

(NOT APPROVED)

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 24, 2017

A special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Winterer at 4:02 p.m., on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ted Winterer
Mayor Pro Tem Glean Davis
Councilmember Sue Himmelrich
Councilmember Kevin McKeown
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Councilmember Terry O'Day (*arrived at 4:04 p.m.*)
Councilmember Tony Vazquez

Also Present: City Manager Rick Cole
Interim City Attorney Joseph Lawrence
Acting City Clerk Esterlina Lugo

CONVENE/PLEDGE On order of the Mayor, the City Council convened at 4:02 p.m., with all members present except Councilmember O'Day. Councilmember McKeown led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSIONS There was no one present for public comment on closed sessions.

Councilmember O'Day arrived at 4:04 p.m. On order of the Mayor, the City Council recessed at 4:03 p.m., to consider closed sessions and returned at 5:45 p.m., with all members present, to report the following:

1.A. Public Employee Recruitment Title: City Attorney

The Mayor advised this matter was heard with no reportable action taken.

STUDY SESSION:
BUDGET **4.A. Financial Status Update, FY 2017-19 Proposed Biennial Budget, and FY 2017-18 Proposed CIP Budget,** was presented.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Receive the FY 2017-18 through FY 2021-22 Financial Status Update;
2. Receive City Departments' presentations on the FY 2017-19 Proposed Biennial Budget;

3. Review and provide direction to staff on the FY 2017-19 Proposed Biennial Budget and FY 2017-18 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget (Attachment A); and
4. Review and provide direction to staff on the recommendations of the Fee Study Report (Attachment D) and proposed Beach Parking rates.

2017-2019 Biennial Budget Study Session Presentations:

- Human Resources
- Library
- Information Services
- Community and Cultural Services
- Finance

Members of the public Laura Ornelas, Iao Katagiri, Javier Beltran, Betsy Hiteshew, Erin McGinnis, Bruce Rankin, and John Maceri spoke on various budget issues.

On order of the the Mayor, the item was received and filed.

Council gave direction to staff regarding the following issues: to have a person dedicated to vision zero; within the next couple of years, regarding the Well Being Project, move from data collection to action; make bold investments to childcare; less programing and more presence at Reed Park; more funding towards homelessness; focus the next four years on Human Services to ensure people aren't falling through the cracks and free up as much money today to use for the needs of today; address mud issue at Los Amigos Park; and provide for more landscape maintenance at Woodlawn Cemetary.

STAFF
ADMINISTRATIVE
ITEMS:
AIRPORT RUNWAY

8.A. Airport Runway Shortening Options, was presented.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Select the preferred option for shortening the runway at Santa Monica Airport (SMO), referred to as Option B in this staff report, to an operational length of 3,500 feet (the Project);
2. Direct staff to proceed with further design of the preferred option in order to establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for a design-build agreement between the City of Santa Monica (City) and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) to complete runway shortening construction by December 2017, in accordance with the existing Feasibility Professional Services Agreement with AECOM;
3. Find that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15302, and 15308; and
4. Adopt attached Resolution No. 11044 (CCS) that the Runway

Shortening Project is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Interim Assistant City Attorney Alan Seltzer announced that a supplemental staff report was being distributed, which responds to a letter from the National Business Aviation Association that was received after the agenda report was prepared and made available.

Members of the public Mindy Taylor-Ross, Roger Oeland, Geoff Thompson, John Fairweather, Dave Hopkins, Alice Ellis, Jacqueline Hamilton, Alan Levenson, Gavin Scott, Peter Donald, Joseph Schmitz (time donated by Joan Van Tassel), Zina Josephs, and Christian Fry spoke of their concerns regarding the airport runway.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember O’Day, to adopt staff recommendation Option B for shortening the runway at Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to an operational length of 3,500 feet. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers McKeown, Vazquez, Himmelrich, O’Day, O’Connor, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mayor Winterer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion by Councilmember Himmelrich, seconded by Councilmember O’Connor, to adopt staff recommendation to direct staff to proceed with further design of the preferred option in order to establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for a design-build agreement between the City of Santa Monica (City) and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) to complete runway shortening construction by December 2017, in accordance with the existing Feasibility Professional Services Agreement with AECOM. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers O’Connor, O’Day, Himmelrich, Vazquez, McKeown, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mayor Winterer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion by Councilmember O’Connor, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, to approve the staff recommendation finding that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15302, and 153083, and to adopt **Resolution No. 11044 (CCS), entitled,** “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA FINDING THAT THE REDUCTION OF THE OPERATIONAL LENGTH OF THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT’S RUNWAY IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT UNDER CEQA.” The

motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers McKeown, Vazquez, Himmelrich, O'Day,
O'Connor, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mayor Winterer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Himmelrich, to give staff direction to return to council, as soon as possible, with options for a project to remove of the unneeded pavement from the airport runway. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers O'Connor, O'Day, Himmelrich, Vazquez,
McKeown, Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Mayor Winterer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Interim City Attorney questioned the direction to staff, for further clarification, to make clear that the intent of the direction to staff is that they return with all potential options regarding the unnecessary pavement whether it be removal of it or alternative uses.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Esterlina Lugo
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:

Ted Winterer
Mayor