

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
6136 Adobe Road
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Tuesday, March 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- Town of Yucca Valley City Clerk Jamie Anderson gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
INVOCATION – Pastor Bob Wagner, Joshua Springs Calvary Church gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL – The following Councilmembers were present Cole, Flock, Harris, Spear, and Mayor Klink.
- 2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**
- 2.1 On behalf of the Southern California Clerks Association, Town of Yucca Valley City Clerk Jamie Anderson presented City Clerk Char Sherwood with a plaque in recognition of receiving the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation.
- City Clerk Char Sherwood thanked the City Council and City Manager Tree for their support and encouragement in obtaining the Master Municipal Clerk designation.
- 2.2 Presentation of a Grant to the City of Twentynine Palms by the County of San Bernardino for the Anti-Gangs, Anti-Drugs Campaign.
- Recreation Superintendent, Larry Bowden presented a brief report on the Anti Gang/ Anti Drug Grant. He said that San Bernardino County has a grant program for Anti Gang/ Anti Drug funds. He said the City applied and has been approved for \$20,000.00. He said the guidelines are that the City work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department.
- 2.3 Presentation to Lamar Outdoor Advertising for their endeavors in preserving the City's dark night sky.
- Mayor Klink presented Lamar Outdoor Advertising representative Bill Houck and Real Estate Agent Betsy Hayes with a City tile and thanked them for their endeavors in preserving the City's night sky.
- Bill Houck, representative for Lamar Outdoor Advertising thanked the City Council for the recognition and said it was an easy fix.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 Mayor Klink announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 10, as follows: Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, March 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Flock said the City was accepting applications for the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and said the application closes on March 16, 2009. He said he urged all who are interested to apply.

Councilmember Harris encouraged the public to go to Bistro 29. He said the food was incredible and that it was a great addition to the City.

Councilmember Spear asked the City Manager if the City should opt to support the Relay for Life and if it would be an agenda item or something the City Manager would deal with on his own.

Mayor Klink congratulated City Clerk Char Sherwood on her MMC designation. He reminded the public to shop locally.

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 \$155,327.75.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009, City Council meeting.
- 6.4 Law Enforcement Report - January 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.
- 6.5 Chamber of Commerce Report - February 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

- 6.6 Change in Task Force Assignments
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Task Force assignment changes as recommended by Mayor Klink.
- 6.7 Highway 62 Rehabilitation and Street Improvement Project
RECOMMENDATION: Approve RDA Board Resolution 09-01 and City Council Resolution 09-05 authorizing the funding needed for environmental work on HWY 62 Rehabilitation and Street Improvement Project.

Councilmember Spear pulled item 6.4 from the Consent Calendar.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Spear and approved with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council approved the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

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

- 6.4 Law Enforcement Report - January 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Councilmember Spear had questions regarding the off highway enforcement team. He wanted to know what areas inside the City limits were patrolled by the off highway vehicle enforcement team.

Captain Miller of the Morongo Basin Sherriff's Department responded he did not know exact locations but could find them out. He said the off highway vehicle enforcement teams patrol areas in Wonder Valley and in the City limits.

Councilmember Spear requested in the future a list of areas in the City limits that are hit by the highway vehicle enforcement team provided by the Sherriff's Department.

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 the balance of the consent calendar.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 8.1 PC 08-22 – An Application by Mehrdad Arabi of Cherokee Chainlink and Construction for a Variance to allow five (5) oversized signs with an existing multi-family housing complex. The signs are located at the Vista Del Sol – Marine Corps (801) housing complex at 73939 Two Mile Road and 74455 Joe Davis Drive; Zoning is Multiple Residential District (RM); APN's 0623-131-10, 0623-163-01, -02 and -05; T1N, R9E, Section 28.
RECOMMENDATION: Conduct the Public Hearing, take public testimony, find the project categorically exempt from further CEQA review, affirm the Planning Commission's recommendation, and find that the application does not meet the required "Findings" for a Variance and adopt the attached Council Resolution approving the Variance request.

Community Development Director Charles LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a staff report to the City Council.

Chief Thompson of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department said the entrances to each entryway were less than 24 feet in width. He said the signs were designed as an element to go along with the Jersey barrier which was to cause barriers across entrances.

Colonel Wes Weston spoke on behalf of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. He said the contractor was supposed to follow the codes and he did not. He said the contractor will not come back to correct the problem and has been banned from the base. Colonel Weston said they would like to move the stop sign forward as well as the limit lines. He said the Marine Corps would pick up the bill for moving the signs and would be adding rumble strips as well. He said they want to make it right and would get it completed quickly.

Mayor Klink opened the Public Hearing.

D.J. Masker, Twentynine Palms, wanted to know what the Fire Department Chief thought of the proposed alternatives.

Mayor Klink closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Spear asked if the limit line could bend out towards the street and the crosswalks would be cross hatched and marked crosswalks.

City Engineer Pedersen responded the cross walk lines could be broken and bent back.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Spear, seconded by Councilmember Harris and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council granted the variance as stated with recommendations and adopted City Council Resolution Number 09-04 and approves PC 08-22, a Variance for the sign.

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 New Chamber of Commerce Building

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council receive the report and provide staff direction as to how to proceed.

Recreation Supervisor Kevin Cole presented a staff report to the City Council and said the redesign of the roof is the number one priority.

City Manager Tree said the next step would be to bring back the bid documents for the renovation of the building as well as construction of the parking lot.

10.0 LEGISLATIVE/COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT- None

11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS

Councilmember Spear requested the Relay for Life item on the next agenda. He also requested at the next City Council meeting a formal report from the Chief of Police of what the City has; a juvenile officer or a resource officer.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation (1 case).

12.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager

13.0 ADJOURN- Mayor Klink adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:26 p.m. to closed session. Closed session ended at 8:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood MMC, City Clerk