

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 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 Bagley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
INVOCATION – Pastor Al Perez of the Companerismo de Creyentes en Christo Church gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL - Councilmembers Bagley, Benton, Cole, Spear and Mayor Freshour.
- 2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**
- 2.1 The Mayor will Present Certificates of Recognition to Citizen on Patrol Volunteers
Mayor Freshour presented certificates to the following members of the Citizen's on Patrol: C'Belle Hoffman-1,896 hrs., Jim Terry-1,700-hrs., Lorraine Chamberlain-768 hrs., Stephen Angulo-594 hrs., Ernie Baker-586 hrs., and Ester Breedlove-399 hrs. Mayor Freshour thanked all of them for the time they donate to keep the City safe.
- 2.2 Community Clean Up Day Tonnage and Buck-A-Bag Results
Adda Harris, Community Clean Up Coordinator, reported the results of the April 10th Community Clean Up Day. She said that there was over 53 tons of trash collected.
- Ms. Harris and Mayor Freshour presented checks to the following groups: 1st place-Reach Out 29, 390 bags/\$940. 2nd place-Cadet Corps., 318 bags/\$468., and 3rd place-Desert Congregational Church,188 bags/\$218. Mayor Freshour congratulated the groups that participated and said that the City is proud of them.
- 2.3 Proclamation Recognizing Thursday, May 6, 2004 as the National Day of Prayer
Mayor Freshour read the proclamation recognizing May 6th as the National Day of Prayer and presented the proclamation to Pastor Al Perez.
- 3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3.1 Mayor Freshour announced that these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as Follows: Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS –** This is the time for the public to address the City Council.
- 4.1 This is the time for the public to address the City Council on issues within the jurisdiction of the City Council that are not on this agenda. All comments are to be directed to the City Council and shall not consist of any personal attacks. Members of the public are expected to maintain a professional, courteous decorum during their comments. There is a time limitation of three minutes per

person. If you haven't already done so, please fill out name and address slips and give them to the City Clerk. The City Council is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda.

Mr. Anonymous said that the Motorcycle River Run Weekend was accident free and all of the guys behaved. He also spoke about the native plants and Code Enforcement.

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

5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS – This is the time for comments from the City Councilmembers on any subject.

Councilmember Cole thanked the Citizen on Patrol group for the number of hours they have donated. He said that the City could never afford to pay for all of the hours that they donate. He also thanked all of the participants in the Community Clean Up Day. Councilmember Cole reminded everyone that school is out soon and people should watch out for kids. He also said that there have been problems in some neighborhoods with off-road motorcycle riders and he said that education is necessary for riders to know where it is permissible to ride.

Councilmember Spear reported that the Twentynine Palms Select Choir will receive \$350. for their participation in the neighborhood cleanup for the month of March. He also stressed that he would never support releasing a persons' name in regards to a code compliance complaint.

Councilmember Bagley said that the City lost a great legacy in the passing of Dawn Benton, Sr.

Mayor Freshour agreed with Councilman Bagley about Dawn Benton, Sr. He also said that Twentynine Palms is growing and everything property he has to sell has been sold.

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 \$ 306,557.06.

- 6.3 Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of the April 13, 2004 City Council meeting.
- 6.4 Treasurer's Report – March 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.5 Law Enforcement Report – March 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.6 Resolution No. 04-03 Legislation Pertaining to the Placement of Convicted Sex Offenders
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council support AB 3097 that provides local jurisdictions with increased protection on the placement of these group homes, and direct staff to continue to pursue legal avenues for greater input and control.
- 6.7 Proclamation Recognizing April 25 – May 1, 2004 as “Infant Immunization Week” and the Month of May 2004 as “Toddler Immunization Month”
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the Proclamation.
- 6.8 Knott's Sky Park Preschool Lease; Amendment #1
RECOMMENDATION: 1. Council approve the amendment to the lease, and, 2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.
- 6.9 Project Status Log – April 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Councilmen Spear abstained from item 6.5.

In regards to item 6.8, Mayor Pro Tem Benton complimented the Preschool Committee and thanked everyone involved for a job well done. Councilmember Cole agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Benton.

On a motion of Councilmember Bagley, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Consent Calendar was approved as submitted.

7.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND /OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - None

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING - None

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 10.1 Code Enforcement Beautification Program
RECOMMENDATION: Receive oral report and give direction as appropriate.

City Manager Swigart presented an oral staff report and a power point presentation regarding the Code Enforcement Beautification Program.

Councilmember Cole said that this is a good way to encourage people to clean their own yards. He commended the Community Development Department for their efforts with the Beautification Program.

Councilmember Spear offered his own personal thanks to Community Development Director Corbin and Code Enforcement Officer Blackman for their help in keeping the City from declining. He also thanked the 50 people who have cleaned up their property as well as those working on their property to get it cleaned up.

Mayor Pro Tem Benton said that people are proud of Twentynine Palms again. He thanked the staff for a good job.

Staff was directed by the City Council to continue with the program as planned.

10.2 The Mayor will Appoint a City Council Subcommittee to Review Applications for the Public Arts Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor will appoint a City Council Subcommittee to review Applications for the Public Arts Advisory Committee and make a recommendation to City Council.

Mayor Freshour appointed Mayor Pro Tem Benton and Councilmember Spear to the subcommittee to review applications and make recommendations to the City Council.

11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 On a motion of Councilmember Spear and carried by Mayor Freshour there will be a future agenda item to discuss the formation of a subcommittee to discuss Fire Department options.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION - None

13.0 ADJOURN – Mayor Freshour adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:42 p.m. in Memory of Dawn Benton, Sr. who passed away on April 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood CMC
City Clerk