



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

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Mayor Adolph.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA – 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 EAST OF JEFFERSON STREET, SOUTH OF PALM CIRCLE DRIVE, NORTH OF THE WHITEWATER STORMWATER CHANNEL (PORTION OF APN'S 600-080-001, 600-080-002, 600-080-003, 600-080-004, 600-080-005, 600-080-006, 600-080-007, 600-080-008, and 600-080-009). PROPERTY BUYER/NEGOTIATOR: JIM SNELLENBERGER, SNELLENBERGER FAMILY INV. L.L.C.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (B) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (ONE MATTER)

COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:32 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 ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Tom Brohard, Board Member of Estates at La Quinta Board of Directors – Mr. Brohard requested that Council improve the condition of Monroe Street, south of Avenue 54 in La Quinta's jurisdiction. He submitted photos and a petition on file with the City Clerk and requested that this project be moved up in priority.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Ed Ehrich, La Quinta – Mr. Ehrich also requested that the Monroe Street paving project be given priority in the City’s pavement plan.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Franklin requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 5 be moved to Business Session. Council concurred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2014
2. RATIFY EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO PERFORM STORM DAMAGE REPAIR OF SINKHOLE ON ADAMS STREET
3. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN CALIFORNIA, INC. TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING PLAN CHECK SERVICES
4. APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER’S ESTIMATE AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM
5. Pulled and moved to Business Session >>> APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH RUTAN & TUCKER, LLP LEGAL SERVICES AND DESIGNATION OF CITY ATTORNEY
6. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2014
7. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RIVERSIDE COUNTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2017 [RESOLUTION 2014-030]
8. APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER
9. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF LA QUINTA AND LA QUINTA CITY EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 [RESOLUTION 2014-031]

10. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SALARY AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS FOR MANAGEMENT, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 AND APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE [RESOLUTION 2014-032]

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended, with the exception of Item No. 5, and with Item Nos. 7, 9 and 10 adopting Resolution Nos. 2014-030, 2014-031 and 2014-032 respectively. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

Item No. 5 from Consent Calendar: **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT WITH RUTAN & TUCKER, LLP LEGAL SERVICES AND DESIGNATION OF CITY ATTORNEY**

Councilmember Franklin requested that due to its significance, this item receive a separate vote of Council.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Evans to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Rutan & Tucker, LLP legal services agreement, and to appoint William H. Ihrke as La Quinta’s city attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

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:

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFO EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

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

- LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES – REVENUE & TAX COMMITTEE

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

- CVAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Attorney Jenson provided an update on the *Ted Smith vs. City of San Jose* case regarding the application of the Public Records Act to public officials' personal communication devices.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Councilmember Franklin welcomed Rosemary Genovese, mother of late city manager Tom Genovese, to La Quinta and to the Council meeting.

Councilmember Franklin acknowledged Mayor Adolph's contribution to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments as Chairman for the past year.

Councilmembers briefly discussed options for a north La Quinta community center and by consensus decided to table the discussion until the construction of the wellness center is completed, at which time resources and demand can be evaluated.

Councilmember Evans acknowledged the success of the Coral Mountain Apartments project and the grand opening. Councilmember Henderson noted that La Quinta has never experienced "NIMBY" complaints, which is a tribute to the high quality of design, construction and maintenance of city affordable housing complexes.

Mayor Adolph suggested that the Legislative Policy Guide approved by Council in June be publicized and distributed to citizens.

Mayor Adolph acknowledged receipt of the letter from Indio City Attorney Roxanne Diaz to Celeinne and Dennis Ysunza of La Quinta in response to their letters of complaint over the noise from the Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California