

PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2007
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Oden called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Oden led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Mills.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, Assistant City Attorney Donich, City Clerk Thompson.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: Assistant City Attorney Donich stated 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. The City Council took one reportable action, and authorized the City Attorney to proceed with one case of litigation.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember McCulloch, Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, and Mayor Oden.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mills.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JESSE DANNER, commented on the business environment in Downtown Palm Springs, and stated the sign ordinance is overly restrictive.

LUCIA MORAN, thanked Century Vintage Homes and Palm Springs Disposal Services for their efforts for Clean-up Week in the Desert Highland Area.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Ready announced Public Service Employee Recognition Week, and provided an Employee Highlight with Steve Drinovsky, Fleet Manager, and Ted Molhoek, Parks Maintenance Supervisor.

1. STUDY SESSION:

1.A. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

City Manager Ready and Craig Graves, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the Preliminary Community Redevelopment Agency Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet requested staff address the significant increase in tax increment funds due to the lag time of the County Assessor.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the deficit in the Housing Fund of the Community Redevelopment Agency due to accounting methods.

Councilmember Foat requested staff address the expenditure of the Downtown Development Office in Merged Area 1, the funding of the Business Improvement District, and the elimination of the ERAF.

Mayor Oden requested staff address the major projects and developments that provided additional tax increment.

Councilmember McCulloch provided comments on balancing of the State budget affecting municipalities, and the elimination of the State ERAF.

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the Capital Improvement Projects.

Councilmember Foat requested staff add a study or preliminary work for the potential Tahquitz River Park, stated some of the development projects in the area would contribute to a park, and stated she would like to see a report on funding Modernism Week.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the proposed Tahquitz River Park, the unscheduled Capital Balance, and the timeline for using the funds.

City Manager Ready commented on funding protective/permissive traffic lights, public safety, and commented on funding of Engineering Projects with Special Revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet commented on the funds available for Capital Projects through development.

Mayor Oden commented on the delay of Capital Improvement Projects, and stated we need to develop a plan to address deferred maintenance on property and assets.

Councilmember Foat requested staff address the process for adopting the budget, and requested a list of projects that were not recommended for funding.

No action taken.

2. SPECIAL MEETING:

2.A. ENDORSING SENATORS BOXER AND FEINSTEIN AND CONGRESSWOMAN BONO'S REQUEST THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER ITS PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TERMINAL RADAR CONTROL:

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

Mayor Oden stated that the City was informed about the meeting yesterday, and that he would be available to attend.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on and requested staff address the process and authority of the Federal Administrative Boards.

Councilmember Foat questioned if the Airport Commission and the Pilot's Association were informed of the meeting.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21884, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING SENATORS FEINSTEIN AND BOXER AND CONGRESSWOMAN BONO'S REQUESTS THAT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDER ITS PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE PALM SPRINGS TERMINAL RADAR CONTROL SYSTEM FROM PALM SPRINGS TO MIRAMAR IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY." **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, seconded by Mayor Oden and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember McCulloch, Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet, and Mayor Oden.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mills.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Foat requested staff address the LAFCO meeting on May 24, 2007.

Mayor Oden announced the events and activities attended by the Mayor's office.

Councilmember McCulloch announced the Boy Scout Merit Badge event.

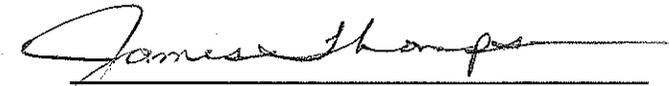
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 p.m., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
16th DAY OF MAY, 2007.**



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk