



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Evans.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Franklin, Osborne, Peña, Radi, Mayor Evans
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA

JOINT CLOSED SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – LITIGATION PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBDIVISION (d) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 NAME OF CASE: ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY V. CITY OF LA QUINTA ET AL. (RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. PSC 1301939)
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT AVENIDA MONTEZUMA AND AVENIDA NAVARRO ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE OF FRANCIS HACK PARK (APNS: 773-077-015 AND 773-101-013).
CITY NEGOTIATOR: FRANK J. SPEVACEK, CITY MANAGER
NEGOTIATING PARTY: CITY OF LA QUINTA AND LA QUINTA HOUSING AUTHORITY
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

COUNCIL RECESSED TO JOINT CLOSED SESSION AT 3:03 P.M.

MAYOR EVANS 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 Evans led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA – None

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

- City Manager Spevacek introduced the new La Quinta Fire Chief Alex Gregg, a La Quinta resident, who will take the position January 5, 2014.
- Councilmember Franklin requested that Consent Calendar Item No. 13 be pulled for a separate vote. Council concurred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2014**
2. **DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY INTERINSURANCE EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB ON BEHALF OF THEIR INSURED: CRYSTAL PALUCK; DATE OF LOSS – NOVEMBER 21, 2014**
3. **DENIAL OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY ISRAEL L. FLORES; DATE OF LOSS – OCTOBER 24, 2014**
4. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTERS DATED DECEMBER 3 AND DECEMBER 5, 2014**
5. **ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
6. **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PSOMAS FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES**
7. **ACCEPT PHASE 1 LA QUINTA MUSEUM AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
8. **ACCEPT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM THE STATE SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR ROBBERY, THEFT, AND BURGLARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS**
9. **RECEIVE AND FILE TREASURER’S REPORT DATED OCTOBER 31, 2014**
10. **RECEIVE AND FILE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014**
11. **RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 CITY OF LA QUINTA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FEE REPORT**

12. **RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 CITY OF LA QUINTA ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES ANNUAL REPORT**
13. *Pulled for separate vote by Councilmember Franklin >>* **APPROVE A RECIPIENT FOR THE 2015 SENIOR INSPIRATION AWARD PROGRAM**
14. **SET DATE AND TIME FOR A CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**
15. **ACCEPT SILVERROCK GOLF COURSE RESTORATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO.1**

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1-12 and 14-15 as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Osborne to select Dick Anderson for the 2015 Senior Inspiration Award. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. **SELECT COUNCILMEMBERS AS CITY OF LA QUINTA REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE COMMITTEES FOR 2015**

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Radi to select Councilmembers as City of La Quinta representatives on various local, regional and state committees for 2015 as listed on Attachment 1 to these minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF CLOSING CITY HALL ON DECEMBER 26, 2014 AND JANUARY 2, 2015**

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

Councilmembers discussed precedence for closure and the Chamber of Commerce's planned holiday hours.

Councilmember Osborne said that City Hall should be closed on December 26 due to the anticipated lack of business; but, since most banks and businesses will be open January 2, City Hall should also be open.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Radi to close City Hall on December 26, 2014 and January 2, 2015. Motion passed 4-1 (Osborne voted no)

STUDY SESSION

1. DISCUSS LANDSCAPE THEME FOR CITY-OWNED LOTS ON AVENUE 52

Public Works Director Jonasson presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers discussed the use of ocotillo plants; bolder placement; the mulch color and consistency; effect of the September 2014 rain on this parcel; budgeted funds for project; appropriateness of theme for north La Quinta; importance of landscape material consistency throughout the city; and the purpose of this demonstration planting.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- GREATER PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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

- CVAG VALLEY-WIDE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
- IID ENERGY CONSUMERS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Mayor Evans expressed her thanks to all involved for coordinating the successful tree lighting ceremony and the December 2 reception for outgoing Councilmembers. She also reported on the Desert Sands Unified School District Board meeting, which she and a few Councilmembers attended.

***MAYOR EVANS RECESSED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:55 P.M.
FOR THE CITY HALL OPEN HOUSE MEET AND GREET EVENT***

MAYOR EVANS RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:01P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING PERMITTED USE TABLES REGARDING FARMING OF FIELD CROPS IN THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE; AND OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE REGIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONE, AND CONFIRM A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SECTION 15061 (B)(3) REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS – GENERAL RULE**

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

Councilmembers discussed hearing notification radiuses and how that is determined; the appeal process; and the circumstances under which the use reverts back to the original permitted use.

Mayor Evans declared the PUBLIC HEARING OPEN at 6:12 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: None

Mayor Evans declared the PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Franklin to take up Ordinance No. 523 by title and number only and waive further reading with the added provision that public notification to residents occur within a 500-foot radius of new field crop agricultural uses. Motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Maysels read the following title of Ordinance No. 523 into the record:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-1001, AMENDING TABLES 9-1 AND 9-5 OF TITLE 9 OF THE LA QUINTA MUNICIPAL CODE, MODIFYING THE TABLE OF PERMITTED USES RELATING TO FIELD CROP FARMING IN THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE REGIONAL COMMERCIAL ZONE

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Osborne/Franklin to introduce Ordinance No. 523 on first reading. Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Peña to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California