

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD  
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Councilmember Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**INVOCATION** - Pastor Robert Harris of the Little Church of the Desert gave the Invocation.  
**ROLL CALL** - Councilmembers Klink, Cole, Spear, and Mayor Benton. Councilmember Bernal had an excused absence.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 San Bernardino Sheriff Captain Jim Williams introduced Lieutenant Chuck Wilson to the City Council and the audience. Captain Williams said that Lieutenant Williams has transferred here from the Colorado River Station. He said that Lt. Wilson has many years of experience working in the dessert communities.

- 2.2 Recognition of Red Ribbon Week  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council adopt Resolution No. 05-29 Recognizing October 23 through 31, 2005 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Twentynine Palms.

San Bernardino County Police Specialist Arden Wiltshire presented Red Ribbons to the City Council. On a motion of Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Klink, and carried with a 4-0-1 (Bernal-absent) voice vote, the City Council approved Resolution No. 05-29.

- 2.3 Kathleen Durosa and David Ramirez, representing Southern California Edison spoke to the City Council about the power outages over the past 12 months. She said that most of the outages were due to lightning strikes.
- 2.4 Dee Ritchart, President of the Chamber of Commerce, gave an overview of the Pioneer Day 2005 activities. She said that most of the comments she received were positive comments regarding the new events and change in location. Ms. Ritchart said that next year the Out House Races will hopefully be resurrected.

**3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 3.1 These proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as follows Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

#### **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. R.C. Byrd, Ramoland, CA, spoke to the City Council regarding a five acre parcel of land he owns on Southwest corner of Lear Avenue and Amboy Road. He said that he would have to put Amboy Road in and put in curbs, gutters and sidewalks, as well as on Lear Avenue, and then tie into the highway. He said that he thought he would be looking at \$300,000 for the improvements.

Mayor Benton suggested that Mr. Byrd submit a letter to the City Manager regarding his issue.

Donn Brackett, Twentynine Palms, spoke to the City Council about a 30 to 40 foot "rutted out" area of road on north Utah Trail where it meets Hwy 62.

C.J. Horn, Twentynine Palms, spoke to the City Council in response to the report presented regarding the power outages. He said he is confused because these problems have been going on for 17 years, not just this past year. He said that he is not satisfied with the report and would like the issue pursued further.

#### **5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Cole thanked all of the participants of the Clean Up/Buck a Bag Contest held on October 22, and he also thanked City Staff, and Adda Harris, for running a well organized program. He also said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Neighborhood Clean -up is coming up on November 5 and will take place in the Chocolate Drop area. Councilmember Cole said that he recently represented the City as the Desert Mountain Division representative Measure I and San Bag. He said that he was able to accept a ½ million dollars for the City of Twentynine Palms that our City Engineer was instrumental in obtaining, and it shows that it is important to have a representative from Twentynine Palms at the meetings.

Councilmember Klink thanked Dee Ritchart and the Chamber of Commerce for the great job that they did at Pioneer days. He said that he enjoyed riding in the Pioneer Days Parade and thanked Donnie Miller for driving the horse drawn wagon. He said that he was disappointed at the turnout for the Saturday night bands during Pioneer Days as it was a really good band. Councilmember Klink said that Thanksgiving is coming and 200 dinners will be provided to those people needing Thanksgiving Dinners. He said that Blessed Sacrament Church, the Interact Club, and the other churches in the City will be collecting food and assembling the baskets. Councilmember Klink said that he and three of the Councilmembers attended a League of California Cities (LOCC) meeting in San Francisco recently and he said he learned a lot and how some of the items for topic could be implemented in Twentynine Palms, such as information regarding roads and "big box" stores.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear said that the regular monthly Neighborhood Clean Up is back in effect next month. He said that the dates for the clean up are booked through to February. He said if there are any groups that would like to collect money for picking up trash, give him a call at 366-4150.

Mayor Benton said that he also attended the LOCC meeting in San Francisco and it was very educational. He said that he also recently attended the I.C.S.E. Conference (Shopping Center Conference) in Palm Springs with Community Development Director Meyerhoff and Chamber of Commerce President Dee Ritchhart. He said that they made a lot of contacts. He said the City also participates with the Morongo Basin Economic Partnership in a Buxton Study for Twentynine Palms.

## **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 Register  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file register totaling \$494,053.21.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 meeting.
- 6.4 Purchase 2005 570 XT Tractor  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council authorize the purchase of a 2005, 570 XT Case Tractor. Funds have been allocated for upgrade of equipment from the Gas Tax Budget Account No. 22-1004-4508 in the amount of \$56,968.03.
- 6.5 Mower Replacement  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council authorize the purchase of two mowers. A 2005, 4100D with a 10' mowing deck, cost \$45,072.62. The second mower is a 2005, 328D with a 6' mowing deck cost \$18,481.96. Funds have been allocated for upgrade of equipment from Account #01-0125-4833 in the amount of \$63,554.58.
- 6.6 Chamber of Commerce Report - September 2005  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.7 Incentives for Revitalization: Resolution continuing existing Redevelopment Project Area infill incentives through December 31, 2006  
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt RDA Resolution No. 05-01 continuing incentives.

Councilmember Cole commented on Item 6.7 that this project was put in place to encourage infill development and he thinks that it is working.

Mayor Benton said that the building evaluation that this money covered was \$3,345,557.65. He said that the builders like it and it gives them a little bit of a break. He said that he is a builder also, but he cannot take advantage of this incentive because he is a member of the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear abstained from Check No. 37810 and 37811 on the warrant register.

Mayor Benton abstained from Check No. 37817 on the warrant register.

On a motion of Councilmember Cole, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Spear, and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal absent), the City council approved the Consent Calendar as submitted.

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

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARING** - None

**9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT**

10.1 Traffic Control Devices on Highway 62 from Encelia to approximately 600 feet east.

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss, give direction.

City Manager Swigart presented a staff report.

Councilmember Klink said that the delivery trucks that come onto Encelia Avenue to make a left out of Stater Bros. parking lot would be blocked from being able to make a left hand turn.

City Manager Swigart said that that had not been studied as of yet.

Councilmember Klink asked if the stop and go light could be moved from Condor and Adobe Road to another location where it would be more useful

City Manager Swigart explained that Condor and Adobe is within the City's jurisdiction, and CalTrans is responsible for Hwy 62 out intersections do not meet the warrants.

Councilmember Cole stated that it has never been about the money because the City Council would approve the funding. He said it is because CalTrans will not allow a light.

Mayor Pro Tem Spear asked about the life expectancy of the dowel alternative.

City Manager Swigart said the dowels are more readily moved by trucks and vehicles striking them, but he said the dowel in place is a good buy.

Councilmember Cole said that he would like to see raised medians.

- 10.2 Twentynine Palms Highway Circulation and Parking in the Downtown.  
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss, give direction.
- 10.3 Public Arts Advisory Committee Appointment  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive recommendation from Council Selection Subcommittee and make appointment.

**11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS -**

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION -** None

**13.0 ADJOURN\_** The City Council adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood CMC, City Clerk