

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



**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008
City Hall Council Chamber**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pougnet led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLANNING: Commissioner Caffery, Commissioner Cohen, Commissioner Ringlein, Commissioner Scott, Vice Chair Hohanadel, Chair Marantz.

ABSENT: Commissioner Conrad (due to property ownership conflict).

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

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

City Clerk Thompson stated staff requested Consent Calendar Item 2.D. be withdrawn from the Agenda, and requested Item 2.F. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and update.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat requested Items RA1. and RA2. be considered for a separate vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

WENDIE BUSIG-KOHN, provided an update on the upcoming funding activities and events of the Desert Philanthropic Association, Inc.

BRIAN UTMAN, Palm Springs, provided an update on the upcoming funding activities and events of the Desert Philanthropic Association, Inc.

KNOEL PITTMAN, provided an update on the upcoming funding activities and events of the Desert Philanthropic Association, Inc.

ALICIA HOLLINS, La Quinta, provided an update on the upcoming funding activities and events of the Desert Philanthropic Association, Inc.

VIC GAINER, Palm Springs, commented on Item 1.A., thanked the City Council for the timely hearing, and stated his support for the Project, commented on the proposed increase by the Coachella Valley Water District, and requested the City Council take a position on the rate increase.

GARY JOHNS, Palm Springs, commented on Item 1.A., and requested the City Council consider pedestrian access.

CATHERINE MCMILLAN, Palm Springs, commented on Item 1.A., and stated her support for the project.

JOY MEREDITH, Palm Springs, commented on Item 1.A., stressed the importance of the Desert Fashion Plaza to the Downtown area, and stated the Downtown area needs assistance.

MANNY MONTOYA, commented on Item 1.A., stated his support for the Project, and further noted Downtown needs assistance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on Item 1.A., and stated the City Council has been waiting with anticipation for this plan.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION:

1.A. RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FROM WESSMAN HOLDINGS, LLC, FOR A SPECIFIC PLAN TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA:

Mayor Pougnet commented on the inaccuracy of the article in the Desert Sun regarding the development of the Desert Fashion Plaza.

LEA GOODSSELL, Representing Wessman Development, provided background information on previous Wessman Projects in the Downtown area, and the current condition of Downtown Palm Springs.

JOHN WESSMAN, Palm Springs, provided background information on the proposed redevelopment of the Desert Fashion Plaza.

NICOLE CRISTE, Owners Representative Museum Market Plaza, presented a Power Point presentation on the proposed Museum Market Plaza project and site, commented on the land uses, proposed open space and the incorporation of public art, height and variation of height, set-backs, and architecture.

Mayor Pougnet requested staff address if an application had been received for the Museum Market Plaza Specific Plan, and commented on the upcoming process.

Councilmember Hutcheson commented on the upcoming process, stated his three guiding principals to evaluate the project.

Councilmember Mills commented on the work of the City Council subcommittee to get to this point, commented on the previous developments by Wessman Development, the history of the current Desert Fashion Plaza, and stated this is a top priority for the City Council and staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the progressive deterioration of the Desert Fashion Plaza, and stated this project is a top priority for the City and staff.

Chair Marantz thanked the City Council for including the Planning Commission in the presentation, and thanked Wessman Development for the presentation.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the revitalization of Downtown and this project, stated the plan has strengths and weaknesses, and the City Council will work toward providing the best plan in a timely manner, requested staff place an item on the May 21, 2008, Agenda a staff report with a proposal for the review and the processing of the plan, and place on the June 4, 2008, City Council Agenda an initial review of the Specific Plan.

The City Council recessed at 7:08 p.m., and the Planning Commission adjourned.

The City Council reconvened at 7:19 p.m. as the City of Palm Springs Community Redevelopment Agency.

The Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:24 p.m. and the City Council reconvened.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Receive and file the Report on the Posting of the April 30, 2008, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the City Council Minutes of April 23, 2008. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22212 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4-5-08 BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 413250 THROUGH 413298 TOTALING \$77,909.04 LIABILITY CHECKS NUMBERED 1027540 THROUGH 1027560 TOTALING \$145,329.62, THREE WIRE TRANSFERS FOR \$60,007.06 AND THREE ELECTRONIC ACH DEBITS OF \$1,089,130.74 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,372,376.46 DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22213, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1027561 THROUGH 1027822 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,733,217.18 DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. AWARD CONTRACT FOR INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES TO KEENAN ASSOCIATES AS THE CITY'S BROKER OF RECORD:

ACTION: Approve an Agreement with Keenan Associates for Insurance Brokerage Services for a three-year term, and two one-year extensions, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. A5656. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

2.D. AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVE/MODIFY/REHAB TERMINAL COMPLEX PROJECT, CP#07-09, AIP 3-06-0181-43 AT THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of staff.

2.F. PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RESTORE FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND:

City Clerk Thompson provided background information as outlined in the proposed resolution, and requested the City Council amend the proposed resolution removing AB1389 from the title and in Section 2.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22214, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, URGING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RESTORE FUNDING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND," *amending the resolution by removing the reference AB1389.* **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

3. **LEGISLATIVE:** None.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

5.A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET:

City Manager Ready provided background information on the Preliminary Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget, highlighted the use of Agency funds, street resurfacing goals, Special Distribution Funds, proposed deficit, and funding of the Bob Hope Classic.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the City Budget: sales tax projections, preparation of cost estimates, ongoing review of the budget, revenue estimates, projected growth of property taxes, and the use of CRA funds.

No action taken.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Mills requested staff address weed control on Farrell Drive.

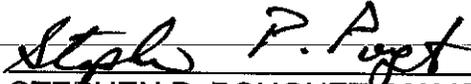
Councilmember Weigel commented on the Tribal contributions to the City and organizations within the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat announced the upcoming Office of Neighborhood Involvement picnic and activities.

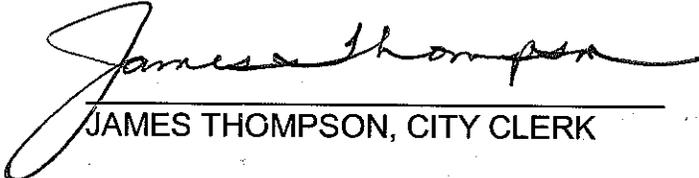
Mayor Pougnet thanked staff for their work on the Desert Fashion Plaza development project, and requested the City Manager place on the May 21, 2008 Agenda an Item to initiate a street name change for Alvarado Road to be named Jackie Lee Houston Parkway.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 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
28TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.**


STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK