

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009
City Hall Council Chamber**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Pougnet requested a moment of silent reflection.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Hutcheson, Councilmember Weigel, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, and Mayor Pougnet.

ABSENT: None.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

City Auditors, Macias, Gini and O'Connell, presented their findings from the fiscal year 2007-08 audit.

Corporal Anthony Negrete, Beaumont Police Department presented Certificates of Appreciation to the City of Palm Springs, and Palm Springs Police Officers Anthony Harrison and Cary Carrillo for community service to the Redlands Bicycle Classic.

Mayor Pougnet and the City Council proclaimed June 3, 2009, as Palm Springs Mounted Police day in the City of Palm Springs.

Firefighter Jeff Vanlurop announced the upcoming Fire Department 78th Annual Fish Fry.

Mayor Pougnet provided an update on recent Water Symposium event.

Mayor Pougnet provided an update on the activities and events of the Palm Springs Power Baseball Team.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland reported that the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., 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:

City Clerk Thompson requested the City Council amend the motion for Consent Calendar Item 2.D., due to the withdrawal of the resignation by Commissioner Caffery, and excuse his absences for June, 2009.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1.A. JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET:

City Manager Ready and Geoffrey Kiehl, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the fiscal year 2009-10 Preliminary Budget.

Palm Spring Bureau of Tourism presented an update and the fiscal year 2009-10 budget for Tourism and the Convention Center.

Mayor Pougnet opened the public hearing, and the following speakers addressed the City Council.

JIM DOWLER, announced the accomplishments, financial impact, and activities of the Tour de Palm Springs, and requested funding for the event.

STEVE ROSENBERG, commented on the Capital Improvement expenditures at the Palm Springs International Airport.

JULIUS KAZEN, commented on the Tourism and Convention Center Budget, and commented on the interaction with the desert wide CVA.

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

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the budget: success of the Spring Break campaign, the re-branding of the Hotel adjacent to the Convention Center, success of the Tourism electronic newsletter, transfer of a shrinking market share from competitors to Palm Springs, measurement of the success of the Convention Center and Bureau of Tourism, the calculation of the \$300,000

reduction to Tourism, partnership with the Airport on specific marketing programs, reviewing the list of current events in the City and provide marketing assistance to the current events, clarification of event funding of \$100,000 from Tourism to events based on input from the stakeholders, and funding special events as unallocated, and funding community events such as Festival of Lights.

ACTION: Direct staff to prepare necessary documents for adoption of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget for the City of Palm Springs and Community Redevelopment Agency on June 17, 2009. **By consensus of the City Council.**

The City Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

1.B. VICEROY HOTEL CONSIDERATION OF A REVOCATION OR MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT LOCATED AT 415 SOUTH BELARDO ROAD, CASE 5.090-CUP:

ACTION: 1) Continue the Public Hearing to July 1, 2009, with no public testimony; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to post a notice of continuance. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

1.C. PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLLS AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:

Dave Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 3, 2009.

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

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the delinquent accounts: liens on the property as opposed to who is responsible for the payment, amount of revenue to the City, comparison to previous year delinquency, delinquency of City vendors, and cross checking the data with foreclosed properties.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22489 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING CERTAIN WASTE DISPOSAL ACCOUNTS TO BE DELINQUENT AND DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION." **Motion Councilmember Hutcheson, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEVE ROSENBERG, commented on Item 5.B., and stated his support for the Airport Display Advertising Concession.

JAKE COHEN, commented on the budget proposed for Tourism, and requested additional \$300,000 funding for tourism.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Ready presented a City Employee Spotlight for Firefighter of the Year Mark Hunter.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., 2.C., 2.D., 2.E., 2.F., and 2.G. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem 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 June 3, 2009, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS CALLING THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, ORDERING SERVICES AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22490, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA;" 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22491, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009;" and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 22492, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22493, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1035658 THROUGH 1035745 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$257,170.87, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA."
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.D. ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF JON CAFFERY FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2009:**
ACTION: 1) Excuse the June, 2009 absences of Planning Commissioner Jon Caffery for the term ending June 30, 2009. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.E. NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PALM SPRINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 17, 2009:**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22494, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO RENEW THE PALM SPRINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE BUSINESS PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DOWNTOWN AND UPTOWN AREAS OF PALM SPRINGS, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS."
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.F. APPROVE OUTFITTING OF POLICE VEHICLES:**
ACTION: 1) Award the outfitting of police vehicles via a purchase order at a unit price of \$8,462.23 for Patrol Vehicles; \$2,975.08 for Admin/Undercover Vehicles; and \$9,407.19 for K-9 Vehicles, valid for a one-year period from the date of award, on an as-needed basis, to 911 Vehicle, Inc.; the current inventory of six patrol vehicles (\$8,462.23 each) shall be outfitted for a total cost of \$50,773.38; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.G. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AND DESIGNATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AS THE APPLICANT AGENT:**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22495, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND THE

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

3. LEGISLATIVE: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) FUNDING:

Dale Cook, Community Development Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 3, 2009.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program: the number of expected residents to apply for the first time home buyer assistance program, the administration of the program, the purchase of foreclosed properties for low/moderate housing, the involvement of the County of Riverside, and the staff recommendation to focus on only two of the allowable activities.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Riverside for NSP funding; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the NSP plan and MOU. A5854. **Motion Councilmember Hutcheson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

5.B. AIRPORT DISPLAY ADVERTISING CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ENTERPRISES, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS COREY AIRPORT SERVICES:

Thomas Nolan, Director of Aviation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 3, 2009.

Representatives from Corey Airport Services provided a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed advertising program.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the Airport Display Advertising Concession: verbiage in the agreement that the city council is approving in concept with shop drawings and details to be provided and agreed upon, the city potential contribution to the display program, back lighting or other lighting to be included in the cost, placement of signs in concept, pedestal vertacular to be colored

concrete, coordination with the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism, space available to promote the Palm Springs Convention Center and Bureau of Tourism, adding without a reciprocal agreement with another Airport, policy for advertising, outlay of capital funds for the program, and wrapping of the pillars.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Airport Display Advertising Concession Agreement with U.S. Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Corey Airport Services, as amended directing the City Attorney to further articulate the concepts of shop drawings, subject to review and approval of the City Manager; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5855. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Mayor Pougnet.**

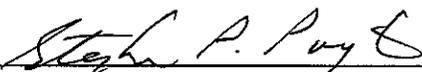
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Mills requested the City Manager review the property at Compadre and Sunny Dunes adjacent to the Mesquite Golf Course for property Maintenance issues and Code Enforcement to take appropriate action for remedy and compliance.

Mayor Pougnet announced upcoming activities coming to the City of Palm Springs.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:54 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 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 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009.**


STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK