



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

A special meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Adolph.

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

COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Architectural & Landscaping Review Board

- Richard Gray
- Kevin McCune
- Ray Rooker

Community Services Commission

- Heather Engel
- Kathleen Fitzpatrick
- Sharrell Blakeley
- John Alford

Construction Appeals Board

- Kay Wolff
- Kevin Leonhard
- Bob Edwards

Historic Preservation Commission

- Peggy Redmon
- Leila Namvar
- Kevin Maevers

Housing Commission

- Everett Long
- Maria Ryser
- Michele McDonough

Investment Advisory Board

- Andrea Spirtos
- Kurt Mortenson
- Jennifer Donais
- Katherine Godbey

Oversight Board

- John Peña

Planning Commission

- Frank Blum
- Katie Barrows
- Robert Wright
- Robert Wilkinson

LA QUINTA REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AGENCIES PRESENT:

Palm Springs International Airport Commission

- Robert Teal

Coachella Valley Trails Commission

- Jeff Smith

Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control Board

- Robert Cox

Mayor Adolph led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CLOSED SESSION – None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND SERVICES, AND CITY COUNCIL, BOARD AND COMMISSION DISCUSSION

City Manager Spevacek presented the PowerPoint report, which is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmembers and the City Manager responded to Commissioners/Board Members inquiries regarding 360° employee evaluations; leeway afforded to Charter City status; pending prevailing wage requirement on projects using state funds; inability to appeal state rulings in federal court; property and sales tax revenue generated by movie theaters; plans to add new staff positions to effectuate new or increased services and revenue; employee performance bonuses and plans to control escalating costs; planning for the increase in PERS employer rates; use of contracted staff versus permanent hires; proposed bill to prohibit cities from contracting for staff services; \$13 million going to police services and closer management of the police budget and contract; developing public property in a way that suits and benefits residents; plans for private development in the village; explanation of the city's limited ability to increase tax revenues and assessments; actions underway to attract new businesses; streamlined permitting process; the need for valley-wide involvement in developing good jobs for residents; eastern Valley Mayors' plans to promote economic development; effect

of the loss of the RDA on economic development incentives; attractiveness of La Quinta as a financially stable, well run city; temporary use of vacant spaces by non-profits; options for the former Sam's Club space; property maintenance along Highway 111; effect of a prevailing wage requirement on SilverRock development; trend to smaller retail spaces; courting the right new businesses; criteria of new businesses; plans for an east Valley iHub; and joint economic development efforts of Valley cities and Riverside County.

Mayor Adolph thanked all Commissioners and Board Members for their time, input and service to the City.

Councilmembers encouraged residents to attend Council meetings or call Councilmembers or staff with questions anytime.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

CONSENT CALENDAR – None

BUSINESS SESSION – None

STUDY SESSION – None

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – None

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California

