

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Moon called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Moon led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Kors, Councilmember Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, and Mayor Moon.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

ROLL CALL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Bettinger, Commissioner Ferguson, Commissioner Freedman, Commissioner McCann, Commissioner Otto, Vice Chair Wilson, Chair Jackson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lazar.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

BRETT KLEIN, commented on the reallocation of Measure J funds non-motorized transportation funds to other capital projects.

VIC YEPELLO, commented on the reallocation of Measure J funds non-motorized transportation funds to other capital projects.

DARRYL PONICSAN, commented on proposed regulations for gas powered leaf blowers.

GRETCHEN GUTIERREZ, commented on Item 1.C. and 1.D. regarding mandatory solar and the Green Building Program regulations.

MINDY REED, commented on the reallocation of Measure J funds and the non-motorized transportation funds to other capital projects.

MARK GERSHENSON, commented on proposed regulations for gas powered leaf blowers.

STEVE NICHOLS, commented on the proposed 2016 Sustainability Master Plan, and recommended the City Council apply these principles to other areas and programs.

KATIE BARROWS, CVAG, thanked the City Council and the Commission and commented on the CVAG Green Building Program and stated CVAG is available to support the City.

ROXANN PLOSS, commented on proposed regulations for gas powered leaf blowers.

1. JOINT MEETING WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION:

1.A. SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN:

Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the Sustainability Master Plan: questioned if all goals have been attained in the 2009 Sustainability Master Plan and the 20 First Steps, base level for the reduction of greenhouse gases, proposed legislation to meet the next goals, questioned the status and goals of the PACE programs, the inter-connections between the City's Boards and Commissions on sustainability programs, the funding of the non-motorized transportation plan, recycling for multi-family housing and increase recycling for commercial establishments, the status of water and development, hot water circulating pumps, long term plan for City parks and water reduction, status of the bicycle kiosk pilot project, waste water recycling, alternative fuel vehicle, the goal of the number of new trees to be planted by 2021, and the connections of trails with bikeways.

The Sustainability Commission discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the Sustainability Master Plan: the interrelation of all the elements of the plan, incorporating other alternative transportation in the active transportation plan, public outreach and education, updating the Walkability Plan, and the Next Steps.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 24053, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE 2016-2021 CITY OF PALM SPRINGS SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN," amending the references from PSNIC to ONEPS. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Kors and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

1.B. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING LEAF BLOWERS:

Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following: available grants to replace gas leaf blowers, potential phasing in the elimination of gas leaf blowers, the lack of technology incorporated into leaf blowers, the Sustainability Subcommittee recommendation to prohibit gas leaf blowers in residential zones, replacement opportunities to replace gas leaf blowers, worker protection for users of gas leaf blowers, any CVAG discussion on a regional approach to prohibiting gas leaf blowers, and requested Staff address any fiscal impact.

The Sustainability Commission discussed and/or commented on the following: the Sustainability Commission Subcommittee recommendation, the reduction of PM10 caused by both gas and electric leaf blowers, steps to eliminate gas leaf blowers, the comparison of noise level between gas and electric blowers, and the prior study session that considered all the views and stakeholder discussion and input.

ACTION: 1) Direct Staff and the Sustainability Commission to continue to conduct studies and develop options for the reductions and/or elimination of gas powered leaf blowers including grant or incentive options, educational component, health protections for workers, and potential phased-in regulations; and 2) Direct Councilmember Kors and Staff to present a regional approach to leaf blowers to the CVAG Energy and Environment Committee. **By unanimous consent of the City Council.**

1.C. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING MANDATORY SOLAR INSTALLATION POLICY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION:

Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following: coordination with the Planning Commission and the Planning Department, the dollar amount of renovation that would require solar installation, providing incentives to builders to comply with any proposed requirements, projects that were required to be pre-wired for solar, the builder costs to add solar to a project, and the effects of mandatory solar to lower cost, start-up and affordable housing.

The Sustainability Commission discussed and/or commented on the following: comparison to other City ordinances, and the process of the Sustainability Commission Subcommittee.

No action taken.

1.D. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE “GREEN FOR LIFE VOLUNTARY GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM” AS MANDATORY FOR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS:

Michele Mician, Sustainability Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following: providing additional information for water heating costs, the condition for glass doors, the lack of any new information regarding State requirements, incentive program to use the Green Building Program, the calculation of the incentives, and the cost to the City toward incentives.

ACTION: Direct Staff to further develop the Green for Life Incentive Program. **By unanimous consent of the City Council.**

The Sustainability Commission adjourned and the City Council recessed at 9:06 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

2. ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING:

2.A. APPROVAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 152 NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION PROGRAM WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 24054, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND REAFFIRMING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SETTING OF RATES FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 152 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 TO FUND THE CITY’S NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT IN ORDER TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CITY’S DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS;” 2) Approve an Administrative Services Agreement with Riverside County for the CSA 152 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A6027. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WITH SOLARCITY CORPORATION FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AT THE PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER AND THE PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER, AND APPROVAL OF A CEQA

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, AS PART OF THE CITYWIDE SOLAR PROJECT (CITY PROJECT NO. 15-03):

Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager/City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated June 23, 2016.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following: costs and warranty for the maintenance and roof replacement, and the cost and maintenance of the solar panels.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 24055, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED CONTRACTS WITH SOLARCITY CORPORATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 5956, ET SEQ., FOR THE COMPLETE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AT THE PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL SHELTER AND THE PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER, AND APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF A CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A6867. A6868. **Motion Councilmember Kors, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

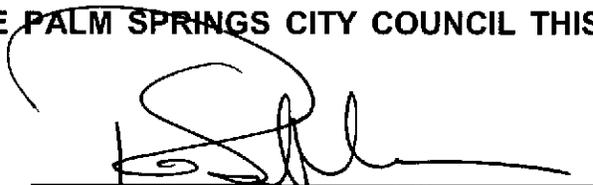
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Mayor Moon requested the City Council consider delaying the July 20, 2016, meeting to August 3, 2016.

Councilmember Foat requested City Staff prepare additional information for the City Council regarding UBER at the Palm Springs International Airport.

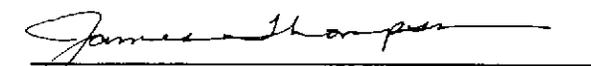
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:36 p.m. to the next regular meeting Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by Closed Session, at 4:00 p.m. in the Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2016.



ROBERT MOON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK