



**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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**

Public Speaker: John Lanctot, La Quinta – Mr. Lanctot said that his home is next to a city retention basin and requested that the city return to trimming the trees and bushes bordering his property every three months. The trimming is now every six months, which allows the plants to grow over into his yard making access to his side yards difficult.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT DUNE PALMS ROAD AND HIGHWAY 111 (APN: 600-020-053).  
CITY NEGOTIATOR: CITY MANAGER  
NEGOTIATING PARTY: MARTIN DOLEMO  
UNDER NEGOTIATION: POTENTIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACQUISITION AND/OR DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

*COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 3:38 P.M.*

*MAYOR ADOLPH RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:00 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: Harry Schaffner, La Quinta – Mr. Schaffner informed the Council of the damage caused by the September 8, 2014 flooding to his home and his neighbors' homes. He said that the city should have warned residents and that the Council should have held a public hearing after the event to hear from residents. Mr. Schaffner stated that the widening of the bridge from two to four lanes a few years ago increased the flooding problem at Eisenhower Drive and Avenue 50.

Public Speaker: Allen Worthy, homeless – Mr. Worthy thanked Councilmember Evans and expressed his gratitude for the kindness of the staff at JFK Hospital. Mr. Worthy asked City Manager Spevacek to speak to Palm Springs City Manager David Ready on his behalf.

### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Henderson requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 3 be pulled for a separate vote. Council concurred.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Sarah Mack, Deputy Director of the Riverside County Department of Public Health provided a brief presentation on the preparedness of the department should the Ebola virus reach California or Riverside County. She provided a web address to their Ebola information page: [www.rivcoph.org](http://www.rivcoph.org).

Dave Archer, President and CEO of the La Quinta Chamber of Commerce, presented the report on Chamber economic development activity, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Franklin requested that Mr. Archer coordinate the Chamber's economic development meetings with City Manager Spevacek so there is not a duplication of effort.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014**
2. **DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY LISA TURNER AND MICHAEL DORN; DATE OF LOSS – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**
3. *pulled by Councilmember Henderson for separate vote >>>* **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 520 APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AND SILVERROCK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, RELATING TO THE VESTING OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR THE SILVERROCK RESORT, AND AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS RELATED THERETO**
4. **EXCUSE ABSENCE OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER FITZPATRICK FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2014 MEETING**
5. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTER DATED OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 7, 2014**

6. **RECEIVE AND FILE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS DATED OCTOBER 31, 2014**
7. **RECEIVE AND FILE TREASURER'S REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**
8. **ADOPT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE OFF-SITE AND ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRACT MAP NO. 30092, PIAZZA SERENA**  
[RESOLUTION 2014-061]

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1, 2 and 4 through 8 as recommended with Item No. 8 adopting Resolution 2014-061. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3 and adopt Ordinance No. 520 as recommended. Motion passed: ayes 4, noes 1 (Henderson).

### **BUSINESS SESSION**

1. **APPROVE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND DAILY USE FEES FOR THE WELLNESS ADDITION AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

Community Services Supervisor Calderon presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers discussed the center's capacity, staffing needs, fee-based special programs and services, anticipated membership numbers, naming the facility, Developer Impact Fee, and membership card type.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Evans to approve the annual membership and daily use fees for the wellness addition at the senior center as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SPEED LIMITS FOR CERTAIN STREETS** [RESOLUTION 2014-062]

City Engineer Wimmer presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers discussed speeds on Blackhawk Way, teen drivers, Calle Tampico speed and impact on pedestrians, possible reduced use of Avenida Bermudas, the need for a speed limit sign on Avenue 60, and use of "road diet" striping to reduce vehicular speeds and increase pedestrian safety and walkability.

Mayor Adolph said that he would not support any increases in speed limits because he wishes to maintain a rural community, which does not need raceways.

Public Speaker: Fritz Bochli, La Quinta – Mr. Bochli said that there are conflicting posted speed limits on Monroe Street – 60 miles per hour (mph) on the southbound side and 50 mph on the northbound side. Mr. Bochli favored 50 mph for both directions. He also thanked the Council for the removal of Cal BioMass.

**MOTION** – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Evans to direct staff to prepare a restriping plan for Avenida Bermudas, Calle Tampico and Blackhawk Way; designate speed limits for certain streets; and adopt Resolution 2014-062 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA,  
CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING SPEED LIMITS FOR CERTAIN LOCAL  
STREETS

Motion passed: Ayes 4, Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Adolph).

**3. ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.30.050 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW LA QUINTA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

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

Councilmember Henderson suggested that a local prevailing wage study be conducted on which to base wages rather than the prevailing wages published by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**MOTION** – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to take up Ordinance No. 521 by title and number only and waiver further reading.

Motion passed: Ayes 4, Noes 1 (Henderson).

City Clerk Maysels read the title of Ordinance No. 521 into the record:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA,  
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 3.30.050 OF THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE PERTAINING TO PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS

**MOTION** – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to introduce Ordinance No. 521 on first reading.

Motion passed: Ayes 4, Noes 1 (Henderson).

**STUDY SESSION** – None

**REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

- CVAG CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- CVAG ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

- ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

- CVAG PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
- CVAG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

- EAST VALLEY COALITION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Department Reports were received and filed. Copies are available in the City Clerk's Office.

### **MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS** – None

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** [RESOLUTION 2014-063]

Housing Coordinator Triplett presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 5:49 p.m.

Public Speaker: Jim Ducatte, CEO of the La Quinta Boys & Girls Club – Mr. Ducatte thanked Council for their past support and believes the Community Development Block Grant funding program brings services to the boys and girls who need the it the most.

Public Speaker: Allen Worthy, homeless – Mr. Worthy thanked the Council again and stated that La Quinta is a beautiful City and its low and moderate housing is beautiful.

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 5:53 p.m.

**MOTION** – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Evans to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-063 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING PROPOSALS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY

MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A ZONE CHANGE FROM MAJOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO VILLAGE COMMERCIAL, AND CONFIRM A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SECTION 15061 (B)(3) REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS – GENERAL RULE** [RESOLUTION 2014-064]

Community Development Director Johnson presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 5:57 p.m.

Public Speakers: None

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 5:57 p.m.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-064 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2014-128, APPROVING A CHANGE IN LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51351 AVENIDA BERMUDAS

CASE NO.: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2014-128

APPLICANT: CITY OF LA QUINTA

CEQA: SECTION 15061(b)(3) REVIEW FOR EXEMPTIONS – GENERAL RULE

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Evans to take up Ordinance No. 522 by title and number only and waiver further reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Maysels read the ordinance title into the record:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 2014-146, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 51351 AVENIDA BERMUDAS. CASE: ZONE CHANGE 2014-146, APPLICANT: CITY OF LA QUINTA, CEQA: SECTION 15061(b)(3) REVIEW FOR EXEMPTIONS – GENERAL RULE

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to introduce Ordinance 522 on first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **ADOPT RESOLUTION TO INCREASE VEHICLE IMPOUND COST RECOVERY FEE** [RESOLUTION 2014-065]

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 6:08 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKER: None

Mayor Adolph declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Henderson/Evans to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-065 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA,  
CALIFORNIA INCREASING THE VEHICLE IMPOUND COST  
RECOVERY FEE

Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Evans/Franklin to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk  
City of La Quinta, California

