

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010
Council Chamber**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Palm Springs Air Force ROTC Junior Color Guard, led the Pledge.

INVOCATION: Duane Cox, Retired Religious Science Minister, led the Invocation.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

PRESENTATIONS:

The 2010 Queen of the Palm Springs Wild West Fest/Frank Bogert Memorial PRCA Rodeo announced the upcoming events in Palm Springs

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson and the City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ana Calderon and Vanessa Calderon, Mizel Senior Center, for their efforts with the Meals on Wheels Program

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson announced the upcoming activities during Modernism Week in the City of Palm Springs

Police Chief David Dominguez presented a report on the decrease in crime in the City and outlined crime statistics.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Holland reported that the meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m., and the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Items on the posted Closed Session Agenda. No reportable actions were taken.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Foat requested Items 2.F., 2.N., and 2.O. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Item No. 2.B.

Councilmember Mills requested Item 2.J. and 2.K. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as amended. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1.A. AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN FOR THE 2006 THROUGH 2014 PLANNING PERIOD (CASE NO. 5.1215):

Craig Ewing, Director of Planning Services, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson opened the public hearing, and no speakers coming forward the public hearing was closed.

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the Housing Element of the General Plan: properties that are listed as vacant that are now developed, definition of "at risk" and "potentially at risk," requested staff address the properties "at risk" and the monitoring and preservation of "at risk" properties, the status of Riverside County "Manor" property, and requested staff address the process of individual projects coming forward.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22668, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE 2007 PALM SPRINGS GENERAL PLAN, ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 22077, TO INCORPORATE THE UPDATED HOUSING ELEMENT FOR THE 2006-2014 PLANNING PERIOD (CASE 5.1215)." **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

1.B. VACATION OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BARONA ROAD (FILE R 09-11):

David Barakian, City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson opened the public hearing, and the following speakers addressed the City Council.

TRACY CONRAD, Applicant, requested the City Council approve the public right-of-way dedication.

No further speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22669, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, VACATING AND ABANDONING ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE WESTERLY 14 FEET OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATED FOR BARONA ROAD, SOUTH OF THE SMOKE TREE SHOPPING CENTER, IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, FILE R 09-11."
Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES:** Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

FABIAN IOBBI, Viceroy Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.B., provided a status report of the renovation and the public improvements at the Viceroy Hotel, and stated the revocation would not benefit the City of Palm Springs.

MIKE TRENT, introduced his new business in Palm Springs, Bye Bye Birdy.

STEVE ROSENBERG, Palm Springs, thanked City staff for the program developed to notify the public of road closures.

MINDY REED, commented on Item 4.A., and stated her support for the restructuring of the Palm Springs Business Improvement District and requested the City Council match the funds at 100%.

JOHN SHAY, read a letter on behalf of twelve restaurants regarding Item 4.A., the Business Improvement District, and requested the Downtown Administrator administer the BID.

MARTIN DANIELSON, Palm Springs, commented on Item 5.C., and requested the City Council support the VillageFest request to sponsor the upcoming Rodeo.

DARRON DAHLE, Palm Springs, commented on Item 5.C., and requested the City Council support the VillageFest request to sponsor the upcoming Rodeo.

RODOLFO CASTILLO, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.A., and requested the City Council support the restructuring of the Palm Springs Business Improvement District.

CHRISTOPHER SEIDEL, Palm Springs Friends of the Library, announced the upcoming Book Sale at the Palm Springs Mall.

JOY MEREDITH, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.A., requested the City Council support the restructuring of the Palm Springs Business Improvement District, a City match of the BID funds, and a maximum cap to the large businesses.

BORIS ROSE, commented on Item 4.A., stated the BID as proposed is not fair, and his opposition to the Palm Springs Business Improvement District.

JESSE DANNER, commented on Item 4.A., and stated his opposition to the Palm Springs Business Improvement District.

ROXIE MISHLER, commented on Item 4.A., stated her support for the restructuring of the Palm Springs Business Improvement District, and a match of funds by the City.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Ready and staff provided an update on the status of Downtown Palm Springs.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., 2.C., 2.D., 2.E., 2.G., 2.H., 2.I., 2.L., and 2.M.
Motion Councilmember Weigel, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Receive and file Report on the Posting of the February 17, 2010, City Council Agenda. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the City Council Minutes of February 3, 2010.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22670, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1040124 THROUGH 1040196 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$923,391.05, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22671, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 01-23-10 BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 415381 THROUGH 415420 TOTALING \$68,642.52, LIABILITY CHECKS NUMBERED 1040197 THROUGH 1040198 TOTALING \$694.15, ONE WIRE TRANSFER FOR \$1,184.39 AND THREE ELECTRONIC ACH DEBITS OF \$1,243,621.67, IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,314,142.73, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA;" and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 22672, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1040199 THROUGH 1040356 IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,562,210.68, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA."
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.D. RATIFY AND APPOINT THE NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS TO THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2011:

ACTION: Appoint Desert Hot Springs Councilmember Jan Pye, as the City of Desert Hot Springs representative, to the Palm Springs International Airport Commission for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2011. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5897 WITH DOUG WALL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER EAST LOT SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,234.78 (CP 08-18):

ACTION: 1) Approve Change Order No. 4 of Agreement No. A5897 with Doug Wall Construction for the Convention Center East Lot Special Events Facility Improvements in the amount of \$48,234.78 (CP 08-18); and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 4. A5897. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.G. PALM SPRINGS WALK OF STARS REQUEST TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT:**
ACTION: Receive and file. A4981. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DUI ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS PROGRAM:**
ACTION: Receive and file. A5521. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR TACHEVAH DRIVE (FILE R 09-14):**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22674, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUMMARILY VACATING AND ABANDONING ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 1365 TACHEVAH DRIVE IN SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, FILE R 09-14." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PASEO DOROTEA (FILE R 09-17):**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22675, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUMMARILY VACATING AND ABANDONING ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 915 AND 923 S. PASEO DOROTEA IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST, FILE R 09-17." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION'S LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S TAKE OF \$2.05 BILLION FROM LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES:**
ACTION: 1) Receive and file the report from the Executive Director of the California Redevelopment Association; and 2) Direct staff to remit a one-time payment of \$7,500 to the Association as the City of Palm Springs Community Redevelopment Agency's pro-rata share in the litigation. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.F. COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (CREWS) RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT:

The City Council requested Fire Chief Goetz provide background information on the Earthquake Early Warning Project, and possible notification of an alert system for citizens.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22673, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE COACHELLA VALLEY REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE WARNING SYSTEM (CREWS) AND REQUEST RECOGNITION, SUPPORT, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATORS FOR THIS REGIONAL MODEL." **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

2.J. APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE (PS&E) AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY FENCE (CP 08-11):

ACTION: Table Item for approximately 30-days and provide for the City Council Subcommittee to review the project in conjunction with other possible projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

2.K. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5793 WITH REPUBLIC INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (DBA REPUBLIC ITS) FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES:

The City Council requested staff address the details of the proposed beacon system, and requested staff review a custom design on the beacon system.

ACTION: 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A5793 with Republic Intelligent Transportation Systems (dba Republic ITS), in the amount of \$47,800.00 for Fiscal Year 2009-10, total revised contract amount of \$247,800.00 for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services; 2) Direct staff to review the

design to make the crosswalk much safer and provide for a custom design for the beacon system in character with the Convention Center; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2. A5793. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

2.N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MARCH 2010 AS CENSUS MONTH:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22676, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2010 AS CENSUS MONTH." **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

2.O. AWARD RFP 04-10 TERMINAL COUNTER PROMOTIONAL CONCESSION SPACE TO THE WELK RESORT GROUP:

The City Council discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to the agreement: City approval of design, submission of design drawings and color boards submitted by a professional, esthetic requirements, and City/tourism presence at the Airport.

ACTION: Table Item and direct staff to work with concessionaire so that the agreement provides for the City to receive and approve professionally prepared full design drawings and color boards for alterations and repairs. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

3. LEGISLATIVE: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Foat stated she has a business ownership conflict of interest with respect to Item 4.A., would not participate in the discussion or the vote, and left Council Chamber.

4.A. PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF THE PALM SPRINGS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE DOWNTOWN AND UPTOWN AREAS OF THE CITY EFFECTIVE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11:

City Manager Ready and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson (Business Improvement District City Council Subcommittee) provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

Councilmember Weigel requested staff address the protest process, stated his support for City matching funds as one-time matching funds, and noted the boundaries still need further review and possible modifications.

Councilmember Mills stated the boundaries should be reviewed by the Advisory Board and recommendations be submitted to the City Council, stated his support for the new Advisory Board, stated his support for the annual fee, stated he would not have an issue with a cap, recommended second floor offices have a fee multiplier of one (1), stated his support for the initial contribution of \$50,000, but would not like to saddle the City for on-going matching funds.

Councilmember Hutcheson requested staff address the qualifications for BID process, stated his support for the \$50,000 one-time match as recommended in the staff report, stated his support for the Advisory Board to review the boundaries, support for a cap of \$1,000 and the fee multiplier of one (1) for second floor businesses.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to prepare an Ordinance modifying the Palm Springs Business Improvement District structure and annual fee; and 2) Direct staff to prepare a Resolution amending the Palm Springs Business Improvement District bylaws, restructuring the composition and appointment of members to the Business Improvement District Advisory Board. **By consensus of the City Council, noting the absence of Councilmember Foat and Mayor Pougnet.**

Councilmember Foat returned to the dais.

4.B. UPDATE OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE VICEROY HOTEL LOCATED AT 415 SOUTH BELARDO AND CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION (CASE NO. 5.0909):

City Manager Ready provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

ACTION: Table Item to March 17, 2010. **Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Councilmember Mills and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

4.C. UPDATE OF THE NEW HOTEL MARKETING MATCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND THE TOURISM MARKETING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AS COMPONENTS OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN:

Jim Dunn, Palm Springs Convention Center, and Mary Jo Ginther, Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism, provided a report to the City Council of the New Hotel Marketing Match Incentive Program and the Tourism Marketing Supplement Program.

No action taken.

The City Council recessed at 9:06 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE SCULPTURE "RED ECHO" ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AT THE SPRINGS SHOPPING CENTER, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GENE AUTRY TRAIL AND RAMON ROAD; AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ART FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, THE CHARLES COMPANY:

Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

The City Council discussed the following with respect to the placement: great location, but noted the lack of detail and landscape and lighting plans, and the placement as presented is not consistent with the piece.

ACTION: 1) Approve conceptual placement of "Red Echo" at the Springs Shopping Center *and direct staff to return with detailed placement,*

landscape and lighting plans; 2) Approve an Agreement for Placement of Artwork on Private Property and accept a Grant of Easement from Charles Company; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5940. Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

- 5.B. APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF THE OWNERSHIP OF ARTWORK TO THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS; AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC ART-IN-LIEU FEES TO THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS FOR ARTWORK BY DOUG HYDE; APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR PLACEMENT OF ARTWORK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND ACCEPT A GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ART FROM LUNDIN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY;**
Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

The City Council discussed the lack of a detailed placement, lighting and landscape plan, and recommended such a plan be reviewed by staff.

ACTION: *1) Approve conceptual placement of the artwork and require that a detailed placement, landscape and lighting plan and application shall be submitted and approved by the City; 2) Approve an agreement for transfer of the ownership of artwork to the City of Palm Springs; 3) Authorize the reimbursement of the Public Art-In-Lieu Fees for Artwork to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians ("Tribe"), in an amount not to exceed \$25,049 from public art fees collected from the Ralph's Shopping Center Project; 4) Approve an agreement for placement of artwork on private property and accept a Grant of Easement from Lundin Development Company; and 5) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5941. Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.*

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

- 5.C. CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE VILLAGEFEST BOARD TO BE AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE FESTIVAL STAGE AT THE PALM**

SPRINGS WILD WEST FEST/FRANK BOGERT MEMORIAL PRCA RODEO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500:

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

ACTION: Approve \$2,500 VillageFest Sponsorship of the Festival Stage at the Palm Springs Wild West Fest/Frank Bogert Memorial PRCA Rodeo. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and carried 3-1 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, and Councilmember Weigel.

NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

5.D. CONCEPTUAL TRAILHEAD AND TRAIL SIGNAGE PROGRAM:

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 2010.

Councilmember Foat recommended safety precautions be included in the kiosk along with rating of the difficulty level of the specific trail.

Councilmember Mills stated his support of the program, noted his objection to the look/design of the kiosk, and suggested that the City approach two or more sign companies to assist with design alternatives/opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson requested staff address the funding.

ACTION: 1) Approval of the Conceptual Trailhead and Trail Signage Program with additional designs for the Trailheads; 2) Direct staff to work with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Trails Subcommittee of the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Program to develop final language for the signage; and 3) Direct staff to solicit bids for design, fabrication and installation. **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Weigel, and Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Pougnet.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Foat provided an update on the services and programs at Roy's Shelter, and requested the City Attorney provide an update on the charitable giving ordinance.

Councilmember Mills commented on the proposed painting of trash/recycling containers in the Downtown area, and requested staff look into moving the large blue street sign on Palm Canyon near the Palm Springs Visitors Center "Report Drunk Drivers Call 911."

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson commented on the successful holiday weekend with all the planned Special Events, tourism, and the impact to Downtown.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:53 p.m. to a Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session at 4:30 P.M., Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
3RD DAY OF MARCH, 2010.**

STEPHEN P. POUQUET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK