



Thursday, July 9, 2020
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council
of the City of Palm Springs

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, by Governor Newsom, this meeting was conducted by teleconference and there was no in-person public access to the meeting location.

CALL TO ORDER:

A Regular Meeting of the Palm Springs City Council was called to order by Mayor Kors on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Finance Director and Treasurer Pauley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Grace Elena Garner, Lisa Middleton, Dennis Woods; Mayor Pro Tem Christy Holstege; and Mayor Geoff Kors

Absent: None.

City Staff

Present: David H. Ready, City Manager; Jeffrey Ballinger, City Attorney; Marcus Fuller, Assistant City Manager; and Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk, were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Assistant City Manager Fuller presented an update on major residential, commercial, and hotel development projects throughout the City.

Police Lieutenant Villegas presented an update on enforcement of COVID-19 regulations, noting increased business checks, foot patrols, and deployment of electronic message signs.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to remove Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1B, 1C, 1F, and 1G for separate discussion.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of July 9, 2020 was called to order by Mayor Kors at 4:00 p.m., with all members present.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Regular Closed Session Meeting Agenda:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Lavenant v. City of Palm Springs

Case No. 5:17-cv-02267, United States District Court, Central District of California

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – MATTERS CREATING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Five (5) matters that, under the existing circumstances, the City Attorney believes creates significant exposure to litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4):

Under existing facts and circumstances, there are two (2) matters the City Council has decided or may decide to initiate litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property Description:	Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort & Legends Golf Course
Agency:	City of Palm Springs
City Negotiator:	David Ready, City Manager or Designee
Negotiating Parties:	Trust for Public Lands
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment

Property Description:	63775 Dillon Road, Riverside County, CA
Agency:	City of Palm Springs
City Negotiator:	David Ready, City Manager or Designee
Negotiating Parties:	County of Riverside
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment

Property Description:	287 S. El Cielo Road (APN 502-210-023)
Agency:	City of Palm Springs
City Negotiator:	David Ready, City Manager or Designee
Negotiating Parties:	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment (Lease)

Property Description: APNs 677-444-010; 677-444-013; and 67470 Sarah Street, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Agency: City of Palm Springs

City Negotiator: Marcus Fuller, City Engineer/Assistant City Manager or Designee

Negotiating Parties: Luis A. Avila Paz, Rosario Avila and Maria Avila

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Property Description: APNs 680-170-051 and 680-170-014

Agency: City of Palm Springs

City Negotiator: Marcus Fuller, City Engineer/Assistant City Manager or Designee

Negotiating Parties: Bureau of Indian Affairs

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Property Description: Boulders Property (Lots 1-45 of Tract Map 31095/APNs 504-150-011 through -055); Crescendo Property (APN 504-040-046); Rimrock Property (APN 681-480-011); Gene Autry Property (APNs 677-540-028 & 677-540-029); Block G of parcel map 36446 (APN 513-560-048)

Agency: City of Palm Springs

City Negotiator: David H. Ready, City Manager or Designee

Negotiating Parties:

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Property Description: APN 666-140-024 Located at 63775 Dillon Road (Former County of Riverside Fire Station No. 36)

Agency: City of Palm Springs

City Negotiator: David Ready, City Manager or Designee

Negotiating Parties: Riverside County

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment (Lease)

Property Description: 505-182-010 and 505-182-004 (Adjacent parcels located at the southwest corner of North Palm Canyon Drive and Stevens Road)

Agency: City of Palm Springs and Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palm Springs

City Negotiator: David Ready, City Manager or Designee

Negotiating Parties:

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment (Sale)

Property Description:	3.6 Acres at SE corner of Indian Canyon Drive and San Rafael Road APN 501-031-028
Agency:	City of Palm Springs
City Negotiator:	David H. Ready, City Manager or Designee
Negotiating Parties:	Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC)
Under Negotiation:	Price and Terms of Payment (Sale)

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Designated Representatives:	City Manager David Ready Perry Madison, Director of Human Resources Bryan Reyes, Chief of Police Peter Brown, Attorney
Employee Organizations:	Management Association of Palm Springs Palm Springs Firefighters Association Palm Springs Fire Management Palm Springs Police Management Association Palm Springs Police Officers Association Public Employees Association of Palm Springs All Unrepresented Employees

City Attorney Ballinger reported that the City Council received briefings and provided direction to staff regarding the agendaized Closed Session Items but did not take any reportable action.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Chris Dugan, speaking on Item 4B, representing the California Restaurant Association, spoke in opposition to a prohibition of polystyrene foodware products, noting that alternative products are typically more costly and that restaurants are struggling to survive during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephanie Holstege, speaking on Item 4B, voiced support for Option 2 as outlined in the staff report along with a ban of polystyrene and plastic bags.

Raghda Zacharia, speaking on Item 4A, spoke on the efforts of other cities in relation to educating residents about COVID-19 regulations; suggested that the City Council add a physician to the City's response team and installing an informational kiosk in the Downtown.

Brad Anderson, voiced his opposition to Items 1B and 1C; expressed concern regarding the two-minute limitation for public comment.

Roy Clark, speaking on Item 4B, noted that the Sustainability Commission has been working to reduce plastic waste since 2018; requested that the City Council provide feedback on how best to proceed with moving forward with consideration of an ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL, SUBCOMMITTEE, AND CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Middleton provided an update on efforts to provide rail service to the Coachella Valley, noting that the Union Pacific Railroad has opposed the project and as a result the Riverside County Transportation Commission will surrender grant funding.

Councilmember Garner spoke on recent acts of violence and vandalism at the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center and need to support the neighborhood; announced the kick-off of Census Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Holstege encouraged all residents to complete the U.S. Census; encouraged the community to participate in an upcoming Listening Session on policing, racism, discrimination, and related issues on Saturday, July 18, 2020; provided an update on the activities of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Taskforce.

Mayor Kors and Councilmember Middleton voiced disappointment with the State's methodology in allocating CARES Act funding to municipalities, noting that the allocations are disproportionate and favor large cities.

Councilmember Woods expressed gratitude to businesses and residents for their efforts to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; encouraged residents to apply to serve on a Board or Commission.

City Clerk Mejia encouraged anyone interested in running for City Council, Districts 4 or 5, to contact the City Clerk's Office for more information.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the consent calendar, with the removal of Item Nos. 1B, 1C, 1F, and 1G for separate discussion.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2020, May 29, 2020, and June 4, 2020.

B. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (PSMC) SECTION 2.60.040(C) RELATED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY DISCLOSURES

This item was excluded from the Consent Calendar. Please refer to Page 8 of these minutes for a summary of that action.

C. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2218, TRANSGENDER WELLNESS AND EQUITY FUND

This item was excluded from the Consent Calendar. Please refer to Page 8 of these minutes for a summary of that action.

D. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 24780 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS/ DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 06-13-2020 TOTALING \$1,814,747.07 AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS DATED 06-11-2020 TOTALING \$4,445,068.72, IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$6,259,815.79, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA."

E. EARLY LUMP SUM ANNUAL PAYMENT TO CALPERS TOWARDS RETIREE UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAL)

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to receive and file a report of the Lump Sum Annual Payment to CalPERS towards Retiree Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL).

F. APPROVE ENROLLMENT IN COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE MASTER MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT FOR LICENSE OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE

This item was excluded from the Consent Calendar. Please refer to Page 8 of these minutes for a summary of that action.

G. CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1410, COVID-19 EMERGENCY: TENANCIES

This item was excluded from the Consent Calendar. Please refer to Page 9 of these minutes for a summary of that action.

H. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC., AND WEST COAST CODE CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR ON-CALL BUILDING PLAN CHECK SERVICES (SQQ 11-20)

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Approve an Agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for "On-Call" Building Plan Review Services for an initial term through June 30, 2023, subject to two additional one-year extensions approved at the discretion of the City Manager. **A8577**
2. Approve an Agreement with West Coast Code Consultants, Inc., a California corporation, for "On-Call" Building Plan Review Services for an initial term through June 30, 2023, subject to two additional one-year extensions approved at the discretion of the City Manager. **A8578**
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

I. ACCEPT AN AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,695 TO BE USED FOR PREVENTING, PREPARING FOR, AND RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Accept \$63,695 in grant funding from the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice for a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

J. AGREEMENT TO DELEGATE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION FUNDS TO COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS TO ADMINISTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Approve the Agreement with the County of Riverside, Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions to delegate Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds to the County of Riverside to administer affordable housing projects and programs for the City of Palm Springs. **A8578**
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents necessary.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**B. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (PSMC) SECTION 2.60.040(C) RELATED TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY DISCLOSURES**

City Clerk Mejia presented the staff report.

During the course of discussion, the City Council agreed that it is preferable to extend the deadline and limit the filing to Government Code 87200 filers rather than waive the filing requirements.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, CARRIED 5-0, to extend the deadline for the filing of the semi-annual update to Statements of Economic Interests and Public Integrity Disclosure Form to October 1, 2020, and limiting the required filers to the City Council, Planning Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, and Finance Director/City Treasurer.

C. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2218, TRANSGENDER WELLNESS AND EQUITY FUND

Councilmember Middleton summarized Assembly Bill 2218; requested that a letter of gratitude be sent to Assembly Member Chad Mayes in recognition of his support and vote for AB 2218.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to authorize a letter of support to the author(s) of Assembly Bill 2218, Transgender Wellness and Equity Fund.

F. APPROVE ENROLLMENT IN COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE MASTER MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT FOR LICENSE OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE

Following clarification, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Enter into a new 3-year agreement with Microsoft for the Enterprise License Agreement via the "Riverside EA." **A8576**
2. Award a Purchase Order to Insight Public Sector Inc. of Dallas, TX, the lowest responsive bidder by the County of Riverside, in an amount not to exceed \$145,241.16 annually for the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, and authorize staff to issue annual purchase orders to renew the enterprise agreement each fiscal year with any applicable "true-up" adjustments thereafter.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

G. CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1410, COVID-19 EMERGENCY: TENANCIES

City Attorney Ballinger presented the staff report.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, CARRIED 5-0, to support Senate Bill 1410 and authorize City staff to transmit such support to the authors of Senate Bill 1410.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2020 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CDBG 2020-2021 BUDGET ADOPTION, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, 46TH PROGRAM YEAR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV); AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS**

Community and Economic Development Director Virata presented the staff report.

Councilmember Middleton announced that she serves on the Board of Directors for the LGBT Center of the Desert; Mayor Kors announced that he serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club; Councilmember Garner announced that she has provided legal assistance to the Boys and Girls Club; it was noted that each Councilmember will abstain from any discussion related to awarding funds for their respective organizations.

Councilmember Woods questioned the allocation of funding for programs or services which are currently closed, such as the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Kors advised that the Boys and Girls Club is anticipated to reopen once school returns to session, noting that they are currently providing virtual programming.

In response to City Council inquiry, Director Virata reported that the rental assistance allocations will be designated for Palm Springs residents; advised that non-profit organizations are required to provide summary report as part of the HUD requirements.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, CARRIED 3-0 (WITH COUNCILMEMBER GARNER AND MAYOR KORS RECUSED), to approve funding for the Boys and Girls Club, as outlined in the staff report on file with the City Clerk.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, CARRIED 4-0 (WITH COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON RECUSED), to approve funding for the LGBT Center of the Desert, as outlined in the staff report on file with the City Clerk.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 24781 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, THE 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV); AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PLANS AND BUDGET TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROVAL/AGREEMENT WITH HUD - GRANT# B-20-MC-06-0561 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,050 AND # B-19-MC-06-0561 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264,161 AND TO EXECUTE THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS."

3. LEGISLATIVE: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION ON THE IMPACTS AND RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

City Manager Ready provided the staff report.

In response to City Council inquiries, Parks and Recreation Director Crawford addressed the reopening plans for the Aquatics Center, noting that it will initially be open to residents only; advised that staff will track usage to determine if there is excess capacity to accommodate non-residents; advised that staff may adjust the operating hours to accommodate students after schools reopen.

In response to City Council inquiry, City Attorney Ballinger confirmed that organized group sports are not allowed under the State's COVID-19 regulations.

Following discussion, the City Council authorized staff to reopen the Aquatic Center, without use of indoor facilities, for residents and students only; authorized staff discretion to allow use by non-residents if it is determined there is excess capacity; authorized staff to reopen the Library and Community Centers for computer use.

MEETING RECESS

The City Council recessed at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m., with all Councilmembers present.

B. DISCUSSION OF REUSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE AND PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION DRAFT ORDINANCE

Sustainability Manager Tallarico narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

During the course of discussion, the City Council agreed with a phased-in approach of Option 1, "Support the Full Scope, as outlined in the staff report; noted that efforts should be made to incorporate schools and small businesses in the education and outreach component of the plan; pointed out that the City must be cognizant of the current pandemic and economic hardships on businesses.

Mayor Pro Tem Holstege felt the City should move forward with any steps that can be taken immediately.

Mayor Kors requested that a draft ordinance and alternative product costs be shared with business organizations at least one month prior to presenting it to the City Council, noting that businesses should be given the opportunity to provide input on a potential ban of polystyrene products.

Councilmember Middleton commented on the recommendation that there be a washing station at locations for individuals to be able to wash their personal containers noting that, due to COVID-19, many people would be reluctant to use them and reported education will be needed in order to remind the public to ask for utensils when ordering take-out.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Move forward with a phased-in approach of Option 1, "Support the Full Scope," as outlined in the staff report, and return to City Council with a proposed ordinance at a meeting in September/October 2020.
2. Direct staff to conduct outreach to businesses and stakeholders regarding the draft ordinance at least one month prior to the City Council meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:**A. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL USES OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS**

City Manager Ready presented the staff report.

In response to City Council inquiry, Finance Director Pauley summarized Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursable expenses, noting that the City may use the subject allocation for non-FEMA reimbursable expenses related to COVID-19.

Following discussion, **MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, CARRIED 5-0, to use \$90,000 for the crisis response team and the remainder of \$585,587 for COVID-19 related costs that are not reimbursable by FEMA.**

B. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE BODY-WORN CAMERA SYSTEM PURSUANT TO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT

City Manager Ready presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

In response to City Council inquiries, Police Chief Reyes noted that the body-worn camera policy has been reviewed and accepted by the Police Union; advised that patrol officers and their vehicles will be first to receive camera systems; advised that video footage will be retained for a minimum of two-years and public records request for video footage will be coordinated and reviewed by the City Clerk and City Attorney; advised that supervisors will conduct periodic reviews of camera footage and may use the footage for training and briefing purposes.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. In accordance with Section 7.09.010 "Cooperative Purchasing Programs," of the Palm Springs Municipal Code, authorize the purchase of police body-worn cameras, in-car police cameras, and police motorcycle mounted cameras, including associated warranties, software and data storage fees in the amount of \$806,373, a 5% contingency of \$40,319, for a year-1 total acquisition cost of \$846,692, and \$112,610 in annual cloud hosting fees for the remaining four (4) years in an amount not to exceed \$1,297,132 for a five (5) year term. **A8579**
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

C. CONSIDERATION OF TAKING A POSITION REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT

City Clerk Mejia provided the staff report.

Councilmember Middleton voiced support for the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act, noting that it will increase revenues for schools and returns fairness to the property tax system for commercial properties.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MIDDLETON, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM HOLSTEGE, CARRIED 5-0, to take a support position on the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act.

D. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUING A LETTER TO LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE CITY'S ALLOCATION OF FUNDING IN RELATION TO COVID-19

Mayor Kors summarized the State's methodology for distribution of CARES Act funds, noting that big cities received a disproportionate amount of funding without regard to the actual impacts or loss of revenue.

The City Council discussed the need for equitable funding to assist those cities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic; urged residents to contact their legislators to demand equitable funding of all cities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARNER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER WOODS, CARRIED 5-0, to authorize Mayor Kors and Councilmember Middleton to issue a letter to Legislative Representatives, on behalf of the City Council, regarding the City's allocation of funding in relation to COVID-19.

E. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

City Clerk Mejia presented the staff report.

Following discussion, the City Council directed staff to modify the City Council meeting schedule to begin at 5:30 p.m. and that non-agenda public comments will occur at or around 9:00 p.m. or earlier.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Renee Brown, voiced opposition to the removal of the Frank Bogert statue at City Hall.

Brad Anderson, suggested that the public be allowed to comment on each agenda item and recommended that non-agenda public comments be taken at the beginning of the meeting; opined that Closed Session meetings should occur on the same day as the regular business meetings.

Danielle Hunt, voiced support for the removal of the Frank Bogert statue at City Hall; spoke on the historical impacts and displacement of residents in Section 14.

Dieter Crawford, expressed support for the removal of the Frank Bogert statue; voiced disappointment with the recent act of vandalism at the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center.

CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER REQUESTS AND UPCOMING AGENDA DEVELOPMENT:

Mayor Kors requested that the Upcoming Agenda Items List be provided in the City Council packet or in advance of the meeting.

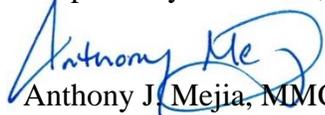
Councilmember Garner requested that staff agendize consideration of housing and rent control for a future City Council agenda. Mayor Kors noted that the Affordable Housing Subcommittee has developed ideas which could be brought forward for City Council consideration.

Mayor Kors requested that the City Attorney determine whether the vacant building ordinance update could be adopted as an urgency ordinance for the next City Council meeting and asked that the vacant storefront ordinance be agendized for a future City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony J. Mejia, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL: 09/10/2020