

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6136 ADOBE ROAD  
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance  
**INVOCATION** - Pastor Perry Ford, from the Spirit and Truth Worship Center gave the Invocation.  
**ROLL CALL** – The following Councilmembers were present: Benton, Klink, Spear and Mayor Cole. Councilmember Bernal had an excused absence.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Community Clean Up Day and Buck-A-Bag Results**

Community Clean Up Day Coordinator Adda Harris presented a report regarding the results of the April 8, 2006 Clean Up Day with the total tonnage reported as 57 tons. She then asked Mayor Pro Tem Klink and Frank Orlett of Waste Management to join her to present checks to the winners of the Buck-A-Bag event. The winners were announced as follows:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** to Kiwanis with 68 bags and a check for \$168.00.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** to Combat Center Fire Department with 146 bags and a check for \$ 296.00.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** went to Reach Out 29, now known as Reach Out Morongo Basin with 275 bags and a check for \$475.00.

She said thank you on behalf of the City of Twentynine Palms to all those involved and said because of their efforts our City continues to be a beautiful place to live.

**3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 3.1** Mayor Cole announced that these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 6, as follows Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**5.0 CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Spear announced that starting this week Waste Management would be placing fifty 30 gallon decorative containers along our downtown corridor as well as along Adobe Road all the way to the Historic Plaza. Waste Management spent \$20,000

for this project and it did not cost the City a penny. He said that we are well on our way to beautifying our downtown. He then thanked Frank Orlett of Waste Management for keeping their end of their contract up and said they are doing a great job.

Councilmember Benton said that he attended the Neighbors and Natures Mural dedication on Saturday, April 22, 2004. He said that it was a nice event and thanked those who came out and had a good time.

Mayor Pro Tem Klink said that he had attended a dinner in honor of Congressman Jerry Lewis Saturday night in Joshua Tree. He said that Congressman Lewis has done a lot for our City and the Morongo Basin and that it was a well deserved dinner in his honor. Mayor Pro Tem Klink also congratulated our new Miss 29 Palms, Brenda Burdett and her court.

Mayor Cole said that he would like to thank everyone at all the events he attended. He said he would like to especially thank Waste Management and Frank Orlett for helping to keep our City clean, and said what a good corporate partner they have been to the City of Twentynine Palms. He thanked all the groups that came out to our Community Clean Up Day and used this opportunity to keep our City nicer. He was also able to attend the Mural dedication it was a beautiful day and he said the Mural was beautiful. He also attended the dinner for Congressman Lewis and got the chance to thank him for what he has done here in the Morongo Basin. Mayor Cole spoke of the projects that Congressman Lewis has worked on such as the Maine Corp Base, road projects, and the Joshua Tree National Park Visitor Center. He said that he was one of the judges at the Miss 29 Palms Pageant and said it was a great evening and congratulated all the contestants as it was a tough job. He thanked the Rotoract Club for bringing back this pageant as we have not had the pageant for the last two years. He then commended them on what a great job they did of putting this event together. He said he was glad the President was able to visit Twentynine Palms, and said how it was long overdue. He then thanked him for spending time with the folks that live here in 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 \$ 221,350.92.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council/Redevelopment Agency approve the minutes of the April 11, 2006 meeting.
- 6.4 Two Mile Road Report  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

6.5 Renewal of Delegate Agency Agreement  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the Delegate Agency Agreement between the City of Twentynine Palms and the County of San Bernardino.

6.6 Treasurer's Report – Period Ending March 31, 2006  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Councilmember Spear pulled Item 6.4 for discussion.

On a motion of Mayor Pro Tem Klink, seconded by Councilmember Benton and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal 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**

Item 6.4: Mayor Cole opened Item 6.4 for discussion.

Councilmember Spear expressed his concern about the schematics not showing where the curb, gutter, and sidewalk would be along Two Mile Road. He said it does not answer his question or the Council's question. He said that he would look forward to the discussions in May.

A discussion occurred regarding the width and the widening of Two Mile Road and how it will not affect the current bike path. Then a brief discussion occurred regarding in lieu of fees for the future widening project of Two Mile Road and will be brought back for discussion by the Council in May.

On a motion of Councilmember Benton, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klink and carried with a 3-1-1 voice vote (Spear No) and (Bernal absent), the City Council approved Item 6.4

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

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

**10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT**

10.1 Purchase and Sale Agreement, Escrow Instructions on Sullivan/Adobe Road property.  
APN. # 0616-281-140000  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve purchase and sale agreement, and authorize Mayor to execute.

City Manager Michael Swigart (City Manager Swigart) presented a Staff Report to the City Council.

Each of the Councilmembers concurred that this was a win win situation and they thanked the DeWitt family for their incredible gesture and donation.

Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Cole hearing no requests to speak closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Klink, seconded by Councilmember Benton and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal absent), the City Council approved the purchase and sale agreement, and authorized the Mayor to execute said agreement.

10.2 Downtown Revitalization Economic Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council award the contract to CB Richard Ellis consultant (CBRE) in the amount of \$79,000 for the preparation of the Downtown Revitalization Economic Feasibility Study, and authorize the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the agreement.

City Manager Swigart presented a Staff Report to the City Council.

Mayor Cole commented that this is what our community needs.

Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing.

Larry Briggs, Twentynine Palms, thanked the City Council for their continued support of the mural project and the Bucklin Park project. He then spoke in favor of Item 10.2. He asked if there was a guarantee that once the study was completed that it would be implemented.

A discussion occurred between the City Council and Staff regarding the implementation of the Study.

D.J. Masker, Twentynine Palms, asked what City the consultant was from. She commented that the City Council has entered into two previous studies. She asked if this consultant could use these studies as well.

Mayor Cole responded their address was in Los Angeles, California.

A discussion occurred between the City Council and Staff regarding the Downtown Revitalization Economic Feasibility Study and what a great tool this will be and how important this is to our City.

Dee Richhart, Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce President, spoke to the City Council regarding previous studies that they have had done, including the Buxtun Study. She stated don't think that nothing is being done with these studies, but know that each of them is a tool to help out and recruit businesses that will do well here.

Jack Briggs, Twentynine Palms said that he would like to see all the City studies combined and that he was in favor of seeing the City move forward.

D.J. Masker, Twentynine Palms asked the City Council to pull out the study where the gentleman was from the east coast and wanted to put in a small shopping center.

Mayor Cole closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Councilmember Spear, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Klink and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Bernal absent), the City Council awarded the contract to CB Richard Ellis consultant (CBRE) in the amount of \$79,000 for the preparation of the Downtown Revitalization Economic Feasibility Study, and authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute the agreement.

**11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS**

Councilmember Spear requested a discussion on May 23 pertaining to Public Works projects being reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission prior to construction.

**12.0 CLOSED SESSION - None**

**13.0 ADJOURN – Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Adda L. Harris, Deputy City Clerk