

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
6136 Adobe Road  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277  
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Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Flock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Councilmember Klink led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**INVOCATION** – Pastor Ron Cooley, First Baptist Church, Joshua Tree gave the Invocation.  
**ROLL CALL** – The following Councilmembers were present: Cole, Klink, Harris and Flock. Councilmember Spear had an excused absence.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 Mayor Flock will present a Proclamation for “Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2010”

Mayor Flock presented a Proclamation for “Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2010” to Kirsten Cathell of the San Bernardino County Children and Family Services.

Kirsten Cathell thanked the City Council and said by raising awareness they can reduce the number of abused and neglected children in the community.

**3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 3.1 Mayor Flock announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 10, as follows: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, April 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Briggs, Twentynine Palms, said he moved his business to the Plaza in 1993. He said on behalf of the property and business owners of the Plaza he wanted to thank the City Council, staff and Frank Spavecek of RSG for the ground breaking ceremony for the rehabilitation of the Historic Plaza this evening.

Reverend Ronald Cooley, Twentynine Palms, said he appreciated the Community for taking care of his family while he was on duty and said he has retired in Twentynine Palms.

Chuck Uyeda, Twentynine Palms, thanked Director LaClaire and City Engineer Pedersen for getting back to him with a conclusion to the situation regarding an erosion issue in Indian Cove.

Cal Sisco, Twentynine Palms, suggested no animals allowed signs back to back in front of the park at the Library.

## 5.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Cole said he attended the Climate Change workshop in Yucca Valley where a Councilmember from Palm Desert made a presentation on AB811 solar projects. He said he attended the City/County meeting and said there is hope economically and with the County. He also said the Census mailings are coming out and encouraged the public to participate.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris said he attended the Fire Fighters Appreciation Dinner for Fire Fighter of the Year at the Joshua Tree Retreat Center and there were over 180 people present to honor the Fire Fighters from 10 different venues.

Councilmember Klink said he attended the Fire Fighter Appreciation Dinner and congratulated all of the Fire Fighters in the Morongo Basin. He wished everyone a great Easter and Easter break.

Mayor Flock said there was a ground breaking ceremony at the Historic Plaza prior to the meeting this evening. He said he wanted to recognize the City staff and employees for what they do and said they are the ones that make things happen in the City.

## 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 registers totaling \$ 898,977.74.
  
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes  
RECOMMENDATION: The City Council approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 9, 2010.
  
- 6.4 Plans and Specifications for the Mesquite Springs Road Rehabilitation Project  
RECOMMENDATION: Review and approve construction plans and specifications for the Mesquite Springs Road Rehabilitation Project, agreement with San Bernardino County and authorize staff to proceed with advertisement for this project.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Klink, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Spear absent) the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

**7.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS- None**

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

8.1 PC 09-52 – Consideration of a Variance to Reduce Required Front Yard Setback for a Garage at 6421 East Court Way.

RECOMMENDATION: Open the Public Hearing, consider public comment and adopt City Council Resolution 10-07 finding that the proposal is Exempt from further environmental review and that it conforms to the required Findings for approval of a Variance.

City Attorney Munoz said he had received a request for further information from Mayor Pro Tem Harris regarding the item. He said it would be appropriate to have a closed session to discuss these items and it was up to the City Council to decide when to have the Closed Session. He said he also knew there was a request to continue the item. He recommended a Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Community Development Director LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a staff report to the City Council. He said there was new and corrected information and based upon that information staff had obtained an Ulta survey where a licensed surveyor goes out and establishes specific locations of structures on a property. He said there was only one variance needed in this case being a setback issue for the garage.

Mayor Flock said Jamie Avels had requested continuance of the item to a later date.

Consensus of the City Council was to hold a Closed Session after the meeting regarding the item.

Mayor Flock opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Flock closed the Public Hearing after there were no requests to speak from the public.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Harris and carried with a 4-0-1 roll call vote (Spear absent) the City Council continued the item to the April 13, 2010 City Council meeting.

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

## **10.0 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT**

### **10.1 Consideration of the City's Branding Campaign**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Agency Board receives the Branding Presentation and accompanying concept graphics and provides further guidance and recommendations to staff.

Frank Spevacek, RSG, gave a brief presentation to the RDA.

Matt McCleary, RSG, gave a power point presentation to the RDA regarding the City's Branding Campaign.

Paul Smith, Twentynine Palms, said the graphic concepts presented were great and that the Desert Gateway branding tagline says that it opens you up to a lot of opportunities.

Chuck Uyeda, Twentynine Palms, said at Club Vo there is a sign for a Wet T-Shirt contest and Hard Body contest. He said he does not want visitors to think Twentynine Palms is a Wet T-shirt town.

Marlena Brown, Twentynine Palms, suggested a short branding tagline that gets the point across such as Real. Desert. Home.

Boardmember Cole thanked RSG for all their hard work.

Mr. Spavecek presented the RDA with forms asking for their opinions on the graphic concepts and brandings taglines presented for the City. City staff collected the forms from the RDA with each Boardmember's input on each of the forms which will provide further guidance to RSG enabling RSG to refine the branding campaign.

A graphing concept and branding tagline form was placed in Boardmember Spears mailbox so his responses could be incorporated with the other Boardmember's responses.

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

## **12.0 CLOSED SESSION**

Potential Litigation(1 case) regarding PC 09-52 – Consideration of a Variance to Reduce Required Front Yard Setback for a Garage at 6421 East Court Way.

## **13.0 ADJOURN-** Mayor Flock adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m. to Closed Session. Closed Session ended at 8:15 p.m. with no action being taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood MMC, City Clerk