

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
6136 Adobe Road  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277  
www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Klink called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Mel Berlin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
**INVOCATION** - Pastor Beth Glass, Twentynine Palms United Methodist Church gave the Invocation.  
**ROLL CALL** - The following Councilmembers were present: Cole, Flock, Harris, Spear and Mayor Klink.
- 2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS** - None
- 3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3.1 Mayor Klink announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 10, as follows: Saturday, February 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, February 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
- 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
- 5.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- Mayor Pro Tem Flock said the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery was showcasing art work from Senior's at local high schools until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.
- Councilmember Harris said four people showed up at the last Council Connection and had a lively discussion that turned out very well.
- Mayor Klink encouraged the residents of Twentynine Palms to shop locally. He also said the Twentynine Palms High School varsity boy's basketball team won the De Anza League title. Lastly, he wished everyone who had a birthday in February a Happy Birthday and his son Andrew a Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.
- 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).

- 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 warrant register totaling \$772,378.46.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 City Council meeting.
- 6.4 Law Enforcement - 2008 Year End Report  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.5 PC 08-11 – Ordinance 218 amending the zoning on a five (5) acre parcel from Rural Living – 2.5-acre minimum (RL-2.5) to Single-Family Residential – 4 dwelling units per acre (RS-4) in association with Tentative Tract Map No. 18701 (subdividing roughly thirty-five (35) acres into seventy-nine (79) Single-Family Residential lots with supporting amenities and a 8.4-acre Commercial lot.  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council adopt Ordinance 218.
- 6.6 Chamber of Commerce Report – January 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

On a motion made by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Harris and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, 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- None**

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS- None**

**9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 9.1 Code Enforcement Task Force  
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council create a Code Enforcement Task Force and select two members from the Council to serve on the Task Force.

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

ACTION: The consensus of the City Council was to approve creating a Code Enforcement Task Force and selected Councilmember Spear and Councilmember Harris to serve on the Task Force.

- 9.2 Selection of a Committee to Develop a Priority List of Community Development Block Grant proposals (CDBG)  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council select a task force to prioritize the submission of eligible Community Development Block Grant Projects (CDBG) for allocation of funds for 2009-2010.

Community Services Director Randy Council presented a Staff Report to the City Council.

**ACTION:** The consensus of the City Council was to appoint Councilmember Cole and Mayor Pro Tem Flock to the Community Development Block Grant Projects task force.

9.3 Update on Chamber of Commerce Activities

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council receives the staff report and provides direction to staff.

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Jessica Wagner-Shultz presented a report on the Chamber of Commerce activities to the City Council. She said the Chamber has begun an effort to reach out to their members more fully, reminding them what their benefits are as members and that the Chamber is here to assist them in any way that they can. She said the local businesses are important to the Chamber.

Councilmember Spear expressed his concern for the direction that the Chamber newsletter was going.

Councilmember Spear requested a line by line accounting of what money was spent by whom at what time and for what. He requested a detailed synopsis of how the \$80,000 paid by the City to the Chamber of Commerce annually was being spent.

9.4 Animal Impound Fees

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council receives the staff report and provides direction to staff.

Councilmember Spear said he wanted clarification for the public regarding the actual board, license, and adoptions. He said it was not on the agenda to raise the fees.

Animal Control Supervisor Rick Boyd (Animal Control Supervisor Boyd) spoke to the City Council regarding the citations that the public can receive regarding their animals being impounded and the fees that are associated with those fees. He said the cost of a citation can get as high as \$250 for a repeat offender. He said you could find the pets at the animal shelter available at [petfinders.com](http://petfinders.com).

9.5 PC 09-09- General Plan Advisory Committee for the General Plan Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

Nelson Miller, representing Hogle Ireland spoke to the City Council and said the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) would be comprised of selected individuals. He said they would discuss issues that would develop consensus. He said they would spend a lot of time with the committee and the committee members. He said the basic part of the General Plan would be three basic workshops and three joint Planning Commission and Council workshops. He said there would also be additional public community meetings.

Paul Smith Twentynine Palms, President of the Inn Keeper's Association spoke in favor of item 9.5 He recommended the GPAC be formed for an effective General Plan.

Owen Gillick Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of item 9.5. He said the GPAC gives substantial informed local input ensuring higher quality and a higher level of community acceptance.

Paul Hoffman Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of item 9.5.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Spear, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Flock and carried with a 4-1 (Klink no) roll call vote, the City Council amended the contract of Hogle Ireland to include a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) at the amount of \$42,300.

## **10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT**

- 10.1 Support for Assembly Bill 87: Plastic Bag Fee  
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve Resolution 09-03.

Steve Van Dusser, Twentynine Palms spoke in support of item 10.1.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Spear, seconded by Councilmember Harris and approved with a 5-0 roll call vote the City Council approved Resolution 09-03.

- 10.2 Charles Abbott Associates Contract  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approves the request with an implementation date retroactive to February 1, 2009.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Spear and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council approved the request with an implementation date retroactive to February 1, 2009.

## **11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS- None**

## **12.0 CLOSED SESSION**

- 12.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation (2 cases).
- 12.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property Negotiations-Conference with Real Property Negotiator, Michael Tree-0616-281-03, 0613-051-07, 0613-051-15, 0613-051-25, 0616-221-01, 0616-221-02

13.0 **ADJOURN-** Mayor Klink adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to closed session. The closed session adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood MMC, City Clerk