



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014**

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Adolph.

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

Mayor Adolph led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Lawser, La Quinta – Mr. Lawser said the berm installed by Indian Springs golf course needs to be removed immediately – it was installed illegally and the City must cause it to come down or cause a swell to be built to remove the water. He would like the City to reimburse him for \$18,000 in damages to their property. Unless he gets a commitment from the City by this summer to reimburse him and fix the situation, he will attempt to sell his property. If selling fails, Mr. Lawser will pursue a legal remedy.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Phill Pettibone, La Quinta – Mr. Pettibone said the City took his car and he wants it back. The City Manager said that staff will inform Mr. Pettibone of the steps necessary to get his car back.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Adolph introduced the new SunLine Transit Agency General Manager, Lauren Skiver. Ms. Skiver expressed her appreciation for the assistance provided by the City traffic and engineering staff and the close working relationship with SunLine.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTER DATED APRIL 1, 2014**
2. **APPROVAL OF A JOINT USE OF FACILITY AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF COACHELLA VALLEY**
3. **EXCUSE COMMISSIONER FITZPATRICK'S ABSENCE FROM THE APRIL 14, 2014 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING**
4. **ADOPT RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF A FINAL MAP FOR TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 36539-R, A REVERSION TO ACREAGE CONSOLIDATING PARCEL MAP 29052 AND DIRECT STAFF TO RELEASE SECURITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PARCEL MAP 29052 [RESOLUTION 2014- 011]**
5. **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN CALIFORNIA, INC. TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING PLAN CHECK SERVICES**

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended with Item No. 4 adopting Resolution 2014-011. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. **APPROVE SECOND ROUND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANTS AND FUNDING REQUESTS**

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

Councilmembers discussed the application process and by consensus directed staff to amend the process as follows:

- 1) Inform applicants of their eligibility status based on Council's criteria when the application is submitted,

- 2) Provide the Ad Hoc Selection Committee with all applications but separate out those that are ineligible and provide a cover sheet listing the ineligible applicants and the reason each is not eligible,
- 3) Include an attachment to the Council staff report listing the organizations not funded and the reason(s).

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Bob Hargreaves, Secretary and John Purcell, Executive Director of the Friends of the Desert Mountains - On behalf of the Board of Directors, they thanked Council for being a partner in preserving the mountains surrounding La Quinta.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/ Evans to approve grants in the amount of \$6,300 to Desert Arc, and \$2,000 to Friends of the Desert Mountains. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Henderson said she was comfortable with the \$1,000 requests from the school organizations over the last several years and is not happy to see it jump back up to \$2,000. She indicated that she will be voting no on the \$2,000 funding level but would support the \$1,000 level. She further explained that she believes the grant program is inappropriate for municipal dollars and it is her fiduciary responsibility to continue to say so especially since the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and substantial decline in revenue sources.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Franklin to approve grants in the amount of \$2,000 to La Quinta High School Basketball Booster Club, and \$2,000 to La Quinta High School Softball Booster Club. Motions passed: ayes 4, noes 1 (Henderson)

Councilmembers Evans and Osborne suggested that the High School be asked to display a City of La Quinta banner at their games in recognition of the contribution.

STUDY SESSION – None

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- GREATER PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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

- COACHELLA VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
- COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

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

- PENDING STATE LEGISLATION

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

- SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

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

Councilmember Franklin announced that she has accepted a nomination from the Desert Charities organization to be the La Quinta liaison. She also noted that she would be judging the "Best Mom" contest for the fifth year.

Mayor Adolph said that he gave the opening remarks at the kick-off for flag football at Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School where an estimated 500 people attended. The supporters, sponsors, coaches, and parents asked Mayor Adolph to extend their gratitude to the City Council for the improvements the City funded such as the field lighting, and restrooms facilities.

Mayor Adolph gave a presentation on the city to about two dozen residents at the Mountain View Country Club. They were particularly interested in the SilverRock development.

Mayor Adolph said that he will be giving another presentation on the city tomorrow to Coldwell Banker at their request.

Councilmember Henderson said she attended the "Strut Your Mutt" event on Saturday. It was very well attended and received good press attention.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 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 BUYERS/NEGOTIATORS: JOHN GAMLIN, MERIWETHER COMPANIES; ROBERT S. GREEN, JR., THE ROBERT GREEN COMPANY

- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, SKI HARRISON AND TERRY DEERINGER, REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LA QUINTA CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 MEET AND CONFER PROCESS**

COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:52 P.M.

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:10 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).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Osborne to adjourn 8:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California

