

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of Twentynine Palms will hold a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277 to consider the following:**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation (1 case).**

Mayor Harris announced that the Closed Session had been cancelled.

**TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
6136 Adobe Road  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277  
www.29palms.org  
Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** City Manager Warne gave the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**INVOCATION** – Minister Gary O’Gilvie, Spirit & Truth Worship Center gave the Invocation.  
**ROLL CALL-** The following Councilmembers were present: Cole, Corbin, Klink, Mintz and Harris.

**2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 Mayor Harris will present Resolution No. 11-31 to Third District Supervisor Neil Derry In Support of the Countywide Vision Statement

City Manager Warne presented a staff report to the City Council.

Third District Supervisor Neil Derry spoke to the City Council about the Countywide Vision Statement.

Mayor Harris presented Third District Supervisor Neil Derry with Resolution No. 11-31 in support of the Countywide Vision Statement.

**ACTION:** On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council approved Resolution No. 11-31 to Third District Supervisor Neil Derry in Support of the Countywide Vision Statement.

- 2.2 Community Clean Up Day and Buck-A-Bag-Results

Deputy City Clerk Palmer presented a staff report to the City Council.

Mayor Harris and Deputy City Clerk Palmer presented checks to the participants of the Buck-A-Bag competition. See attachment "A" for results.

2.3 Mayor Harris will Present the Employee of the Quarter for the Period Ending September 30, 2011

Mayor Harris presented Employee of the Quarter for the period ending September 30, 2011 to Julie Kilpatrick, Office Assistant II.

Ms. Kilpatrick thanked the City Council for the recognition.

### **3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 3.1 Mayor Harris announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V. Channel 10, as follows: Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, November 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. He also announced that the City of Twentynine Palms will have a community meeting regarding Project Phoenix at the community services building on Joe Davis Drive from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 17 and November 29, 2011. He invited the public to attend the meetings and give their input and ideas to the City Council and staff regarding the project. He said Retired Navy Chaplain, Milt Merritt passed away recently and his services will be Saturday November 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Protestant Chapel on the Marine Corps Base.

### **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Keri Waldrop, Twentynine Palms, Chair for Action Council 29 Palms, spoke to the City Council about the recent Chalk Fest and thanked the City Council for attending the event and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Cole and Councilmember Klink for attending the award ceremony and said it meant a lot. She said it was a successful event that could continue over many years. She said the goals were to bring the community together and to bring out of town visitors into the area and to provide education and opportunities for the youth in Twentynine Palms.

Jodi Callahan, Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, spoke to the City Council about current events going on in the City. She said there are several Veterans' Day events going on in the City this weekend and the Veteran's Day Tribute is Friday in the Veteran's Park next to City Hall. She said the Farmer's Market will open on November 20<sup>th</sup> and will be every Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m.

Cal Sisco, Twentynine Palms, spoke about the solar farms.

### **5.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS/BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro Tem Cole said there are many activities going on in Twentynine Palms. He thanked Action Council 29 for a successful Chalk Fest event and said there were a lot of out of town people at the event. He wished a Happy Birthday to present and past Marines as the Marine Corps Birthday was on Thursday and congratulated the Wildcats on their 7<sup>th</sup> straight Battle of the Bell win against Yucca Valley high school.

Councilmember Klink wished everyone celebrating a Birthday in November a Happy Birthday as well as the Marines and the City and his mom. He congratulated Julie Kilpatrick for her Employee of the Quarter Recognition and thanked Jacqueline Palmer and Julie Kilpatrick for their help at the Community Cleanup Day and he also thanked Public Works. He sent his condolences to the Merritt Family for the passing of Milt and said he was a really great guy. He said the Twentynine Palms High school Boys Basketball Team cleans yards to earn extra cash for their away games and uniforms and to contact Kevin Cole if anyone is interested.

Councilmember Mintz said the football game was great and on Saturday the park was full for the softball tournament. He said the Weed Show and Chalk Fest also turned out great this past weekend.

Mayor Harris said Happy Birthday to the Marine Corps and looked forward to the pageant on the Marine Base tomorrow morning. He said the Chalk Fest turned out great and the kids filled almost 400 squares that had chalk in them. He said he looked forward to a better and bigger Chalk Fest next year and was awe struck as to what the artists were doing.

## **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 warrant register totaling \$ 340,366.16.
- 6.3 Approval of Minutes  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 regular City Council meeting.
- 6.4 Treasurer's Report – September 2011  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file
- 6.5 Purchase and Installation of Lenox Air Conditioning Units at the Luckie Park Racquetball Court Building as Part of the Energy Efficiency Grant Project by Nelson Heating and Air in the Amount of \$21,565.  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve purchase and installation of Lenox air conditioning units at the Luckie Park Racquetball Court Building as part of the Energy Efficiency Upgrade Grant Project by Nelson Heating and Air in the amount of \$21,565.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Mintz, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cole and carried with a 5-0 voice 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 LEGISLATIVE/ COUNCIL/ REDEVELOPMENT/REPORTS**

9.1 Agreement to Produce Four Economic Development Videos by Wounded Warriors (Command Media)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City to enter into an agreement to produce four economic development videos by wounded warriors (Command Media).

City Manager Warne presented a staff report to the City Council. He said the money from this is coming from the Economic Development Budget.

Sgt. Del Ferrantino, Command Media, Wounded Warrior Battalion, said this project provides jobs to transfers out of the Marine Corps. He said they would produce the video and anything the City needs they can do it and he said the videos are ranging three to five (3-5) minutes.

Kevin Cole, Twentynine Palms, said there is a need for a production and there is a kiosk ready to go into the California Welcome Center in Yucca Valley on what to see and what to do in Twentynine Palms and this could go well there as well as at the local Visitor Center in Twentynine Palms.

Jack Briggs, Twentynine Palms, said this project is a great idea.

Jodi Callahan, Twentynine Palms, said this is a great opportunity for Wounded Warriors and would be great for the community.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Corbin, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council authorized the City to enter into an agreement to produce four economic development videos by Wounded Warriors (Command Media).

9.2 Engineering, Scope of Service and Cost Sharing Agreement for the Development of a Groundwater Protection Plan and Wastewater System Master Plan with the Twentynine Palms Water District and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Engineering, Scope of Services and Cost Sharing Agreement for the Development of a Groundwater Protection Plan and Wastewater System Master Plan with the Twentynine Palms Water District and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

City Manager Warne presented a staff report to the City Council. He said it is proposed the City pay 50% and the Water District to pay 50% for the cost of both studies. He said this proposal for the contract was developed by a Committee which was comprised of Councilmember Klink, Councilmember Corbin, Boardmember Chancy Chambers, Boardmember Nicolas Bourikas, Water District General Manager

Mike Wright and City Manager Warne who have been meeting with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

Larry Briggs, Twentynine Palms, recommended the City Council approve this item and said on page five (5) of the schedule under task nine (9) of the Master Plan Report the year should be changed to read "2012".

Councilmember Corbin expressed his thanks for the Water District and said Chancy Chambers has worked hard behind the scenes in educating people on water issues and thanked Nick Bourikas and Mike Wright and said they have stepped up as well.

ACTION: On a motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, seconded by Councilmember Klink and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the City Council approved the Engineering, Scope of Services and Cost Sharing Agreement for the Development of a Groundwater Protection Plan and Wastewater System Master Plan with the Twentynine Palms Water District with the necessary changes announced.

- 9.3 Consider Posting Videos of City Council Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings on City Web Site and Consider Proposal by Marshall Networking.  
RECOMMENDATION (1) Determine if the City Council wishes to post videos of City Council Meetings and Planning Commission meetings on City website and (2) Consider proposal by Marshall Networking.

City Manager Warne presented a staff report to the City Council. He said the posting and conversion is \$597.00 a year.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole said it is a goal for the Planning Commission and City Council to be as transparent and informative as possible to the public.

Councilmember Mintz wanted to know if they would be able to tell how many hits were viewed at the end of the year He suggested going with this plan until the next budget year, which at time they would review to see if they still wanted to keep this proposal.

Mr. Marshall responded he would be able to track monthly or however often the City Council would want the website hits to be tracked.

Councilmember Klink said he would also like to see how many hits the City gets in a year and if it's a significant amount he said he would like to go for a year.

Councilmember Corbin wanted to know if citizens could download a meeting to a DVD.

Mr. Marshall responded no because that would allow them to access the upload so someone could put an improper video in its place making it a security issue. He said it would be more money and time to rearrange the security if they wanted this feature available to the public.

ACTION: On a motion made by Councilmember Klink, seconded by Councilmember Mintz and carried with a 5-0 voice vote, the City Council approved a six month trail of

posting City Council and Planning Commission meetings on the City website by Marshall Networking.

- 9.4 PC 09-53 – City Council Policy Decisions and Guidance on Draft General Plan Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) so that Final Documents can be Prepared and Forwarded to the Planning Commission  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Make policy decisions and provide guidance on draft General Plan Update and draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) so that final documents can be prepared and forwarded to the Planning Commission.

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

Pat Flanagan, Twentynine Palms, former Chair of the GPAC, said the GPAC provided 47 pages of comments and recommendations covering the General Plan overall, the executive summary and the seven elements. She said they hoped for more response from the City Council regarding those 47 pages and said under CEQA they must respond to all substantive comments in writing and addressed if they have or have not changed the General Plan EIR so that would be there 47 pages. She asked when the City Council anticipated the substantive comments would be addressed and suggested they look at Apple Valley's General Plan.

Councilmember Mintz wanted to know which options are within the budget to Planning Commission. He said the allowance to make changes. He wanted to know when this would be going to the Planning Commission.

Nelson Miller, Hogle Ireland, said the City Council can allot an allowance which is in the budget to make changes. He said those changes would be reflected in the General Plan.

Director LaClaire responded it would be going to the Planning Commission in December depending on the action taken tonight.

Mayor Harris thanked Councilmember Corbin for his responses to the questions addressed to the draft General Plan as he was the only one and commended him for doing his research and getting responses from Hogle Ireland. He said on page (10) ten issue (19) Roadway Network he wanted to clarify the item was gone and that was the reason it was listed.

Mayor Pro Tem Cole thanked everyone who has been involved in the process and the contributions made by the committees and to Councilmember Corbin for his research. He said he wanted to make sure the wastewater concerns would be addressed and said regarding the circulation element, did the item from Cross Roads cover the concerns and he is not interested in spending a lot of time on tribal land discussions.

Councilmember Corbin said he had four recommended actions those being:  
Actions 1 & 2: request that the Planning Commission review and make a recommendation on the proposed non-residential build-out and the proposed

roadway network, seeking to reduce road designations to the level necessary to provide efficient traffic movement.

Action 3: Include a policy statement in the General Plan that the City will develop standards for clustering of residential development in areas zoned for low density.

Action 4: Include a policy statement in the General Plan that indicates that the City will develop rural standards for street improvements.

City Manger Warne said what is written reflects the policy decisions by prior City Councils and before voting the City Council might want to listen to what Hogle Ireland has to say about the four (4) issues that Councilmember Corbin recommended.

City Manager Warne said he would like Hogle Ireland to discuss how much work and cost is going to be involved in reanalyzing the road way system that is different than the current circulation element.

Mr. Miller responded it can be stated as a policy decision and \$10,000 for a model run and another \$8,000 of analysis on the part of Urban Crossroads all depending on how many intersections the City Council wants them to look at.

Councilmember Klink made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mintz to forward general plan and draft environmental general plan and draft Environmental Impact Review to the Planning Commission with no changes or additional policy decisions for its review and of the draft material and make their recommendation to the City Council. The motion died.

Councilmember Corbin made a motion to add an amendment to Councilmember Klink's motion to add the four (4) items he recommended to the Planning Commission, the motion died due to lack of a second.

**ACTION:** On a substitute motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, seconded by Councilmember Corbin and carried with a 3-2 (Klink and Mintz no) roll call vote, the City Council approved forwarding the Draft General Plan Update and Draft Environmental Impact Review to the Planning Commission with no changes or additional policy decisions for its review of the draft material, and to make their recommendation to the City Council to include Actions 1 & 2: Requesting that the Planning Commission review and make a recommendation on the proposed non-residential build-out and the proposed roadway network, seeking to reduce road designations to the level necessary to provide efficient traffic movement.

## **10.0 FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED ITEMS**

Councilmember Mintz requested when PC 09-53 comes back to the City Council it comes back from the Planning Commission as a Study Session first so the items could be discussed at length instead of at the end of a meeting.

Mayor Harris said he spoke to Ray Wolfe the District Director of Caltrans regarding the left turn lane of Easy Street and effective November 15, 2011 Granite will start on

the left turn lane but it might not be done until the first or second week of January due to the holidays.

**11.0 CLOSED SESSION-** None

**12.0 ADJOURN-** Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. in memory of Milt Merritt.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene L. Sherwood MMC, City Clerk