CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008
City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.
ABSENT:	None.
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

PRESENTATIONS:

County of Riverside Date Festival Queen and her Court announced the upcoming activities for the Riverside County Fair.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland reported that at 5:00 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:
ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Foat and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DAGMAR POST, commented on a recent event at the Palm Springs Library, thanked the City for offering speakers and events, and requested the City Council support the expansion of the Library.

BOB MAHLOWITZ, Palm Springs, stated the Palm Springs Library has been neglected for too long, requested the City Council support the expansion and renovation of the Library.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

SS1. JOINT MEETING WITH THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES, RESOURCES, AND PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM:

Chair Tansey and the Members of the Resource Conservation Commission provided introductions.

Chair Tansey provided an outline and recap of the activities of the Commission over the last six months including: energy audit of City facilities, limitations and bans on scalping of grass within the City, promotion of solar energy, zero-scaping at City Hall, reduction in water usage, green building materials, public education campaigns with respect to waste and recycling, and the development of a sustainable plan within one-year.

Councilmember Foat provided an update on AB811, regarding solar tax incentives.

Katie Barrows, CVAG, provided an update on regional and valley efforts with respect to sustainability and conservation efforts.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested additional information on the model resolution as being worked on by CVAG, and requested the model resolution be placed on a City Council agenda for consideration.

Councilmember Weigel requested CVAG staff address the consistency of programs throughout the different cities in the Coachella Valley.

Fred Bell, Building Industry Association Desert Chapter, commented on the consistency of programs and construction, and provided an update with respect to the new requirements imposed by State law in 2009.

Lin Juniper, Southern California Edison, provided an update on the activities of SCE with CVAG, the educational programs offered by SCE, the support of the Green Valley initiative and AB811, and the new SCE program for sustainability programs for cities.

Mayor Pougnet requested the Commission address the educational components with respect to their activities and mission.

Councilmember Hutcheson encouraged the Commission to commence quickly with respect to some of the proposals and recommendations of the Commission, recommended all the resources and information be placed on the City's website, and requested the City Manager review programs for City employees to be involved at all levels.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the development of a long term sustainability plan, identifying short term benchmarks, and the development of ideas and programs to involve the citizens and encourage their participation.

Councilmember Mills commented on audits and a measuring point, recognition of the City accomplishments thus far, proposed solar project for City Hall, researching and goals of sustainability plans, and obtaining a City Sustainability Manager or consultant.

Councilmember Weigel commented on the time frame, mandatory recycling, and a recycling facility in Palm Springs.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the timing of programs and sustainability programs, thanked the Commission, staff, and our partners, and requested staff review obtaining a Sustainability Manager or consultant.

No action taken.

The City Council recessed at 7:12 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

SS2. JOINT MEETING WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION ON PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND FUTURE PLANS FOR REMODEL AND/OR EXPANSION AND THE FUNDING THEREOF:

Chair Levinson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees provided introductions.

Chair Levinson provided a summary of the State of the Palm Springs Library.

Barbara Roberts, Director of Library Services, provided background information on the current use of the Library and the need for additional facilities to meet the needs of the community.

Stephanie Kingsnorth, City Library Consultant, provided background information on the expansion options along with associated cost projections.

Councilmember Mills requested staff address if the City could reach to option 5, by starting with option 4, working toward a Master Plan build out in future years.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the differences between option 4 and option 5, and the inclusion of the Jaycees Frey Building.

Councilmember Weigel stated he would prefer option 5, and requested a plan to phase into option 5, questioned if the Library would have to vacate the building during the renovation.

Councilmember Hutcheson stated his support for a phased approach for option 5, and the temporary use of satellite facilities.

Councilmember Mills requested staff address the $7.6 million for infrastructure, the phasing plan to get to option 5 and future costs and revenue sources.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat stated she would have preferred to see the phasing plan and costs of option 5, and requested the information be reviewed by Al Smoot, the City's construction consultant.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the future revenue projections and funding sources, and stated the solution to obtaining the amount of funds needed would be to issue bonds.

Councilmember Mills stated he feels this is the opportunity for a matching funds bond issue.

City Manager Ready commented on the aspects of providing a matching funds bond issue.

No action taken.

The City Council recessed at 8:20 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

2. ADJOURNED MEETING ITEMS:

2A. ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGN FOR THE AIRPORT TERMINAL PHASE II PROJECT:

Thomas Nolan, Executive Director of Aviation, and Al Smoot, Construction Consultant, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 30, 2008.

Mayor Pro Tem Foat commented on the addition of two water features and conservation, and the distance between the terminal and the holdroom.

Councilmember Weigel commented on the noise abatement from the new concourse.

Councilmember Mills commented on the scope and timing of the project.

Councilmember Hutcheson stated the project is an enhancement to the Airport.

Mayor Pougnet commented on the noise abatement issues and recommends that staff work with the surrounding neighbors.

ACTION: 1) Accept the design plans for the Airport Terminal Phase II Project; and 2) Authorize and direct staff to submit the project plans to the Planning Commission and Architectural Advisory Committee for approval. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Foat, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, at City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 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 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

STEPHEN POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008
City Hall Council Chamber

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Agency Member Hutcheson, Agency Member Mills, Agency Member Weigel, Vice Chair Foat and Chair Pougnet.
ABSENT:	None.
ALSO PRESENT:	Executive Director Ready, Agency Attorney Holland, and Assistant Secretary Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

RA1. SELECTION OF NEXUS COMPANIES AS THE MASTER DEVELOPER IN THE "DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT" MASTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager, Development Services, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 16, 2008.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 1346, "A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING NEXUS COMPANIES AS THE MASTER DEVELOPER PARTNER IN THE AGENCY'S DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN PROCESS FOR FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT AREA ONE." **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Foat, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

RA2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
ACTION: Approve the Community Redevelopment Agency Minutes of January 9, 2008. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

ADJOURNMENT: The Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

Chair

ATTEST:

Assistant Secretary