

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
6136 Adobe Road
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Tuesday, April 27, 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 Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.
INVOCATION - Reverend Jerry Critchlow, St. Martin in the Field Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.
ROLL CALL – The following Councilmembers were present: Cole, Harris, Klink, Spear and Flock.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Mayor Flock will present a Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

Councilmember Spear noted a correction to the Proclamation that there was no longer a General Stanley Veterans Park that it was now called the Veterans Park.

Mayor Flock presented a Proclamation for National Day of Prayer to Sandy Fleck.

Ms. Fleck invited the public to attend the National Day of Prayer at 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. outside City Hall next Thursday.

2.2 Mayor Flock will present the Employee of the Quarter for the month ending March 31, 2010.

Mayor Flock presented the Employee of the Quarter for the month ending March 31, 2010 to Josh Claudio from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Claudio thanked the City Council for the recognition.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 Mayor Flock announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V., Channel 10, as follows: Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jay Corbin, Twentynine Palms, Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) said one of the many topics the GPAC discussed was clustering. He says clustering saves money while protecting the environment and the GPAC

recommended that the City Council create a policy for clustering in the updated General Plan. He encouraged the City Council to revisit the issue and set a Study Session with the City Attorney, stating that it creates significant environmental changes for generations to come.

Tony Naraval, Twentynine Palms, said there is a new toilet that has become available that conserves water. He asked if the City Council could adopt an Ordinance that required new construction to install these new toilets.

Phyllis LaLonde, Twentynine Palms, asked the City Council to direct the Planning Commission to rezone a piece of property on Lupine and Twentynine Palms Highway that is surrounded by Commercial property.

Jodi Crow, Twentynine Palms, spoke to the City Council and asked for a resolution to a problem she is having with her fence and the height of it. She provided a letter to the City Council and staff regarding her issue.

Stephanie Wiegel, Joshua Tree, spoke in favor of clustering and land use.

Calvin Cisco, Twentynine Palms, said having elder citizens in Bucklin Park playing shuffle board would be a good impression for visitors to have when entering the City.

5.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Klink said May 8, 2010 was the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive and he encouraged the public to contribute by putting their canned goods in their mailbox on that date. He congratulated Mr. Claudio on Employee of the Quarter. He said Brunch with the Mayor was a good turn out and thanked the Mayor and his wife and the Twentynine Palms Youth Club for the food.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris said Lilly Uyeda passed away and Gary Card who was a Search and Rescue Volunteer passed away as well, he gave his condolences to the families of both citizens. He said he attended Bailey's Car Show and it went very well.

Councilmember Cole said the Brunch with the Mayor to benefit the Youth Club had a great turn out. He encouraged the community to keep up the good work.

Councilmember Spear said Councilmember Klink and Councilmember Cole have taken over the Cash for Trash program and he would pass the information off to them and thanked them for taking the program over.

Mayor Flock said Bailey's Car Show was a great show. He said Brunch with the Mayor was great, he said the food was wonderful and the Youth Club did an excellent job.

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 \$572,725.92

6.3 Award of Bid to Wonder Electric for Installation of Light Standard's at the City Visitor Center

RECOMMENDATION: The Redevelopment Agency Board approves the bid of \$18,349.26 to Wonder Electric for the installation of parking lot light standards at the City's Visitor Center.

Councilmember Spear abstained from check number 48127 on item 6.2 from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department due to possible conflict of interest.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Spear, seconded by Councilmember Klink 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 HEARING

8.1 PC 09-52-Consideration of a variance to reduce the 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 No. 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.

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

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 Mayor Pro Tem Harris, seconded by Councilmember Cole and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council

adopted City Council Resolution No. 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.

9.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Project Leatherneck Presentation by Southern California Edison (SCE)

RECOMMENDATION: The City Council receives the presentation and provides comment.

City Manager Tree introduced Kathy Derosa representing Southern California Edison (SCE).

Kathy Derosa, SCE, briefed the City Council on the project and answered questions the City Council had prepared for Ms. Derosa. She said SCE will maintain the lines and there is no impact on rates to the residents of the City of Twentynine Palms. She said currently the wooden poles are forty seven (47) feet high and that most of the new poles will be sixty seven (67) feet tall and some will be eighty (80) feet tall. She said it will cost an additional \$4 million per mile to bury the power lines.

Rob Franzo, transmission estimator for SCE, said he is responsible for design of the hub transmission KB line. He said the existing poles would be replaced with new poles and be disposed of accordingly once the lines have been transferred to the new poles.

Councilmember Klink asked who would maintain the poles and pay for the cost of the maintenance.

Ms. Desrosa responded the rates of the citizens of Twentynine Palms would not be affected and that SCE would be responsible for the maintenance of the poles.

Councilmember Spear expressed his concerns regarding City of Twentynine Palms residents receiving a financial impact for a power system that is benefiting the Marine Corps.

Ms. Derosa responded every three years SCE has to file a general rate case which shows all of their costs to the Public Utilities Commission who then reviews those costs.

Councilmember Klink said a big concern was that the residents will have to look at these poles in their front yards and they will be obstructing views.

Phyllis LaLonde, Twentynine Palms, asked if SCE could give a projection of costs after this three year turn over and she said she thinks its going to be meaningful for all of us.

Councilmember Klink requested that SCE keep the City Council informed on changes on Leatherneck Project from now on so the citizens of Twentynine Palms knows what lies ahead.

10.0 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT

10.1 Historic Plaza Design Guidelines and Historic Plaza Façade Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION: The Redevelopment Agency Board reviews and provides comment, then directs staff to distribute materials to property owners and Planning Commission for review and comment.

Frank Spavacek, RSG, gave a brief report to the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and asked for Boardmember input regarding the Historic Plaza Design Guidelines and Façade Improvement Program.

Boardmember Spear asked how much it would cost the RDA per each façade.

Mr. Spavacek responded each façade would be \$30,000 to \$35,000 per façade at the cost of the RDA plus the owners input.

Chair Flock said if there is a program like this, it should be area wide.

Boardmember Klink said the amount for business owners was too high.

Consensus of the RDA was to go with 10% instead of the recommended 25% participatory rate; however Chair Flock and Boardmemeber Cole felt the RDA should stay with staff’s recommendation of 25%.

A motion made by Boardmember Spear recommending lowering the matching participatory rate from 25% to 10% died due to lack of a second.

City Manager Tree said a consensus of the RDA was enough to direct staff.

11.0 FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS

Councilmember Klink said he would like have the toilet issue suggested by Mr. Naraval looked into.

Mayor Pro Tem Harris echoed Councilmember Klink’s suggestion.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation, (2 cases).

13.0 **ADJOURN-** Mayor Flocked adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. to Closed Session. Closed Session ended at 8:20 p.m. with no reported action being taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline M. Palmer, Deputy City Clerk