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CITY COUNCIL HAS FULL AGENDA FOR FEB. 8 PROJECT PHOENIX, HISTORIC PLAZA, BRANDING, MID-YEAR BUDGET AND MORE

The Twentynine Palms City Council and Redevelopment Agency (RDA) will face a full agenda and a number of important issues when it meets again in regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road.

Among the departmental reports and requests, the Council will be asked to conceptually approve a weekly street closure for a portion of Homestead Drive next to the Historic Plaza for a possible future Farmers Market on Sundays. The ongoing, temporary road closure would entail 340 feet of Homestead Drive heading west from its intersection with Adobe Road.

Also among the requests will be a proposed budget expenditure and new agreement with PE Consulting, the firm that has been conducting an Energy Efficiency Project for the City, including an energy audit and designing and engineering energy-efficient upgrades for City buildings and facilities.

Project Phoenix returns to the RDA Board agenda with a presentation of the “Design for Development” concept for Project Phoenix, which entails off-street parking, pedestrian, and façade improvements to the area one block south of Highway 62 between Tamarisk Avenue and Yucca Avenue, and a request to initiate the owner-participation process for property owners, business owners, and business tenants interested in participating in the redevelopment project.

In light of Governor Jerry Brown’s proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies statewide by July 2011, City staff will recommend alternatives to the Twentynine Palms Redevelopment Agency Board for securing Agency funds for redevelopment projects, such as approving a bond financing team to pursue the issuance of a Bond. The Bond would be secured by tax increment revenue and proceeds would be used to secure financing for the completion of affordable housing, infrastructure, and economic development projects and programs in the Four Corners Redevelopment Project Area.

In a separate agenda item, staff will present a proposed Cooperation and Funding Agreement by and between the City of Twentynine Palms and the Twentynine Palms Redevelopment Agency to facilitate securing RDA funds for current and future projects.

Other important items on the agenda include a Mid-Year Budget Review and proposed adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 City Budget, and a request for RDA Board approval of the Historic Plaza Guidelines and Façade Improvement Program. An update on the Branding Campaign will also be presented by RSG Inc. consultants, and will include revised logos and taglines being proposed for marketing Twentynine Palms and promoting economic development.

Consent Agenda items for City Council approval on Feb. 8 include a contract award to U.S. Diversified for a curb, gutter, and sidewalk project at Knott Sky Park; an amendment to the City and County Waste Disposal Agreement; and adoption of updated versions of the state-required Owner Participation Rules and Method of Relocation for the Four Corners Redevelopment Project Area.

The public is encouraged to attend this City Council meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, on Feb. 8. For more information, call City Hall at (760)367-6799 or find a complete agenda at www.29palms.org.

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