

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



**MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008  
City Hall Council Chamber**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Palm Springs High School Band led the Pledge and performed the National Anthem.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Pougnet and the City Council presented the Palm Springs High School Band a Certificate of Recognition for their service to the community.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Hutcheson, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, Mayor Pro Tem Foat, and Mayor Pougnet.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**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. No reportable actions were taken.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

City Clerk Thompson stated that the City Attorney has requested Item 2.D., be withdrawn from the Agenda and tabled for one week.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

WILLIE HOLLAND, commented on problems and distressed properties located in the Desert Highland Gateway neighborhood.

WESLEY COLE, stated his support for the City's Green Initiative, and provided an update on upcoming activities with respect to sustainable events in the City of Palm Springs.

WALTER REED, Executive Director AIDS Assistance Program, commented on Item 5.A., and requested the City Council support the recognition of Jackie Lee Houston.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

**1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., and 2.C. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

**2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Receive and file Report on the Posting of the May 28, 2008, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the City Council Minutes of April 2, 2008, April 16, 2008, April 30, 2008, May 14, 2008, and May 21, 2008; and 2) Approve the Financing Authority Minutes of April 16, 2008. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS:**

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22234, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1028110 THROUGH 1028379 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3,063,312.77 DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.D. GROUND LESSOR'S CONSENT, NONDISTURBANCE AND ATTORNTMENT, AND ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT WITH AP-PALM SPRINGS, LLC AND BANK OF AMERICA:**

Withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of staff.

**3. LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN:**

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 28, 2008.

Councilmember Mills thanked staff for responding to the City Council's concerns.

Mayor Pougnet stated this project will be the top priority of the City, and thanked staff for their prompt response.

**ACTION:** Approve the proposed schedule for processing the Museum Market Plaza Specific Plan. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Foat, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. RESOLUTION NAMING THE FUTURE CONVENTION CENTER WEST ENTRY PLAZA (TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE TRIANGLE PARCEL) THE JACKIE LEE HOUSTON PLAZA:**

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the proposed resolution.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the achievements, support, and dedication of Jackie Lee Houston.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the achievements and support of Jackie Lee Houston.

Councilmember Hutcheson commented on the achievements and leadership of Jackie Lee Houston.

Councilmember Mills commented on the achievements and support of Jackie Lee Houston, and recommended that the conceptual drawings be submitted to the Tribe for initial review.

Councilmember Weigel commented on the achievements and support of Jackie Lee Houston.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22235, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE FUTURE CONVENTION CENTER WEST ENTRY PLAZA AS THE JACKIE LEE HOUSTON PLAZA." **Motion Mayor Pougnet, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foat and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

**SS. STUDY SESSION:**

**SS1. AIRPORT ADVERTISING CONCESSIONS:**

Thomas Nolan, Executive Director Aviation, and Mark Kiehl, Deputy Director of Aviation, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Airport Concession program.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested staff address any opportunities to promote the City and the tourist attractions at the City's Airport, and stated one of his objectives as promotion of the City.

Councilmember Mills indicated his support for the City to issue an RFP or an RFQ for the enhancement of Airport advertising, and adding flexibility to the advertising programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat stated her support for the City to issue an RFP or an RFQ to enhance advertising and branding of the City at the Airport, and commented on display cases mixed with advertising at the Ontario Airport.

Councilmember Weigel stated his support for the City to issue an RFP or an RFQ to enhance advertising at the Airport.

**ACTION:** Direct staff to issue an RFP or an RFQ for enhanced Airport advertising. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**SS2. PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET:**

City Manager Ready provided background information on the Capital Improvement Budget and the Community Redevelopment Agency Budget as submitted.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat requested staff budget \$5,000 for Capital Improvements to fence the Animal Shelter, requested staff address the possible delay of the proposed traffic signal at Baristo Road and Palm Springs High School.

Councilmember Mills questioned why the school district did not fund the safety enhancements for the installation of the traffic signal, and stated the installation was not a major priority.

Councilmember Mills stated several items on the unfunded capital project list were maintenance related to facilities, and requested staff address the condition of the Palm Canyon Arts Center.

Councilmember Weigel commented on the public safety aspects for the proposed traffic signal at the Palm Springs High School with the Police Department and the Palm Springs Unified School District.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested consideration to fund a facade improvement program for the Downtown area, requested the Police Department review and update capital improvement requests for citizen protection, recommended the proposed playground repairs be phased in over a few years, requested staff review the funding for the traffic light at the High School, stated the City should be looking at making more serious cuts to the budget, and requested the City Manager review the budget for additional reductions.

Councilmember Weigel requested staff review Police Department and public safety requests, stated his support that public safety items be funded, and recommended staff review the amount of funds currently proposed for street resurfacing.

Mayor Pougnet requested City staff address the balance of the City Technology fund, the proposed uses of the fees and status of the projects, commented on the resurfacing of the City Hall parking lot, safety issues at the parks for playground equipment, and the street resurfacing program.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the risk management issues of playground equipment repairs and the need for such repairs.

Councilmember Mills stated he is not in support of City Council Chamber video upgrades at this time, as this project could be delayed.

City Manager Ready stated funding for the Bob Hope Classic has not been included in the budget, and is in need of City Council discussion and direction.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested that special events be included in the unallocated funding, to ensure additional discussion and input by citizens and stakeholder groups.

Mayor Pougnet requested the City Council and staff be prepared for a full discussion on Special Event funding at the next meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:**

Mayor Pougnet commented on the Resource Conservation Commission poster contest, and requested the City Manager provide reusable water pitchers for City Council meetings rather than bottled water.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 4, 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  
4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2008.**

  
STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK