CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

JOINT MEETING MINUTES
WITH THE AGUA CALIENTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010
Palm Springs International Airport, Terminal Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet and Tribal Chairman Milanovich called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson, and Mayor Pougnet.
ABSENT:	None.
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Richard M. Milanovich, Chairman, Jeff L. Grubbe, Vice Chairman, Karen Welmas, Secretary/Treasurer, Vincent Gonzales III, Member, Jeannette Prieto-Dodd, Member.
ABSENT:	None.
ALSO PRESENT:	Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, and Michelle Carr, Tribal Attorney.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:
City Attorney Holland reported the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., and the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Items on the posted Closed Session Agenda. No reportable actions were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1.A. PALM SPRINGS VISITORS CENTER JOINT REMODEL PROJECT:
Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager and Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources provided background information on the Visitors Center Remodel Project.

Discussion was held regarding the materials, the Palm Springs Modern kiosk and their presence and participation, and the placement of the Tribe's presentation and pieces.

No action taken.

1.B. SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND UPDATE:
Alva Johnson, Tribal Director of Government Affairs, provided background information on the status of the Special Distribution Fund.

City Manager Ready requested the Police Chief and Fire Chief provide information on the services and benefits provided by the Special Distribution Fund.

Discussion was held regarding the State holding the funds, and the importance of the SDF fund to public safety.

No action taken.

1.C. BELARDO ROAD PROJECT UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:
Marcus Fuller, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided background information and an update on the Belardo Bridge construction project.

Discussion was held regarding the timelines for construction, major benefits of building the bridge, and the interface with the existing roads to the bridge.

No action taken.

1.D. INTERSTATE 10/INDIAN CANYON DRIVE INTERCHANGE UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:
Marcus Fuller, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided background information and an update on the Interstate 10/Indian Canyon Drive construction project.

Discussion was held regarding funding and construction estimates, and the timelines for completion once Riverside County awards the bid for the construction project.

No action taken.

1.E. COLLEGE OF THE DESERT WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPUS UPDATE:
Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and progress report on the College of the Desert Western Coachella Valley Campus.

Discussion was held regarding populating the campus by 2014 with approximately 2,000 students, funding for operations, and potential funding for operations.

No action taken.

1.F. STATE OF CALIFORNIA INNOVATION HUB:
Mayor Pougnet and Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and progress report on the State of California Innovation Hub.

Discussion was held regarding location of the Innovation Hub across from City Hall, the funding for the rehabilitation of the building, and funding for programs.

No action taken.

1.G. TAHQUITZ CREEK TRAIL MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:
Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update and progress report on the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

Discussion was held regarding equestrian programs, and interaction with the Tribal Visitors Center.

No action taken.

1.H. SPA SPRING STUDY TRIBAL UPDATE:
Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources provided background information on the Spa Spring Study.

Discussion was held regarding the purposes of the study of the Spa Spring, the location and uniqueness of the spring, and the relationship of the spa to the Museum Market Plaza Master Plan.

No action taken.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Continue discussion of the Museum Market Plaza Master Plan project.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 6:00 P.M., Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 P.M., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK