CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2008
City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Mills called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Hutcheson led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Hutcheson, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Mills.
ABSENT:	Mayor Pougnet.
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Mills provided an update and photographs of the recent City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Fire Chief Blake Goetz announced the donation of $20,000 from BP to the Fire Department for a Fire Education Trailer, to meet the educational needs of the Community

Mayor Pro Tem Mills announced the success and presented photographs of the recent Story Time Event at the Village Green.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland reported that at 4:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order and the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Items on the posted Closed Session Agenda. City Attorney Holland stated the City Council authorized the City Attorney to file certain Zoning Violation Cases; otherwise no reportable actions were taken.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

City Clerk Thompson stated that staff recommends the City Council table Item 1.A. and Item 1.D.

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as amended. **Motion Councilmember Weigel, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Hutcheson, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Mills.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Ready provided an update on Code Enforcement activities.

1. STUDY SESSION:

1.A. SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS AND GOALS PROGRESS REPORT AND UPDATE:

Tabled to December 17, 2008.

1.B. SUNLINE DESIGN OF BUS SHELTERS AND THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BUS SHELTERS IN THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS:

City Manager Ready and City Engineer Barakian provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 10, 2008.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested staff address the sharing of revenue for the proposed advertising on the new bus shelters, and requested staff address the color specifications.

Councilmember Weigel requested staff and Sunline address the design specifications, and the amount of protection from the sun.

Councilmember Foat stated the design is not made for the desert, expressed her concerns with the metallic finish and the lack of shade, requested Sunline address the advertising program, and the charge to the City if the City chose not to allow the advertising program.

Mayor Pro Tem Mills requested Sunline address the reasons why the standard was modified, expressed concerns with the new design, requested Sunline address the criteria and site selection, addressed the current provision that the City require a custom bus shelter during the

development process, and requested Sunline address recycling issues with the trash receptacle at the shelter.

No action taken.

1.C. GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION AS IT RELATES TO ANNEXATION AND THE CITY'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE:
City Manager Ready provided background information and requested the City provide staff direction if the City should protest the Desert Hot Springs application for annexation of unincorporated area.

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, provided background information with respect to the land in question in regards to the City's General Plan, and process before LAFCO.

Councilmember Foat requested staff address the wind/industrial area within the City boundaries and staff address the feasibility of modifying the border to include both cities.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested staff address the downside of the City proceeding with a protest to the Desert Hot Springs application for annexation, and stated the City has better capability to provide services to the area.

Councilmember Weigel requested staff address the process of possible negotiation with Desert Hot Springs.

Councilmember Mills provided background information when the Sphere of Influence was originally set by LAFCO, and stated he would prefer the City work with Desert Hot Springs on zoning and aesthetics rather than push for a Sphere change.

ACTION: Direct the City Manager to withdraw the comment letter filed with respect to the Desert Hot Springs Application for Annexation. **By consensus of the City Council, noting the absence of Mayor Pougnet.**

1.D. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM DISCUSSION AND REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE:
Item tabled.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Foat commented on a letter received from the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation, and requested the City Manager provide an update on the

status and schedule a study session with respect to the creation of a proposed Historical District.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested the City Manager provide an update on how residents report code violations.

Councilmember Weigel commented on the recent 2008 Festival of Lights Parade.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the 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 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008.

STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK