



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 3:01 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 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 NEGOTIATORS: JOHN GAMLIN, MERIWETHER COMPANIES; ROBERT S. GREEN, JR., THE ROBERT GREEN COMPANY

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR TERRY DEERINGER REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LA QUINTA CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 MEET AND CONFER PROCESS

3. 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 IN THE LA QUINTA VILLAGE, EAST OF DESERT CLUB DRIVE, SOUTH OF AVENIDA LA FONDA (APN 770-125-002). PROPERTY OWNER/NEGOTIATOR: MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM RICHARDSON

4. 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 3:03 P.M.

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:04 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: Dave Heckman, La Quinta – Mr. Heckman suggested that the City require landlords to buy a business license, which would require an ordinance instead of a public vote. A \$50 fee per unit could be charged and the landlord may deduct it from tax returns. The revenues would go into the general fund. He would like to see a lot of the revenues spent on code enforcement.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Councilmember Osborne requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 5 be pulled for a separate vote. Council concurred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2014**
2. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTER DATED MAY 20, 2014**
3. **RECEIVE AND FILE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2014**
4. **RECEIVE AND FILE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2014**
5. pulled by Councilmember Osborne for a separate vote >>> **ADOPT RESOLUTION MAKING A PUBLIC INTEREST FINDING TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NAI CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES [RESOLUTION 2014-018]**
6. **AUTHORIZE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR PERMIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND CRW PERMIT SOFTWARE TRAINING ON JUNE 16-20, 2014 IN CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA**
7. **APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS WITH DESERT SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

8. AWARD CONTRACT TO GRANITE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PHASE I PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/Franklin to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-4 and 6-8 as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Item No. 5 – Councilmember Osborne noted that he will abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest because this contractor is a business client.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/Franklin to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 5 by adopting Resolution 2014-018. Motion passed: ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 1 (Osborne).

Item No. 7 - Councilmember Evans said she was pleased to see that Desert Sands Unified School District will restore, over the next two years, their share of the cost associated with the School Resource Officer, which the City funded for the District when they experienced a financial crisis. This will continue to ensure public safety in La Quinta schools.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPOINT A COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Henderson to appoint Councilmembers Osborne and Franklin to a council subcommittee on economic development. Councilmembers Osborne and Franklin noted their willingness to accept the appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON A SALES TAX MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTION

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

All Councilmembers agreed that a sales tax measure was necessary. They discussed percentage amount options, timeframe, ramifications for residents, public education efforts needed, community receptiveness, pending state actions that may affect City options, a public survey and other preparations precedent to putting a measure on the ballot, and pros and cons of aiming for the 2014 versus 2016 ballot.

City Manager Spevacek estimated that a public survey on the matter could be constructed and conducted by the end of June with results available shortly thereafter.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Osborne to conduct a survey/initial education opportunity regarding the issues surrounding the need for a sales tax increase prior to making a decision to add a measure to the November 2014 ballot. Motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

1. DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Manager Spevacek and all Department Directors presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers examined and discussed revenue estimates; Public Employees' Retirement System funding; insurance rates and creation of an insurance reserve fund; vehicle replacement; transfers to the SilverRock fund; Transient Occupancy Tax revenue forecast and efforts to expand registration, and; adding to the City's special event lineup, the Black History Month event currently organized and funded by Mr. Eddie Gilreath.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Janet Seto, Laura Spradlin and Tammi Monroy, La Quinta Middle School Administrators – The Administrators explained the various programs underway at the Middle School, which focus on fitness, health and nutrition. They hope to establish the school as the State's first health and fitness magnet school and requested City support and funding in the amount of \$25,000.

Councilmembers requested more information about how the \$25,000 would be spent, if funded, and asked school administrators to return with the standard budget and program information required of all grant applicants.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Kay Wolff, La Quinta – Ms. Wolff reminded Councilmembers that pruning and thinning vegetation in the Preserve accomplishes two objectives: visibility/safety and helps eliminate the spread of non-native plants. She asked Council to approve \$10,000 in the 2014/15 budget for this service.

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:

- ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION
- COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

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

- CVAG PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
- LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

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 available in the City Clerk's office.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Councilmember Evans noted that she attended the United Way fundraising gala, met the new Executive Director, and believes that La Quinta representation may be requested as United Way reevaluates their activities in the desert.

Councilmember Evans said she attended the ribbon-cutting for the East County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in Indio, which is located in the old sheriff's station. It is something the County and Valley needed and is a great compliment to La Quinta's EOC. It will be the main hub for eastern Riverside County in the event of a large-scale emergency.

Mayor Adolph said that Trini Lopez, American singer, guitarist and actor, was the speaker at last week's CalState University Associates program. His latest video recording was done in the La Quinta Cove and the location is mentioned several times in the video.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Dave Heckman, La Quinta – Mr. Heckman complimented Anthony Moreno, Code Compliance Supervisor, on the excellent job he does. Mr. Heckman said all City employees are amazing and very knowledgeable. He cautioned Council to be aware of increases planned by other public entities such as the water district before increasing the City's sales tax. He said he was not in favor of water features at SilverRock but preferred something similar to the landscaping and public art featured at Bighorn Golf Club.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:03 P.M.

MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:25 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 at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

✓ *Susan Maysels*

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California