



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 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 THE POTENTIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACQUISITION AND/OR DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT SILVERROCK RESORT (APN'S 770-200-026; 776-150-021; 776-150-023; 770-060-056; 770-060-057; 770-060-058; 770-060-059; 770-060-061; 770-060-062; 777-490-004; 777-490-006; 777-490-007; 777-490-012 AND 777-490-014). PROPERTY OWNER/NEGOTIATORS: JOHN GAMLIN, MERIWETHER COMPANIES; ROBERT S. GREEN, JR., THE ROBERT GREEN COMPANY**

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

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:06 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

Public Speaker: John Lanctot, La Quinta – Mr. Lanctot spoke against the high increase of \$450 to \$600 per owner proposed for his subdivision called Cactus Flower.

Public Speaker: Dan Bresnahan, La Quinta – Mr. Bresnahan said that the allocation of the assessment funds may need to be adjusted. He also suggested that any

ballot sent out should not include complex compound sentences that can lead to confusion.

Public Speaker: Thomas Allen Worthy, La Quinta – Mr. Worthy spoke of his mistreatment by Eisenhower Medical Center and the City of Palm Springs. Mr. Worthy also spoke about the homeless problem in the Coachella Valley. He requested that Councilmembers address the homeless problems with their counterparts in Palm Springs and Cathedral City.

Public Speaker: Patricia Lawser, La Quinta – Ms. Lawser spoke about a flooding problem on Horseshoe Road and requested a copy of the golf course plans approved by the City. She asked the City to be accountable to those who have experienced flood damage and suggested that a swell may prevent the problem in the future.

Mayor Adolph said it will be referred to the Public Works Director to investigate.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Osborne requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 4 be pulled for discussion and a separate vote. Council concurred.

PRESENTATIONS

1. LIBRARY AND MUSEUM QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2013

Museum Director Anne Phillips and retiring Library Manager Barbara Bowie presented the staff reports, which are on file in the City Clerk's office. Diane Duquette, the new Library Manager was introduced.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. APPROVE DEMAND REGISTER DATED MARCH 4, 2014**
- 2. EXCUSE COMMISSIONER KEVIN MAEVERS' ABSENCE FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**

3. **EXCUSE COMMISSIONER PEGGY REDMONS' ABSENCE FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2014 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**
4. Pulled for discussion by Councilmember Osborne >>> **APPROPRIATE FUNDING AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO PACIFIC WEST INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR REPLACEMENT OF HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS 1 AND 2 AT CITY HALL**
5. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH MALIA MONROE FOR THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51351 AVENIDA BERMUDAS [RESOLUTION 2014-008].**

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, as recommended with Item No. 5 adopting Resolution No. 2014-008. Motion passed unanimously.

In response to Councilmember Osborne, staff provided additional information on the bidders for the city hall HVAC project.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Henderson to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 4. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPROVE PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS

Recreation Supervisor Larson presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Public Speaker: Kay Wolff, La Quinta – Ms. Wolff presented additional information about nominees Ed Alderson, Joan Rebich, and Robert Radi.

Councilmembers noted that the Pillars of the Community Award is a prestigious honor and, to give it the consideration it deserves, requested that additional information on nominees' backgrounds be provided; nomination forms be rejected unless complete information is provided; and the form be revised. Councilmembers concurred to continue this item until the additional information requested is received.

2. FORMATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMMUNITY SERVICE AND MARKETING GRANT

Council waived staff report presentation.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmember Evans to appoint Mayor Adolph and Councilmember Osborne to serve on the ad hoc committee. Motion passed unanimously

3. APPROVE MID-YEAR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

Interim Finance Director Griffin presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Staff responded to Councilmembers inquiries regarding errors overlooked by the accounting department/auditor such as CDBG funds and \$85,000 for liability under Human Resources; reclassification of the Community Development Secretary position; increases in permit processing expenses above revenue coming in; justification for adding two new positions; prevention of another occurrence of storm runoff damage at SilverRock; funding sources for the upcoming Capital Improvement Budget; allocation of net revenue; use of contract plan-checkers as needed; Boys' and Girls' Club funding levels; placement and demand for directional signs costing \$23,000; timing of the new permit center; reserve policy; increase in cost for median watering, and; employee payouts when they resign or otherwise leave employment.

Councilmember Osborne stated that although he supports most of the budget, he intends to vote against this motion because he believes the City must allocate to reserve funds more than 10% of net revenue.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to approve the mid-year budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Motion passed: 4 ayes, 1 no (Osborne)

STUDY SESSION

1. DISCUSS BUS SHELTER PLAN FOR HIGHWAY 111

Council waived the presentation of the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers concurred that \$700,000 could not be spent to design and build six custom bus shelters along Highway 111. They directed staff to ask Sunline to relocate the four inactive bus shelters if possible and to install standard Sunline shelters at the remaining stops. Council further directed staff to include in the cost estimates, funds to upgrade the relocated and standard shelters to comply with Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

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

- LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BOARD MEETING

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

- CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE
- SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFO EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – None

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Mayor Adolph thanked City Manager Spevacek for the informative presentation at last week's Special Council Meeting with City Board Members and Commissioners.

In response to Councilmember Evans, Assistant Police Chief Dave Walton explained the reason for increased activity and noise.

In response to Councilmember Evans, Public Works Director Jonasson said it was not possible to temporarily add back the lane under construction on Fred Waring Drive during events in the area because the pavement is torn up.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2014

