CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011
Palm Springs Convention Center

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout Troop 262, led the Pledge.

INVOCATION: Father Ron Rusk, St. Theresa Catholic Church, led the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pougnet and the City Council presented Palm Springs Police Sergeant Matthew Beard a Certificate of Commendation for his recent heroic service, and Interim Police Chief Franz of Police presented Sergeant Beard a Medal of Honor.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland stated 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.

City Attorney Holland reported that the City Council authorized the City Attorney's office settlement authority on existing litigation *Dorel Nanna v. City of Palm Springs* (Case No. INC 086985, Riverside Superior Court, Indio Division), and the settlement agreement will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office upon execution by all parties. A6068.

City Attorney Holland stated the City Council provided the City Attorney direction on the O'Donnell Golf Club tort claim, otherwise no reportable actions were taken.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:
ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. PUBLIC MEETING/STUDY SESSION:

1.A. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY INPUT AND VISIONING SESSIONS WITH PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN:
MIG Representatives presented a PowerPoint presentation and recapped the activities and outcomes on the three community visioning meetings.

Mayor Pougnet and John Wessman, Wessman Development, provided a preliminary draft site plan based on the input received at the community visioning meetings.

HAROLD MEYERMAN, Palm Springs Art Museum, congratulated the City Council and Wessman Development for the process and the excellent site plan, and the focus toward the Palm Springs Art Museum.

HAROLD MATZNER, Palm Springs International Film Festival, stated the proposed redevelopment gives back the City's downtown, stated the Festival endorses the new theatre and a new theatre could provide expansion of the Palm Springs Film Festival, and commented on the benefits and support for the Palm Springs Art Museum.

DAVID BARRON, commented on the cross purposes and the unity developed by the City and Wessman Development for looking ahead and moving forward, stated his support for all the open spaces and the preliminary site plan.

JOY MERIDITH, commented on the background and getting beyond the past and what the future may bring, and stated this is a plan of hope.

BONNIE Z., requested staff address the green space and height of building and parking and the proposed street in relation to the Town and Country Center.

RICK PANTELE, stated he hopes the plan can bring the "arts" back to Palm Springs, and the vision of the plan.

JIM STEWART, congratulated the City and Consultants, commented on the theaters, and requested height for "fly ways" for live performance,

requested free parking, and requested the City stay out of the process on the tenant mix.

JOHN TYMON, commented on the south-east corner, the removal of the Town and Country and the Bank of America buildings, and complimented the community visioning process.

STEVE ROSENBERG, commented on the enormous steps forward toward meeting the community vision, thanked the developer, and would like clarification on the underground parking.

FRANK TYSEN, commented on the positive elements of the site plan, thanked the City and developer for the preliminary site plan, and stated he would like to see added an element that recognizes the original Desert Inn.

GERALDINE CARPENTER, commented on how the buildings will be built, and sustainability in the City of Palm Springs.

DAVID CARDEN, stated the plan has "wow" factor, and complimented the preliminary site plan.

ALEXANDER RAYMOND, commented on sustainability in the development, commented on the process and the uplifting process incorporated by the community.

JOHN NASH, commented on the removal of the Bank of America building, the vista and the view of the mountains, and recommended the removal of other buildings for the view of the Palm Springs Art Museum and the Mountain View, and requested a "planetarium."

Mayor Pougnet commented on the sustainability features, the removal of the Town and Country, height restrictions, and the entertainment element.

John Wessman, Property Owner, commented on the existing and proposed parking, the view vistas and project height.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested the Property Owner address public restrooms, shade structures, and the possible location for a grocery store.

Councilmember Foat thanked Mr. Wessman for the preliminary site plan, and stated the plan incorporates the community comments and vision.

Councilmember Hutcheson stated the result of the City and Mr. Wessman working quickly for a first class result, commented on the improvements for the Palm Springs Art Museum, complimented the increase in open

spaces, the lowering of height, commented on the adjustable amount of space, and the additional space for the Hyatt.

Councilmember Foat inquired as to the time frame of the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Weigel thanked Mr. Wessman and the City Council for making this project happen.

Mayor Pougnet requested Councilmember Mills comment on the current disconnect with the Hyatt, and the new proposal near the Hyatt.

Councilmember Mills commented on the circulation pattern, stated the proposal is the basic plan for the City Council to base the Development Agreement, stated this is the opportunity to fix a big problem in the Downtown, the plan offers flexibility for vehicles and flexibility to pedestrians, commented on the public assistance needed including funding.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the City/Redevelopment Agency expenditure, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, toward 50% of the Architectural and Engineering costs, pursuant to the plan submitted by Wessman Development on March 2, 2011, consistent with the City/Redevelopment Agency Community Visioning Meetings; and 2) the City Manager/Executive Director is authorized to execute such documents and agreements as may be appropriate to provide for such expenditure. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried.**

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:
ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., 2.C., 2.D., 2.E. and 2.F. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Weigel, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried.**

2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:
ACTION: Receive and file Report on the Posting of the March 2, 2011, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
ACTION: Approve the City Council Minutes of February 9, 2011, and February 16, 2011. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS:
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22878, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1047000 THROUGH 1047092 IN THE AGGREGATE

AMOUNT OF $1,635,122.31, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22879, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 02-05-11 BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 416468 THROUGH 416492 TOTALING $38,715.70, LIABILITY CHECKS NUMBERED 1047093 THROUGH 1047114 TOTALING $123,319.72, FIVE WIRE TRANSFERS FOR $46,432.90, AND THREE ELECTRONIC ACH DEBITS OF $998,437.46, IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $1,206,905.78, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 22880, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1047115 THROUGH 1047309 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF $770,896.86, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE (PS&E) AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CYCLE 8, STATE FUNDED PROJECT (CP 09-07):
ACTION: Approve the plans, specifications, and working details for the Safe Routes to School Cycle 8 Project (CP 09-07) and authorize the bid process. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENT NO. A3192 WITH ROBERT J. POND LIVING TRUST TO REPLACE THE TRUSTEE:
ACTION: 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. A3192 with Robert J. Pond Living Trust to replace the Corporate Trustee Northern Trust, NA with Bremer Trust, NA effective December 23, 2010; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A3192. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5784 WITH TERRA NOVA PLANNING & RESEARCH, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT WORK FOR THE COLLEGE OF THE DESERT IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,000:
ACTION: 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A5784 with Terra Nova Planning & Research, Inc. for additional entitlement work in the amount of $35,000; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents. A5784. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

3. LEGISLATIVE: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Mills requested staff develop a program or event to memorialize the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m. to the next regular meeting, Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by Closed Session, Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK