

**TWENTYNINE PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6136 ADOBE ROAD  
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER-** Chair Mintz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Chair Mintz led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
**ROLL CALL-** The following Commissioners were present: Alderson, Caplinger, Rinkes and Mintz. Commissioner Easter had an excused absence.
  
- 2.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Mintz announced this meeting will be televised on Cable TV Channel 10 Monday, June 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, June 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
  
- 3.0 MINUTES**
  - 3.1 May 18, 2010 Planning Commission Minutes
  - 3.2 June 1, 2010 Planning Commission Minutes

ACTION: On a motion made by Commissioner Alderson, seconded by Vice Chair Rinkes and carried with a 4-0-1 (Easter absent) roll call vote, the Planning Commission approved the May 18, 2010 and June 1, 2010 Planning Commission minutes.
  
- 4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR - None**
  
- 5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION - None**
  
- 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
  
- 7.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**
  - 7.1 PC 10-39 – The Twentynine Palms Water District is proposing to purchase property within the City of Twentynine Palms for Water District use. Under the provisions of California Government Code Section 65402 “Restrictions on acquisition and disposal of real property”, prior to the acquisition of such real property, the City’s Planning Agency (the City’s Planning Commission) must first determine that such acquisition by the Water District shall not be inconsistent with the Goals and Policies of the City’s Adopted General Plan for the site and general area.  
  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Open and conduct the Public Hearing, consider public comment and adopt Planning Commission Resolution PC 10-16 making a determination that the Water District’s purchase of a tax-defaulted property (identified as Assessor Parcel Number 0590-131-25) within the City of Twentynine Palms is consistent with the Goals and Policies, and all other provisions, of the City’s adopted General Plan.

Community Development Director LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a staff report to the Planning Commission.

Chair Mintz opened the Public Hearing.

Chair Mintz closed the Public Hearing after there were no requests to speak from the public.

Vice Chair Rinkes asked if anything separate had to be done when changing the zoning to public.

Director LaClaire responded no, the Planning Commission could give direction to staff so he could let the consultant working on the update to the General Plan know of the change.

**ACTION:** On a motion made by Commissioner Caplinger, seconded by Vice Chair Rinkes and carried with a 4-0-1 (Easter absent) roll call vote, the Planning Commission adopted Planning Commission Resolution PC 10-16 making a determination that the Water District's purchase of a tax-defaulted property (identified as Assessor Parcel Number 0590-131-25) within the City of Twentynine Palms is consistent with the Goals and Policies, and all other provisions, of the City's adopted General Plan and also directing the General Plan consultants change the zoning to Public.

## **8.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS –**

- 8.1 A request from the Southern California Vipassana Center for a small modification to the center's approved Conditional Use Permit (PC 03-40) by relocating and enlarging (by 466 square feet) "Building No. 19" (an approximately 1,274 square foot staff residence) to a new location under the provisions of Conditional Use Permit Section 19.30.130 "Amendments".

Director LaClaire presented a memo to the Planning Commission. He said there was no action that would need to be taken regarding the item, only if the Planning Commission disagreed with the proposal.

Commissioner Caplinger said after reviewing this he felt the new building location would be more appropriate.

The Planning Commission agreed with the request from the Southern California Vipassana Center.

- 8.2 Clarification of Design Requirements for new construction of single-family residential homes upon infill lots within the Southeast section of Specific Plan #10-Mara Vista.

Director LaClaire presented a memo to the Planning Commission regarding clarification of design requirements for new construction of single-family residential homes upon infill lots within the Southeast section of Specific Plan #10-Mara Vista.

Vice Chair Rinkes suggested removing subarea D.

Consensus of the Planning Commission was to immediately initiate a Development Code Amendment to remove subarea "D" from the Specific Plan and to initiate a Development Code Amendment to review and update/modernize the language and requirements of the entire Specific Plan.

**9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- None**

**10.0 COMMISSION COMMENTS/STAFF**

Commissioner Alderson asked what the upcoming agenda items consisted of.

Director LaClaire responded the Granite Mine Conditional Use Permit Environmental Impact Report and three Public Hearings would be on the next Planning Commission agenda.

Chair Mintz gave his condolences to Commissioner Easter and his family.

**11.0 STUDY SESSION - None**

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT-** Chair Mintz adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline M. Palmer, Deputy City Clerk