



**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**

A regular meeting of the La Quinta City Council was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mayor Evans.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON AGENDA – None

CLOSED SESSION

1. **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954.5(E) AND 54957, CLOSED SESSION CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
 TITLE: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE**

2. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: SILVERROCK RESORT (APNS 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);
 AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: FRANK J. SPEVACEK, CITY MANAGER NEGOTIATING PARTY: SILVERROCK DEVELOPMENT, LLC.
 UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT FOR ACQUISITION AND/OR DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED**

Councilmember Osborne announced that he will be recusing himself and leaving the Closed Session room during the discussion and vote on Item No. 1 due to his firm's business relationship with Assistant Police Chief Walton.

COUNCIL RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 2:32 P.M.

MAYOR EVANS RECONVENED THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:07 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CITY ATTORNEY IHRKE ANNOUNCED THAT 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

PUBLIC SPEAKER: Robert Cox, La Quinta – Mr. Cox, La Quinta’s representative on the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Board for 6½ years, announced his resignation and expressed his pleasure in serving the City. Mr. Cox offered to remain on the Board until a new representative was appointed.

Mayor Evans thanked Mr. Cox for his years of excellent service and accepted his offer to stay as La Quinta’s representative as long as possible.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2015**
2. **APPROVE DEMAND REGISTERS DATED MAY 1, 4 AND 8, 2015**
3. **DENY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY JASON SULLIVAN, DATE OF LOSS OCTOBER 15, 2014**
4. **DENY CLAIM FOR FLOOD DAMAGES FILED BY ROGER VAUGHN, DATE OF LOSS SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**
5. **DENY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY ANN AND HARRY SCHAFFNER, DATE OF LOSS SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**
6. **DENY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY EMIL PACELLI; DATE OF LOSS – OCTOBER 15, 2014**
7. **APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ENGINEER’S ESTIMATE, AND SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE WASHINGTON STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS**
8. **ADOPT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP AND SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE LA QUINTA SQUARE DEVELOPMENT (PARCEL MAP NO. 36791) [RESOLUTION 2015-017]**
9. **REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE LA QUINTA LIBRARY LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE LIGHTING CONVERSION PROJECT**
10. **RECEIVE AND FILE TREASURER’S REPORTS DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

11. RECEIVE AND FILE TREASURER'S REPORTS DATED MARCH 31, 2015

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Radi to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended with Item No. 8 adopting Resolution No. 2015-017. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. APPROVE LEGISLATIVE POLICY GUIDE UPDATE

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

Councilmembers concurred that the costs-benefits of hiring a municipal lobbyist should be the subject of a Study Session.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Radi/Franklin to approve the Legislative Policy Guide Update. Motion passed unanimously.

STUDY SESSION

1. REVIEW OF POLICE SERVICES AND CRIME TRENDS REPORT

Chris Escobedo, Assistant to City Manager, and Byron Pipkin of Matrix Consulting Group presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers discussed the benefits of the community survey and the report; reliability and consistency of incident report data from both the Sheriff's Department and various jurisdictions; improvement to the Knox system for emergency entry into gated communities; property crime rates due to City's affluence; community communication; police approachability; future focus on service and efficiency; time to digest the report; and innovation in managing the City's available funds.

Captain Shouse, La Quinta's Police Chief assigned by the Sheriff's Department, reported on the value of the report; importance of understanding where resources are being spent and getting high value for expenditures; need for Sheriff's Department to complete an in-depth analysis of its "reactive" and "proactive" time to verify the methodology and results of the report; use of community survey to improve community outreach; and appreciation of the support and working relationship with La Quinta City Council and staff. Regarding police use of Knox boxes, Captain Shouse said he will work to find a solution and report back.

City Manager Spevacek explained that police service review is an ongoing process, and some recommendations will be presented during budget discussions in June. He said that staff will be working with the Sheriff's Department to enhance service now that data is available to use to the benefit of both the Sheriff's Department and residents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MAYOR EVANS MOVED THIS SECTION UP ON THE AGENDA TO BE HEARD AS CLOSE TO THE NOTICED TIME OF 5:00 P.M. AS POSSIBLE

- 1. ADOPT FIVE RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE 1) MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, 2) GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, 3) SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, 4) TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, AND 5) SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT; AND INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM MEDIUM HIGH TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF 82 SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES ON 20.8 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JEFFERSON STREET AND AVENUE 52 [RESOLUTIONS 2015-018, 2015-019, 2015-020, 2015-021 AND 2015-022]**

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

Councilmembers discussed eave projection and project water efficiency.

MAYOR EVANS DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AT 5:24 P.M.

DEVELOPER: Monica Ulteras, Beazer Homes Holdings – Ms. Ulteras responded to Councilmember concerns about eaves; turf placement; irrigation systems; landscaping materials; tree species; side and rear yard landscaping options; and clubhouse amenities.

MAYOR EVANS DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 5:43 P.M.

City Attorney Ihrke recommended that the following additional Condition of Approval be added to Site Development Permit 2014-1003 and to Tentative Tract Map 36744:
“The applicant shall comply with all requirements, directives, and orders established pursuant to Executive Order B-29-15 and all regulations adopted to implement that executive order by any state, regional, or local agency or department, including but not limited to regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, California Department of Water Resources, California Energy Commission, and Coachella Valley Water District (or other distributor of a public water supply), in furtherance of the mandate to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of potable water. If another executive order or future regulations are issued and adopted in furtherance of a mandate to prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water, the applicant shall comply with all requirements, directives, and orders established thereunder. If a requirement, directive, or order established pursuant to Executive Order B-29-15 (or any future executive order) and regulations adopted pursuant thereto is more restrictive than a requirement under the La Quinta Municipal Code applicable by these conditions of approval, then the applicant shall comply with the most restrictive requirement.”

The Condition of Approval addition was verbally accepted (off mic) by the Developer's representative Monica Ulteras of Beazer Homes Holdings.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to adopt Resolution No. 2015-018 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 2014-638, FOR BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS (WATERMARK) CASE NO.: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 2014-638, APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to adopt Resolution No. 2015-019 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2014-127, A CHANGE IN LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JEFFERSON STREET AND AVENUE 52 CASE: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2014-127, APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS,

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to take up Ordinance No. 525 by title and number only and waive further reading. Motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Maysels read the following title of Ordinance No. 525 into the record:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 2014-145, CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 776-220-012, 776-220-013, 776-220-014 FROM MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, CASE: ZONE CHANGE 2014-145, APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to introduce Ordinance No. 525 on first reading. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to adopt Resolution No. 2015-020 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SPECIFIC PLAN 2003-069, AMENDMENT 1, FOR THE BEAZER HOMES WATERMARK SPECIFIC PLAN CASE NO.: SPECIFIC PLAN 2003-069, AMENDMENT NO. 1, APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS,

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to adopt Resolution No. 2015-021 with the added condition of approval noted above:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 36762 LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JEFFERSON STREET AND AVENUE 52 CASE NO.: TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 36762, APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS, Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Peña/Radi to adopt RESOLUTION No. 2015-022 with the added condition of approval noted above:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 2014-942, ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF 82 HOMES ON 20.8 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JEFFERSON STREET AND AVENUE 52, CASE NO.: SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 2014-942
APPLICANT: BEAZER HOMES HOLDINGS

Motion passed unanimously.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Finance Director Conrad presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, including the corrected page handed out by the Finance Director.

Councilmembers discussed police and fire increases; CalPERS projections; supplemental budget requests; projected budget balance; and marketing expenditures.

Sheriff Captain Shouse explained the factors driving up the Sheriff's Department costs.

Riverside County Division Chief Stowells provided information on the Fire Department's budget and factors that may affect the budget over the next few years.

3. LOGO UPDATE / BRAND REFRESHMENT

Marketing and Events Supervisor Larson presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Councilmembers discussed the need for more space between the words LA and Quinta; support for adding the word *California* to distinguish the city from the hotel chain; the absence of the tagline *gem of the desert*; size of the gem graphic; getting input from local students and Graphtec; support for the font but font thickness and tail of the letter Q questioned; need for a policy on use of the logo; support for the color palette; options regarding the seal design; blue mountains within the old logo; the timing and cost of changing city monument and entry signs; the need to unveil the new logo during an event to expose it to a large audience; and a consensus to see a few concepts that are variations on the logo presented.

City Manager Spevacek suggested that staff begin formatting reports and letterhead using the new font. Council concurred.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

La Quinta's representative for 2015, Mayor Evans reported on her participation in the following organizations' meetings:

- CVAG COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
- CVAG ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- GREATER PALM SPRINGS CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
- LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DELEGATE
- SO. CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

La Quinta's representative for 2015, Councilmember Franklin reported on her participation in the following organization's meeting:

- COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

La Quinta's representative for 2015, Councilmember Osborne reported on his participation in the following organizations' meetings:

- CVAG PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
- DESERT SANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

La Quinta's representative for 2015, Councilmember Peña reported on his participation in the following organization's meeting:

- ANIMAL CAMPUS COMMISSION

La Quinta's representative for 2015, Councilmember Radi reported on his participation in the following organizations' meetings:

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFO EXCHANGE COMMITTEE
- RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

City Clerk Maysels reported on applications received to date for the new Advisory Committee.

Community Development Director Johnson reported on the progress of the outreach effort to receive community input on Village development.

MAYOR'S AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S ITEMS

Mayor Evans and Councilmember Osborne requested a list of the grants the City has given to La Quinta schools.

Mayor Evans reported that a partnership between the Greater Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau and the La Quinta Arts Foundation has resulted in the creation of a new non-profit entity called the California Desert Arts Council (CDAC), which will generate new platforms for arts and culture that tie into tourism.

Councilmember Franklin reported on the successful 2x2 meeting with the school district at the Wellness Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded by Councilmembers Franklin/Radi to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN MAYSELS, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California