



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Adolph.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Evans, Franklin, Henderson, Osborne, Mayor Adolph
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY'S REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, FRANK J. SPEVACEK, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 CONCERNING POTENTIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACQUISITION AND/OR DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51351 AVENIDA BERMUDAS (THE FORMER VILLAGE POLICE SUB-STATION). PROPERTY OWNER/NEGOTIATOR: MALIA MONROE**

COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:31 P.M.

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. NO ACTIONS WERE TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION THAT REQUIRES REPORTING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1 (BROWN ACT).

Mayor Adolph led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT-- None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Franklin requested that the order of the two Public Hearing items be switched. Councilmember Henderson requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 3 be pulled for a separate vote. Council concurred.

PRESENTATIONS – None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to approve the minutes of February 4, 2014 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTER DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2014**
2. **ACCEPT ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRACT MAP NO. 31202-4, RANCHO SANTANA**
3. Pulled by Councilmember Henderson for a separate vote >>> **APPROVE SECOND REQUEST TO EXTEND COMPLIANCE DEADLINE BY TWO YEARS FOR AGEDA CAMARGO**
4. **APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE, ADVERTISE FOR BID THE SPORTS COMPLEX LIGHTING, REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT**
5. **APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE AND ADVERTISE FOR BID PHASE II PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO COMPLY WITH AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT PROJECT**
6. **ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
[RESOLUTION 2014-004]
7. **ADOPT RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SUBGRANTED THROUGH CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** [RESOLUTION 2014-005]

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-2 and 4-7 as recommended with Item Nos. 6 and 7 adopting Resolution Nos. 2014-004 and 2014-005 respectively. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Calendar Item No. 3

Councilmember Henderson requested clarification of the sentence in the staff report that says: "...staff seeks Council authorization to take the necessary action to gain compliance if the subject property is transferred (either through sale or

death) prior to the expiration of the two years.” City Attorney Jenson explained that in 2009, a document was filed against the property that requires it to be brought into compliance with city code within 90 days of a triggering event such as a sale or transfer of title. Ms. Henderson expressed concern that this violation has existed for years and should not be continued.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve the second request to extend Ageda Camargo’s deadline by two years to bring into compliance the illegal unpermitted garage conversion on her property. Motion passed: 4 ayes, 1 no (Henderson).

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PALMER DESIGN GROUP FOR SILVERROCK GOLF COURSE RESTORATION

Public Works Director Jonasson presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

Mayor Adolph relayed a conversation he had with Arnold Palmer regarding the course renovation.

Councilmember Franklin cautioned staff to closely monitor RBF engineering firm to avoid cost overruns and mistakes.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Franklin to approve a professional services agreement with Palmer Design Group for SilverRock golf course restoration services. Motion passed unanimously.

2. SUPPORT CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 69, ASSEMBLY BILL 1521, OPPOSE HOUSE RESOLUTION 29 AND DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE POLICY POSITIONS

Chris Escobedo, Assistant to City Manager, presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Councilmember Henderson explained the importance of these actions.

Councilmembers discussed the effectiveness of general legislative policy positions and the Brown Act requirement for public discussion of any item that a majority of Councilmembers take a position on by signing their name in agreement or opposition.

City Manager Spevacek noted that a legislative policy paper from Council would assist staff in their positions as representatives of the City on various regional boards.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to (1) support California Senate Bill 69, (2) support Assembly Bill 1521, (3) oppose House Resolution 29, (4) direct staff to prepare the support/oppose letters for signature by all five Councilmembers, and (5) direct staff to develop a legislative policy position guide for Council approval. Motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

1. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM UPDATE

Consultant Cindy Henson, Community Services Director Hylton and Human Resources/General Services Manager (“HR Manager”) Deeringer presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

In response to Councilmember Evans, HR Manager Deeringer said that in meetings with employee panels, it has been explained that if a vacancy occurs, qualified employees are encouraged to apply, and the city would provide training and developmental opportunities for them to gain the skills that will make them a viable candidate for promotion. Regarding the employee association, the Officers have been happy to be included in the classification process, they had input regarding which cities and which positions would be surveyed for salary data, and all concerns brought forward by employees have been addressed. She noted that some employees are reserving judgment until the salary survey is overlaid. The association has been told that salaries will not be decreased in response to survey results, but will be Y-rated (frozen), and for others, an upward adjustment may be considered. The 360-performance evaluation tool has been discussed for supervisors, managers, and directors but not entry level positions and staff anticipates creating models for evaluating performance within each of the five bands. Ms. Deeringer said that greater flexibility in hiring will result from the broad bands and since the survey data was collected from area cities, La Quinta’s salaries will be in line with the market.

Councilmember Henderson said that cities are moving in this direction and city managers are excited to hear La Quinta’s presentation on the subject at the November conference. Ms. Henderson believes La Quinta is on the forefront of this change and it is one that will allow cities to operate better. She complimented every member of staff for participating and reserving judgment until all the information is known.

Councilmember Osborne requested that the salary survey be sent to Councilmembers well in advance of the meeting at which it will be discussed so that they all have time to fully digest it.

In response to Councilmember Franklin, Ms. Deeringer provided examples of the position titles that would be in each band.

In response to Mayor Adolph, Ms. Deeringer said that performance reviews will continue to be done once per year.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

La Quinta's representative for 2014, Councilmember Evans reported on her participation in the following organizations meeting:

- CVAG CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- CVAG ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

La Quinta's representative for 2014, Councilmember Henderson reported on her participation in the following organizations meeting:

- LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DELEGATE

La Quinta's representative for 2014, Mayor Adolph reported on his participation in the following organizations meeting:

- SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

Councilmember Osborne requested a copy of the survey done by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments regarding Transient Occupancy Tax charges in the area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department Reports were received and filed. Copies are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Mayor Adolph announced that Indio Mayor Mike Wilson called a meeting of the east valley mayors. Mayor Adolph will attend and report back.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 5:01 P.M. TO THE MEETING OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA QUINTA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOLLOWED BY THE FINANCING AUTHORITY AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETINGS

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:07 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS SWITCHED BY COUNCIL

2. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TENTATIVE MAP 36539-R, A REVERSION TO ACREAGE TO CONSOLIDATE PARCEL MAP 29052 [RESOLUTION 2014-007]

Principal Engineer Wimmer presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers received clarification regarding events that would trigger new developer conditions and requirements and the owner's continued storm water and dust control responsibilities.

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 5:14 p.m.

Public Speaker: Greg Bever, Rancho Mirage, the property developer answered Councilmembers questions regarding the future development of the property.

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 5:17 p.m.

MOTION – a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/Evans to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-007 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TENTATIVE MAP 36539-R, A REVERSION TO ACREAGE TO CONSOLIDATE PARCEL MAP 29052 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
CASE NO.: REVERSION TO ACREAGE RA 12-006 (36539-R)
APPLICANT: BLP DESERT, LP AND BL 2, LP

Motion passed unanimously.

1. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT PGA WEST SIGNATURE PROJECT, EAST OF PGA BOULEVARD [RESOLUTION 2014-006]

Mayor Adolph and Councilmember Franklin announced that they have a conflict of interest with Public Hearing Item No. 1 due to the proximity of their residences to this location and left the dais during discussion and vote.

Principal Engineer Wimmer presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 5:22 p.m.

Public Speaker: None

Mayor Pro Tem Osborne declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 5:22 p.m.

MOTION – a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-006 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, VACATING A ± 85,072 SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF A 60-FOOT WIDE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT EAST OF PGA BOULEVARD - CASE NO. RW-V 2014-001

Motion passed:

ayes: Councilmembers Evans, Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Osborne

noes: None

abstain: None

absent: Councilmember Franklin, Mayor Adolph

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/Evans to adjourn at 5:24 p.m. Motion passed: 3 ayes, 0 noes, 2 absent (Adolph, Franklin).

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California

