

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Benton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Klink led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
INVOCATION - Pastor Al Perez of Compañerismo de Creyentes En Cristo (Fellowship of Believers in Christ) gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL - The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmembers Cole, Klink, Spear and Benton. Councilmember Bernal was absent.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1** Mayor Benton presented a Proclamation to the Rotary Club for their 100th Anniversary. Twentynine Palms Rotary President, Irving Stone, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Rotary Club proclaiming February 23, 2005 as Rotary Day in the City of Twentynine Palms.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1** Mayor Benton announced that these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as follows: Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 3:00 P.M.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Grove Crank, Twentynine Palms, said that someone should contact Edison because there are no lights in the back parking lot behind City Hall.

5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Klink thanked everyone for the love and thoughts to his family during their time of loss. He also wished City Manager, Michael Swigart a speedy recovery, and thanked Ron Peck for stepping in during the City Manager's absence. Councilmember Klink congratulated Councilmember Cole's JV Basketball team on their 17- 0 record.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear said that he and Councilmember Cole are the subcommittee to recommend new Planning Commissioners, and that they would be meeting on February 9th to review the applications. He apologized that it had taken so long for them to meet.

Mayor Benton congratulated Councilmember Cole and the JV Basketball Team.

Councilmember Cole said that the JV Basketball Team was great before he began coaching. Councilmember Cole encouraged the community to support the sports in the City as well as the other things the children are involved with such as band, choir, etc.

Councilmember Klink reminded everyone that the Morongo Basin Community Chamber Mixer will be held on February 15th, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Copper Mountain College in Joshua Tree.

6.0 CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1 Waive the Reading of Ordinance and Approve the 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 register totaling \$ 90,674.11.

6.3 Agreement with Reach Out 29 to staff the Senior Center
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the agreement.

6.4 Chamber of Commerce Report – January 2005
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

6.5 Treasurer's Report – December 2004
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

6.6 Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of January 25, 2005.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear abstained from check number 36274 on the warrant register.

Mayor Benton abstained from check number 36324 on the warrant register.

Councilmember Klink had a correction to the January 25th minutes.

On a motion of Mayor Pro Tem Spear, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal-absent), the balance of 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 General Plan Amendment for change of zoning from General Commercial (CG) to Multi-family Residential (RM) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for development of 36 multi-family units on 4.6+ acre parcel located at the northeast corner of El Paseo Drive and Bagley Avenue (APN).

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct the Public Hearing, introduce Ordinance No. 193, adopt Resolution No. 05-05, approve the Conditional Use Permit subject to the adoption of Ordinance No. 193, and direct staff to bring Ordinance No. 193 back for adoption.

Mayor Benton left the Council Chambers at 7:15 p.m. due to a possible conflict of interest.

Community Development Director Corbin (Director Corbin) presented a staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear opened the Public Hearing.

D.J. Masker, Twentynine Palms, said that she wanted to put in her concerns about the change from commercial general to multiple dwelling. She asked that in the future the City Council seriously consider the re-zoning issue from general commercial to multi-family residential. She said that this is the second time in a two month period that they have changed multiple residential. She wanted to know what they would do if someone develops a shopping center, or additional parking downtown.

Grove Crank, Triad Realty, said that no one is ever going to build a shopping center on that parcel. He said that the rentals are upscale three bedroom two bath, with tile roofs, which will enhance the area.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Klink asked with single family residences instead of multi family residences would there be a big difference traffic wise.

Director Corbin responded that the intensity and density would be about twice what they would be with multi family residential as compared to single family residential.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear asked if all utilities would be undergrounded in accordance with requirements established in the Development Code.

Director Corbin replied yes, that was correct.

On a motion of Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 3-0-1-1 roll call vote (Bernal-absent, Benton-abstain), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 05-05, approved the Conditional Use Permit subject to the adoption of Ordinance No. 193, and directed staff to bring Ordinance No. 193 back for adoption.

City Clerk Sherwood read Ordinance No. 193 by title only, as directed.

Mayor Benton returned to the Chambers at 7:29 p.m.

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

10.0 **LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

10.1 Support for Measure J

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council adopt Resolution No. 05-02 in support of Measure J.

Interim City Manager Ron Peck presented a staff report.

Wes Collins, Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of Measure J.

Jim Thompson, Twentynine Palms Fire Chief, reported on the history of the Fire Department funding to date. He said that the Fire Department currently operates on \$750,000 per year, and if Measure J passes, the amount will increase to a little over \$1,000,000 per year. Chief Thompson explained with this funding they would be able to staff Station 422, 24 hours, seven days a week. Chief Thompson pointed out that in November 2004, over 3700 people turned out to vote in the City of Twentynine Palms with 3/4 of those supporting Measure C for the College and Measure I for the roads in San Bernardino County. He said that he hopes the same large number turns out on March 8th, and he said he hopes that people believe that adequate fire protection in this community is as important as the college and the roads.

On a motion of Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal-absent), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 05-02 in support of Measure J.

11.0 **FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

11.1 Councilmember Klink said that he would like to discuss budgeting for televising the Planning Commission meetings.

11.2 Councilmember Cole requested a presentation that outlines how they are to conduct themselves as Councilmembers and a subsequent discussion of those matters.

12.0 **CLOSED SESSION** – None

13.0 **ADJOURN** – The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood CMC, City Clerk