

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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- Mayor Freshour led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
INVOCATION – Pastor David Squires of Palms Southern Baptist Church gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL – The following Councilmembers were present: Benton, Cole, Spear and Freshour. Councilmember Bagley was absent.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Presentation of a Proclamation and City Tile to the Joshua Tree National Park on the Occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Joshua Tree National Park

Mayor Freshour read the Proclamation and then presented the Proclamation and City Tile to Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent Kurt Sauer. Mr. Sauer thanked the City of Twentynine Palms for the support over the past ten years as a National Park, and for the seventy-year history with the City of Twentynine Palms.

- 2.2 Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing November 21, 2004 as a Day of Thanksgiving in Twentynine Palms.

Mayor Freshour read the Proclamation and then presented it to Pastor Matoush.

- 2.3 City Wide Clean Up Day Report and Presentation of Awards
Report will be given by Adda Harris, Community Clean-Up Day Coordinator

Adda Harris, Community Clean-up Coordinator announced the results for the Community Clean-up Day and Buck-a-Bag Competition. Mayor Freshour and Mr. Frank Orlett of Waste Management presented checks to each representative for their winnings.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Bag Counts</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Total winnings</u>
Reach Out 29	504 bags	1 st prize	\$ 704.00
California Cadet Corps	228 bags	2 nd prize	\$ 378.00
Twentynine Palms Boy Scout Troop #77	124 bags	3 rd prize	\$ 224.00
Youth Group for Desert Congregational Church	79 bags		\$ 79.00
Twentynine Palms High School Interact Club	35 bags		\$ 35.00
Knott's Sky Preschool	18 bags		\$ 18.00

- 2.4 Presentation of Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards
The City of Twentynine Palms presented Cesar Lona and Kaleo Leopoldo with a Volunteer Service Award

Larry Bowden, Park and Recreation Supervisor, and Mayor Freshour presented volunteer service awards to Cesar Lona and Kaleo Leopoldo. In addition, Mr. Bowden presented each of them with a \$25 gift certificate to the Wonder Garden Cafe. Mr. Bowden said that the Park and Recreation Department is able to do a good job because of the volunteers that they have.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Mayor Freshour announced that these proceedings would be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as Follows: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and November 13, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.1 Dan O'Brien, Twentynine Palms, said that on November 2nd there was a winning change and because the City Council did not listen, there are two new, good people elected to office. He said that City Hall is not a friendly place from a business standpoint. He also wished Mayor Freshour and Councilmember Bagley all the best.

4.2 Mr. Henry Mattson, Twentynine Palms, told the City Council that he wished the best for the old and new Council. He said that there is good government in Twentynine Palms and he hopes the new Council can live up to the previous Council.

5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Spear said that he attended the 229th Birthday Celebration Marine Corps Ball in Las Vegas at the invitation of General Zilmer and his wife. He said it was a wonderful evening and he was very happy to be there.

Councilmember Cole thanked everyone for voting. He said that it has been a pleasure working with Mayor Freshour and Councilmember Bagley, and he looks forward to working with the new Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Benton said that Councilmember Cole's Desert Storm Micro football team is now 9-0. He also thanked Adda Harris and Frank Orlett for their involvement with the Community Clean-up Day.

Mayor Freshour said that his take on the election goes back to when the recall people had to get 1240 signatures to do a recall and they could not do it. He said that there was a lot of hate, discontent, lies, half truths and damn lies. He said he only hopes that the two citizens who are coming onto the Council are good people, but they have no idea what they are stepping into. They are already painted with the lies and deceit that went before. If they come up here and do what Recall 29 wants, by firing the City Manager, the Community Development Director and the Code Enforcement Officer they will be labeled as stooges of Recall 29. If they follow common sense and use their own instincts then Recall 29 will have failed. He said that there are a great number of committees and duties that will entail an additional 15 to 20 hours a week of their time on the Council. He said that he wishes them all the best, they are good upstanding people and he hopes that they can get up to speed real quick.

6.0 CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

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 \$ 299,118.81.

6.3 Chamber of Commerce Report – October 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

- 6.4 Approval of Minutes – September 14, October 12 and 26, 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

On a motion of Mayor Pro Tem Benton, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 4-0-1 (Bagley absent) 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

- 8.1 Amendment to the City Informal Bidding Ordinance
RECOMMENDATION: Conduct the Public Hearing, introduce Ordinance No. 192, and direct staff to bring the Ordinance back for adoption.

City Manager Swigart reported that this Ordinance will make the City policy consistent with the State law. He recommended that the Public Hearing be continued to the January 25, 2005 City Council meeting so that the incoming tenth Council can take care of the matter.

On a motion of Mayor Pro Tem Benton, seconded by Councilmember Spear and carried with a 4-0-1 (Bagley absent) voice vote the Public Hearing was continued to January 25, 2005.

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Spear requested that a staff report be given at the December 14th meeting providing background information regarding the painting of the curb red on the west side of Adobe Road, south of Homestead Drive.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION – None

13.0 ADJOURN – The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood CMC, City Clerk