

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



**MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007  
City Hall Council Chamber**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Oden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Boy Scout Troop 262, led the Pledge.

**INVOCATION:** Rev. Kevin Johnson, Bloom in the Desert Ministries, led the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Foat, Councilmember McCulloch, Councilmember Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, and Mayor Oden.

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**1. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**S1. PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007, REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION:**

City Clerk Thompson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 5, 2007.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22104, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2007, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY LAW." **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

**S2. OUTGOING MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember McCulloch and Mayor Oden provided leaving office comments, thanked the community of Palm Springs, colleagues on the City Council, and staff for their support.

Mayor Oden and the City Council presented Certificates of Election to newly elected Councilmembers Rick Hutcheson and Lee Weigel and newly elected Mayor Steve Pougnet.

The City Council recessed at 6:24 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

**S3. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBER ELECT RICK HUTCHESON AND COUNCILMEMBER ELECT LEE WEIGEL:**

City Clerk Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect Rick Hutcheson and Councilmember Elect Lee Weigel. Councilmember Hutcheson and Councilmember Weigel took their place at the dais.

**S4. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR ELECT STEVE POGNET:**

City Clerk Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Steve Pougnet.

**S5. INCOMING COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Hutcheson and Councilmember Weigel provided incoming Councilmember comments.

Councilmember Foat and Councilmember Mills welcomed the newly elected Councilmembers.

**S6. INCOMING MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pougnet provided incoming Mayoral comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JONO HILDNER, congratulated the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers and stated that he looks forward to working with the newly elected Mayor and Members of the City Council.

CRAIG SHEETS, commented on Federal drug enforcement activities.

JOY MEREDITH, commented on a recent fire at her business located in Downtown Palm Springs.

ED TORRES, thanked Mayor Oden and Councilmember McCulloch, and welcomed the newly elected officials.

**S7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:**

Councilmember Mills nominated Councilmember Foat for the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

**ACTION:** Appoint Councilmember Ginny Foat as Mayor Pro Tempore for the term ending December, 2008. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

**1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1.A. RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION OF A PORTION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT IN TRACT 32233-4, RECORDED IN BOOK 381 OF MAPS, PAGE 81-84, INCLUSIVE, IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST; FILE R 07-20:**

David Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 5, 2007.

Mayor Pougnet opened the public hearing, and no speakers coming forward the public hearing was closed.

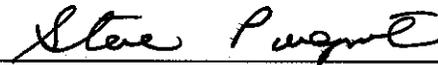
**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22105, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, VACATING AND ABANDONING ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN A PORTION OF A 10 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED IN LOTS 23, 36, 38, 39, 48, 49 AND 59 OF TRACT MAP 32233-4, RECORDED IN BOOK 381 OF MAPS, PAGES 81 THROUGH 84, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST; FILE R 07-20." **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:00 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  
19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk