

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Freshour called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Councilmember Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
INVOCATION – Rev. Charles Zwicker of the Church of the Nazarene gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL – Councilmembers Benton, Cole, Spear and Mayor Freshour. Councilmember Bagley had an excused absence.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Proclamation Recognizing May 2004 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Freshour read and presented a proclamation to Mr. Marty Rapp, recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mr. Rapp said that the Laughlin River Run is taking place the weekend of April 23rd, and he urged the public to be aware of motorcyclists during that weekend and for the rest of the year.

2.2 The Mayor will Present a City Tile for Extraordinary Volunteerism and Service to the Community to Sandy Fleck.

Mayor Freshour presented a city tile to Sandy Fleck, and thanked her for all she does in the community.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 Mayor Freshour announced that these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as Follows: Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 17, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS – This is the time for the public to address the City Council.

- 4.1 Jerri Hagman, Owner-Homestead Inn Bed and Breakfast, Twentynine Palms, said that she thinks that Twentynine Palms should be known as the Home to the Joshua Tree National Park and City of World Class murals. She said that this would bring more tourists to the City.

Mr. T.J. Williams, said that Action Council will be dedicating a memorial for Marines killed in the line of duty on May 30, 2004. He said that the memorial is being donated by Mr. Simi Daba and the City originally agreed to donate \$200 for the pedestal for the memorial. He said that the cost of the pedestal has gone up to \$800 and he hoped that the City would still donate the \$200.

Public comments on specific agenda items will be deferred until consideration of the item on the agenda.

5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Benton said that his thoughts and prayers are with the men and women fighting in Iraq.

Councilmember Spear said that he has spoken to Edie Carter of the Twentynine Palms Water District Board, Jim Thompson of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, and the City Manager in regards to forming an informal study group regarding the location of the Fire Department. He said that he would report back to the City Council in 2005 regarding this matter. Councilmember Spear also said that he and his wife were praying for the families of those killed in Iraq and he hopes the rest of the soldiers come home safely.

Councilmember Cole said that he echoed Councilmembers Spears sentiments and he said that he hopes for their quick and safe return. He also said that the Gran Prix was a success and the weather was great.

Mayor Freshour also said that his prayers are with the Marines fighting in Iraq.

6.0 CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR - All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately by the City Council under item number 7.0 on the agenda. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on Consent Calendar items prior to the City Council action (roll call vote).

At this time, the City Clerk will read the title(s) of the ordinance(s) listed herein except those that are removed for separate action.

- 6.1 Waive the Reading of Ordinances and Approve Reading by Title Only
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the reading by title only of all ordinances and that further reading of such ordinances be waived.
- 6.2 Warrant and Payroll Register
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file registers totaling \$ 245,626.71.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of the March 23, 2004 City Council meeting.

- 6.4 Treasurer's Report – February 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.5 City Council Proclaim April 19 – 24, 2004 as Record-A-Thon Week
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proclamation.
- 6.6 City Council Proclaim April 18 – 24, 2004 as National Victims Week
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proclamation.
- 6.7 Approval of Theatre 29 Parking Project
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the awarding of the Theatre 29 Parking Project to Ficara Paving, in the amount of \$78,698.00 in funds from the Community Development Block Grant Funds Theatre 29 Parking Project.
- 6.8 Chamber of Commerce Report – March 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Councilmember Benton abstained from Check No. 34476, 34506 and 34537-Item 6.2.

Councilmember Spear abstained from Check No. 34534 –Item 6.2, and Councilmember Spear requested that item 6.7 be pulled for discussion.

On a motion of Mayor Freshour, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bagley absent), the City Council approved the balance of the Consent Calendar.

7.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND /OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS.

6.7 Approval of Theatre 29 Parking Project
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the awarding of the Theatre 29 Parking Project to Ficara Paving, in the amount of \$78,698.00 in funds from the Community Development Block Grant Funds Theatre 29 Parking Project.

Councilmember Spear asked that the Staff Report Recommendation be amended to reflect the total cost of the project, which is \$88,698.

On a motion of Councilmember Spear, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bagley absent) Item 6.7 of the Consent Calendar was approved as amended.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING - None

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS –

12.0 ADJOURN – The City Council adjourned to the following Workshops at 7:22 p.m.:

12.1 2004 Budget Issues, Presuppositions, Draft Budget, give direction.

12.2 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan, Review Draft Plan, give direction.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION -

13.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Public Employees Performance Evaluation – City Manager

The City Council conducted an evaluation for the City Manager. The Closed Session ended at 9:15 p.m.

13.2 City Manager – 2002 Employment Agreement
RECOMMENDATION – Amend as appropriate.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Benton, seconded by Councilmember Cole, and approved with a 4-1 vote (Bagley absent), the City Council approved an amendment to the agreement. The meeting then adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood CMC
City Clerk