPORT – CITY MANAGER – Ms. Gallardo-Daly reported on the City is recruiting volunteers for various committees and spoke on the new legislative platform page on the city website.

REPORT – CITY ATTORNEY – NONE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez/Council Member Marr

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: WAIVE THE FULL READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ACTION:

City Council and Housing Authority approved the reading by title only and waived further reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

2. READING FOLDER

ACTION:

City Council received and filed Claims received by the City Clerk and authorized staff to reject any and all Claims: Abby Escobar Corona, Harry Nicholas Frenchank, Eric Little, Patricia Martinez, Jose Robels.

3. ADOPTION OF WARRANT RESOLUTION

ACTION:

City Council approved Warrant Resolution No. 2749.

4. MINUTES

ACTION:

City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF PERPETUAL NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS TO MESA WATER DISTRICT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NO. 2

ACTION:

1. Approve the two (2) perpetual non-exclusive easements to Mesa Water District within Fire Station No. 2.
2. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Grants of Easements on behalf of the City.

-----**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**-----

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

(Pursuant to Resolution No. 05-55, Public Hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE PROGRAM UPDATE

Presentation by Mr. Martin, Transportation Services Manager and Mr. Nikoui, Senior Engineer.

Public Comments:

David Martinez spoke on considering SB 358.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Reynolds/Mayor Stephens

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION:

1. City Council awarded a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services for the update of the City's Traffic Impact Fee Program for a period of three (3) years with the option for a one-year renewal period in an amount not to exceed \$149,740, in final form as approved by the City Attorney.
2. Authorized a ten percent (10%) contingency in the amount of \$14,974 for any unforeseen costs that may be required by the project.
3. Authorized the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the PSA and any future amendments to the agreement.
4. Authorized appropriation of \$164,714 from the Measure M2 Fairshare Fund 416 fund balance.

2. 2026 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presentation by Mr. Barkman, Government Affair Manager and Ms. Arcidiacono, Townsend Public Affairs.

Public Comments:

David Martinez spoke in support of SB 1167 regarding e-bike definitions and AB 2284 requiring CHP to publish a list of noncompliant e-bikes.

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Stephens/Mayor Pro Tem Chavez

MOTION: Adopt the proposed legislative update and receive and file the report.

Council Member Reynolds spoke on supporting SB 1167 and AB 2284 pertaining to e-bikes and also requested the City send a letter to Assembly Member Freidman providing feedback on the success of AB 43 pertaining to the changing of speed limits.

Mayor Stephens amended the motion to include sending a letter to Assembly Member Freidman providing feedback on the success of AB 43 pertaining to the changing of speed limits and amended the motion to support the two e-bike bills SB 1167 regarding e-bike definitions and AB 2284 requiring CHP to publish a list of noncompliant e-bikes.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez (2nd) agreed to the amendments.

MOVED/SECOND: Mayor Stephens/Mayor Pro Tem Chavez

MOTION: Adopt the proposed legislative update including support for SB 1167 and AB 2284, and direct staff to send a letter to Assembly Member Friedman on the success of AB 43.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION:

City Council adopted the proposed legislative update including support for SB 1167 and AB 2284, received and filed the report, and directed staff to send a letter to Assembly Member Friedman on the success of AB 43.

3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE FOR USE OF BEDS AT THE COSTA MESA BRIDGE SHELTER

Presentation by Mr. Robbins, Neighborhood Improvement Manager.

Public Comments: None.

MOVED/SECOND: Council Member Reynolds/Council Member Marr

MOTION: Approve staff recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Buley, Council Member Gameros, Council Member Marr, Council Member Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, and Mayor Stephens.

Nays: None.

Absent: Council Member Pettis.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION:

1. City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Irvine for access to beds, as available, at the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter.
2. Authorized the City Manager and City Clerk to execute all agreements and any amendments to the agreement as needed.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS – NONE.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Stephens adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. in honor and memory of Shirley Foster.

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Minutes adopted on this 17th day of March, 2026.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

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