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NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM SELECTED AT TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DEC. 8, 2009

Meeting in regular session on Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Twentynine Palms City Council selected its new leadership for 2010. Former Mayor pro tem Steve Flock ascended to the position of Mayor of the City of Twentynine Palms and Councilman Jim Harris was selected as Mayor pro tem.

Following a call for nominations from the council by City Attorney Patrick Munoz, in separate actions Councilman John Cole nominated Flock and Harris for mayor and mayor pro tem respectively, and both were confirmed by a 5-0 vote. Flock was elected to the City Council in 2006 and Harris has served since 2007.

Outgoing Mayor Joel Klink delivered the State of the City address, listing the many accomplishments of the City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff over the past year and reporting a solid financial status, in spite of the economic downturn. Klink also presented the annual Mayor's Recognition Award, which was given this year to Mike "Grumpy" Kelliher of Joshua Springs Calvary Chapel in recognition for his leadership and volunteer service to the communities of the Morongo Basin. In turn, the City Council presented Klink with a plaque honoring his two terms of service as mayor of the City, in 2007 and 2009.

In other action, the City Council approved a project application by Maurice Pegorelli of MP Investments to convert the 18,410-square-foot, former Heilig-Meyers furniture building at 5864 Adobe Road into a multi-use entertainment and retail center, which will be a three-phase development.

The Council also approved a Letter of Public Convenience and Necessity for applicant Claire Fabian to obtain an "On-sale Beer and Wine – Eating Place" license from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for Gordie's Bar and Deli, formerly the Adobe Deli, at 4966 Adobe Road.

The next meeting of the City Council will held at a special time and date of 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road. For more information, contact City Hall at 760-367-6799. # # #