

PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Oden called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

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

INVOCATION: Rev. Richard Drasen, Palm Springs Church for Today, 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:

Fire Chief Blake Goetz administered the Oath of Office to Firefighters Guadalupe Juarez II, Michael Magie, Kevin Morris, and James Witt and presented the new staff to the City Council.

Mayor Oden introduced the Date Festival Queen Sheherazade and her Court, who announced the activities and events at the 2007 Date Festival.

Special Agent Mark Hunter, Federal Bureau of Investigations, presented a Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional service to Sergeant Don Fallon and Officer Troy Castillo.

Mayor Oden and the City Council announced the Rosa Parks Road Dedication, proclaimed February 7, 2007, as Rosa Parks Day in the City of Palm Springs, and proclaimed February, 2007, as Black History Month in the City of Palm Springs.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland stated that at 4:00 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet requested Item 2.I. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember McCulloch requested the City Council discuss the meeting on February 14, 2007.

Councilmember Foat noted her property related abstention on Consent Calendar Item 2.E.

Councilmember Mills requested the Wednesday, February 14, 2007 study session be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007.

ACTION: Conduct the regularly scheduled study session of Wednesday, February 14, 2007, on Thursday, February 15, 2007, and adjourn the meeting to Thursday, February 15, 2007. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and carried 4-1 on a roll call vote.**

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

NOES: Councilmember McCulloch.

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

The City Council recessed at 6:37 P.M. as The City of Palm Springs Community Redevelopment Agency.

The City of Palm Springs Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned at 7:07 P.M. and the City Council reconvened.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Councilmember Foat stated she has a business ownership related conflict of interest with respect to Item 1.A., would not participate in the discussion or the vote, and left Council Chamber.

1.A. CONTINUED COUNCIL DELIBERATION WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING THE PALM SPRINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE DOWNTOWN AND UPTOWN AREAS OF PALM SPRINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA OF LAW OF 1989:

Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007.

City Attorney Holland provided information on the revised ordinance as prepared for Council consideration.

The City Council discussed whether the public hearing should be reopened for those who did not speak at the first public hearing.

Mayor Oden re-opened the public hearing only for those who did not provide testimony at the January 17, 2007, public hearing.

SCOTT MEREDITH, Palm Springs, stated his support for the Business Improvement District.

No further speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

City Clerk Thompson provided information and recapped the protest proceedings.

Councilmember Pougnet requested staff clarify the protest proceedings, and how the City Council knows if the businesses support the district, requested staff address the meetings and if a majority of the businesses support the district, requested the City Attorney clarify the voluntary contribution to the Assessment District, and requested a venue be implemented to report on the progress during the year, and requested Main Street have an informational meeting with the Commercial Real Estate Agents.

Councilmember Mills stated he hoped that the BID is used as a marketing tool to attract new businesses in the Downtown area, requested a quarterly statement with a six-month review on the Council agenda, and commented on the overall marketing, but thought the BID should go further.

Councilmember McCulloch stated he is opposed to small businesses contributing to a marketing plan that does not market their business, commented on the fee scale, and stated he believes the program should be voluntary.

Mayor Oden commented on the assistance the City has provided to the businesses and congratulated the business owners for their support and self reliance in marketing their businesses, stated he is in support of meeting with the commercial real estate agents in the area, and stated the Chamber should be able to provide assistance with the process.

ACTION: 1) Waive the reading of the ordinance text in its entirety and introduce by title only Ordinance No. 1709, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE PALM SPRINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE DOWNTOWN AND UPTOWN AREAS OF PALM SPRINGS AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA OF LAW OF 1989;" and 2) Direct staff to develop a progress reporting plan for the City Council to review the accomplishments and status of the BID. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem**

Pouget, seconded by Councilmember Mills and carried 3-1 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmember Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Pouget, and Mayor Oden.
NOES: Councilmember McCulloch.
ABSENT: Councilmember Foat.

Councilmember Foat returned to the dais.

1.B. REQUEST BY GEIGER, LLC TO APPROVE TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 31968 TO SUBDIVIDE APPROXIMATELY 37.34 ACRES INTO EIGHT PARCELS FOR THE SPRINGS SHOPPING CENTER LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RAMON ROAD AND GENE AUTRY TRAIL:

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 7, 2007.

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

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21818, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 31968 TO SUBDIVIDE APPROXIMATELY 37.34 ACRES INTO EIGHT PARCELS FOR THE SPRINGS SHOPPING CENTER LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RAMON ROAD AND GENE AUTRY TRAIL, ZONE PD-291, SECTION 17." **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pouget and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

The City Council recessed at 7:33 P.M.
The City Council reconvened at 7:43 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

KEITH McCORMICK, spoke in support of Item 4.A. to bring a Gran Prix to the City of Palm Springs.

GEORGE ZANDER, Palm Springs, spoke in opposition of Item 4.A. a Gran Prix in the City of Palm Springs, and recommended the City Council study such an event.

DON MILLER, requested the City Council adopt a resolution in support of peace in Iraq and to stop the conflict.

JOHN BISIGNANO, Palm Springs, spoke in support of Item 4.A. a Gran Prix in the City of Palm Springs.

LAURI AYLAIAN, Palm Springs, requested the City Council schedule a Study Session on the benefits of Planned Development Districts in the City of Palm Springs, and commented on Planned Development Districts in the City.

JOHN HUGHES, Palm Springs, stated he is not in favor of the process of forming the Business Improvement District, and stated Main Street is broken.

RUDY MEES, commented on the formation of the Business Improvement District, and stated 2/3rds of the businesses are against the Assessment District.

TOM SWANN, Rancho Mirage, requested the City Council adopt a resolution in support of the reduction of troops in Iraq.

CANDY CORBETT, requested the City Council support Senator Carole Migden's Resolution opposing the escalation of the war in Iraq.

TRACY TURNER, Palm Springs, requested the City Council support the Resolution by Senator Migden opposing escalation in Iraq.

DENNIS BEACHNAW, Palm Springs, requested the City Council support a Resolution opposing escalation in Iraq.

WILLIAM BYRNE, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.A., spoke in support of vintage and classic car racing in the City of Palm Springs.

NOELE EBERZ, Rancho Mirage, requested the City Council support a resolution opposing escalation in Iraq.

JOY MEREDITH, Palm Springs, thanked the City Council for their support of the Business Improvement District, and spoke in support of Item 2.L., parking time limits on Indian, and in support of Item 4.A., to negotiate for a Gran Prix.

DEBBY ALEXANDER, spoke in support of Item 4.A. for a Gran Prix in Palm Springs, and commented on the Business Improvement District.

MINDY REED, thanked the City Council for their support of the Business Improvement District, and stated her support for Item 2.L., parking time limits on Indian Canyon, and in support of Item 4.A., Gran Prix for Palm Springs.

MARVIN AZZOPARDI, stated his support for Item 2.L., time limits for parking on Indian Canyon, and in support of Item 4.A., a Gran Prix in Palm Springs.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Councilmember Foat requested the City Manager place on a future agenda a resolution of support for Senator Migden's Resolution opposing escalation in Iraq.

Councilmember Mills commented on the parking issues in the Downtown area, and requested the Police Chief report on the enforcement of speed limits in school zones.

Mayor Oden requested the City Manager report on trash filled tree wells, graffiti and window coverings on Tahquitz Canyon, and trash in Victoria Park and Demuth Park.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the proposed change in area codes by the Public Utility Commission.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Ready introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director Sharon Heider, and requested Police Chief Gary Jeandron provide a report on Crime Statistics in 2006.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., 2.C., 2.D., 2.E., 2.F., 2.G., 2.H., 2.J., 2.K., and 2.L. **Motion Councilmember McCulloch, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Receive and file Report on the Posting of the February 7, 2007, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the City Council Minutes of December 6, 2006, January 10, 2007, and January 17, 2007. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21819, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1018293 THROUGH 1018535 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,735,039.38 DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 21820, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANT NUMBERED 1018536 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$4,545.76 DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - PALM SPRINGS FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21821, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATIVE TO WAGES, HOURS, AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PALM SPRINGS FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT (PSFMA), FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2006, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, SUBJECT TO UNIT'S RATIFICATION AND EXECUTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING;" 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding in a form acceptable to the City Attorney; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 21822, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-07." A5428. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. FINAL MAP 34214 AND A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 803 N. PALM CANYON, LLC FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES, LOCATED AT 803 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21823 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FINAL MAP 34214 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 803 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE, IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, AND APPROVING A SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 803 N. PALM CANYON, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5429. Noting the abstention of Councilmember Foat. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5167 WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TESTING & INSPECTION, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL INSPECTION AND TESTING FOR THE AIRPORT HOLDROOM PROJECT:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Minute Order No. 7994, Approving Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A5167, with Southern California Testing & Inspection, Inc. for additional special inspection and testing for the Airport Holdroom project in an amount not to exceed \$80,371; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5167. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2006:

ACTION: Receive and file Treasurer's Investment Report as of December 31, 2006. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.H. ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF DENNIS CARROLL FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:**
ACTION: 1) Accept with regret the resignation of Dennis Carroll; 2) Direct the City Clerk to post a Notice of Vacancy for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2009. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5257 WITH HARBOR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. ADDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE AIRPORT HOLDROOM PROJECT:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21824, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 21799 AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5257 WITH HARBOR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,500 ADDING BACK THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN THE AIRPORT HOLDROOM PROJECT, SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5257. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5257 WITH HARBOR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECURITY WALLS AT THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,085,000:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21825, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 21784B AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5257 WITH HARBOR CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECURITY WALLS AT THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,085,000, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5257. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. REINSTATE TWO-HOUR TIME LIMITS ON INDIAN CANYON DRIVE BETWEEN SATURMINO ROAD AND ANDREAS ROAD:**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21826, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REINSTATING THE TWO-HOUR TIME LIMITS ON PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON INDIAN CANYON DRIVE BETWEEN SATURMINO ROAD AND ANDREAS ROAD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.I. CONSIDERATION OF NAME CHANGE FOR THE PALM SPRINGS RESORTS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY:

Councilmember Pougnet requested a staff report and stated the name may be too long.

Mayor Oden provided background information as discussed with the CVA.

Councilmember Foat requested a future discussion and report on the value of the City's membership with the CVA.

Mayor Oden commented on the pool of resources to market the area in a way that the City could not market the City on our own accord, and commented on the participation and input from the Hotel Owners with respect to the CVA.

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet commented on the name change and stated his support of a future review of the benefits of the CVA to the City.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the name change, the consequences of the pulling out of the CVA, and requested a review of accountability and benefits of the CVA.

Councilmember Mills suggested that we continue discussion of the CVA and a possible Study Session under docket review Item 5.B.

ACTION: Adopt Minute Order No. 7995, Ratifying the decision of the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention and Visitors Authority (CVA) Executive Committee to change the name of the CVA to Palm Springs Desert Resort Communities Convention and Visitors Authority. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Mayor Oden and carried 4-1 on a roll call vote.**

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

NOES: Councilmember Foat.

3. LEGISLATIVE:

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. LETTER OF EXCLUSIVE INTENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH EVENT MANAGEMENT GROUP (EMG) FOR THE PRODUCTION AND

STAGING OF THE PALM SPRINGS GRAN PRIX IN SEPTEMBER 2008, AN INDY RACING LEAGUE (IRL) EVENT:

Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007, and requested the promoters outline their proposal.

Councilmember McCulloch commented on the recent press coverage, and stated the City did not seek out this event, it was proposed by the promoters to the City for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet requested staff clarify "Grand" or "Gran" and requested a 60-day progress report, and requested staff address the potential sites.

Councilmember Mills commented on the initial presentation, and the obstacles, and commented on the organization and promoters.

Councilmember Foat requested staff address other events produced by EMG.

Mayor Oden commented on the type of due diligence needed to put on an event of this caliber, and requested the 60-day progress review be a report from the City Manager.

ACTION: Adopt Minute Order No. 7996, Approving a letter of exclusive intent to negotiate with Event Management Group for the production and staging of the Palm Springs Gran Prix, an Indy Racing League event, in September 2008. **Motion Councilmember McCulloch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

4.B. SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE MANAGEMENT UNIT PROVIDING A CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF RECEIVING A CITY PROVIDED CELL PHONE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2007:

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Minute Order No. 7997, Approving a Side Letter Agreement to the July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007, Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipal Employee Relations Representative (MERR) and the Palm Springs Police Management Association (PSPMA) representing the Police Management Unit; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute. A5179. **Motion Councilmember McCulloch, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

4.C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUNT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. FOR OVERSIGHT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT NO. A5372 WITH ARCADIS G & M INC:

David Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Minute Order No. 7998, Approving an agreement with Hunt Environmental Services, Inc. for oversight and technical assistance relating to the wastewater treatment plant in an amount not to exceed \$31,500 for a 21-week period ending June 29, 2007; 2) Adopt Minute Order No. 7999, Terminating Agreement A5372 with Arcadis G & M Inc., effective February 8, 2007; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5430. A5372. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember McCulloch and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

4.D. PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - AIR INCENTIVE PROGRAM:

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21827, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AIR SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM." **Motion Councilmember McCulloch, seconded by Mayor Oden and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

4.E. ACCEPT 2006 FIREFIGHTER STAFFING FEDERAL GRANT (SAFER):

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Minute Order No. 8000, Acknowledging the City's Commitment under the SAFER Grant, to accept the partial funding of three (3) Firefighters under the 2006 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and accept partial funding from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to offset the City's matching portion on a 50/50 basis for the five-year grant performance period to mitigate the impacts on fire and rescue services at the Spa Resort and Casino development project; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 21828, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE ALLOCATED POSITIONS AND COMPENSATION PLAN, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 21612; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

Motion Councilmember McCulloch, seconded by Mayor Oden and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. APPOINTMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS BOARD:

City Clerk Thompson stated the Council Subcommittee of Mayor Oden and Councilmember McCulloch recommends the appointment of Jonathan Westom to the Administrative Appeals Board.

ACTION: Appoint Jonathan Westom to the Administrative Appeals Board for the term ending June 30, 2009. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

5.B. PRIORITIZE FUTURE AGENDA/STUDY SESSION TOPICS (DOCKET REVIEW):

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 7, 2007, and requested the City Council removed Item No. 5 in the staff report for short term rentals.

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet noted his priorities as the Convention Center Master Parking Plan, a discussion with the CVA regarding benefits to the City, conversions of small hotels to condos, and the Zoning Overlay Program.

Councilmember Foat requested staff address the Planning Commission on Planned Development Districts, and suggested that issue be combined with the Zoning Overlay Program, and requested the Joint Meeting with the ONI Steering Committee.

Councilmember Mills commented on the Planned Development Districts and recommended the Council prioritize and discuss the entire Planned Development District process and commented on the Campaign Sign Ordinance and funding limits.

Councilmember McCulloch recommended that we have an educational and enforcement program for the Campaign Sign Ordinance, not a Study Session.

Mayor Oden is interested in items that staff is generating and wanting to bring forward.

Councilmember Mills requested priority on regulating office uses in the Historic Village Center.

Councilmember Foat wished to add a Study Session on the State of the City's Parks, and to incorporate a discussion of the Park Strategic Plan within the General Plan presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Pougnet thanked staff for the report on the short term rental program, requested a report on Code Enforcement issues at the Desert Fashion Plaza and the request for inspection at Plaza de las Flores, requested the City Clerk briefly comment on a response to a letter to the Board of Supervisors with respect to election issues, and commented on the Police Department's response to the arrest of the robbery suspect for an incident at his residence.

Councilmember Mills reminded the Main Street Board that the City Council is expecting a comprehensive parking plan in June, and requested the City Manager remind Main Street accordingly.

Mayor Oden outlined the activities and events attended by the Mayor's Office.

Councilmember Mills commented on the High School Academic Decathlon held for the Coachella Valley's school districts.

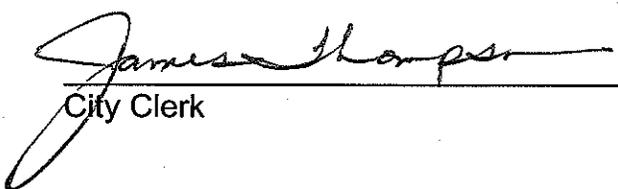
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:55 P.M. to a Study Session, THURSDAY, February 15, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 p.m., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
21st day of February, 2007.**



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk

