

**PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
WITH THE AGUA CALIENTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007
Spa Hotel and Resort, Cahuilla Room**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Oden and Tribal Chair Milanovich called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL 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.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Member Gonzales, Secretary-Treasurer Patencio, Vice Chair Grubbe and Chair Milanovich.

ABSENT: Member Prieto-Dodd.

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, and Art Bunce, Tribal Attorney.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Oden and the City Council presented a Proclamation to the Agua Caliente Tribal Council in recognition of more than ten-years the Tribe has assisted with the needs of the City and the Community with more than \$2.8 million in donations, and proclaimed June 7, 2007, as Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indian appreciation day in the City of Palm Springs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JOHN TYMON, Palm Springs, commented on the proposed expansion of the Spa Casino in Downtown Palm Springs, Section 14.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1.A. BELARDO BRIDGE UPDATE:

Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, provided background information and commented on the delays due to all the different entities and approval process.

Margaret Park, Director of Planning, provided information on the proposed construction project of the Belardo Bridge, the revised timeline for the project, beginning construction in 2010, and commented on the construction budget and possible shortfall.

Discussion was held regarding the construction start date, coordination with a possible new City park with respect to trails, length of construction being 12 to 18 months.

No action taken.

1.B. WHITEWATER RANCH MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

Todd Hooks, Tribal Director of Economic Development, provided background information on the Master Plan update and stated the Tribe has contracted with LSA to study and develop a land use plan for the site.

Discussion was held regarding the current zoning designation, the size of the area of over 200 acres, and the property being the front door of the City and the Coachella Valley.

No action taken.

1.C. CITY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, and Ken Lyon, Associate Planner, provided background information on the General Plan update project.

No action taken.

1.D. PROCESS FOR SECTION 14 MASTER PLAN UPDATE:

Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, provided background information on the Section 14 Master Plan.

Margaret Park, Director of Planning, stated Section 14 is a one square mile in the Downtown center, and the goal is for the Section 14 Master Plan to be consistent with the updated General Plan and the new zoning ordinance, along with updating the economic goals for the area.

Discussion was held regarding land use and drive-thru uses, and a process to amend the Section 14 Master Plan for consistency.

No action taken.

1.E. SUMMARY OF SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND EXPENDITURES:

City Manager Ready provided background information on the Special Distribution Fund expenditures, and provided the recent quarterly report.

Discussion was held regarding the total contribution of the Tribe to the fund, and the amount of funds returned to County and the area, the extra law enforcement in the Downtown area funded by the Special Distribution Fund.

No action taken.

IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Tribal Attorney Bunce announced the development of the Tribal Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan which would require coordination and congruency with the City's Multiple Species Conservation Habitat Plan.

Councilmember Foat requested a presentation of the Tribal Museum and a look at the new hotel.

Chair Milanovich requested a presentation of the Indian Avenue/Interstate 10 Interchanges.

COUNCILMEMBER/TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the congruency of the City and Tribal staff.

The City Council and Tribal Council expressed gratitude for the ability to meet, discuss and present these common issues.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:08 P.M. to the Study Session and Adjourned Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 6:00 P.M., Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 P.M., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 Tahquitz Canyon Way.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
13th DAY OF JUNE, 2007.**



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk

