

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



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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pougnet called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Mike Coppersmith, Our Savior's Community Church, led the Invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Pougnet and the City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to April Hildner for her service to the Community, upon her relocating from the City of Palm Springs.

Mayor Pougnet and the City Council proclaimed March 25, 2010, as Arbor Day in the City of Palm Springs.

Mayor Pougnet and the City Council proclaimed March 27, 2010, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour in the City of Palm Springs.

Mayor Pougnet provided an update on the following activities: Green Citizen Award, Palm Springs Wild West Rodeo Ribbon event, the Fresh and Easy opening, the Community Redevelopment Agency award to the City, update on the Springs Shopping Center, St. Theresa's Walk-A-Thon event, United Way VIP Water Challenge, and the recent Wexler Weekend.

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement provided an update on the Neighborhood Blade Sign program and the key fobs fundraiser.

Mayor Pougnet provided an update on Census 2010.

**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.H. and 2.J. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, and requested the City Council hear Item 4.C. immediately following public comment.

Mayor Pougnet noted a correction to the March 3, 2010 City Council Minutes, and requested Item 2.N. be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

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

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

**1. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1.A. 36TH PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2009-10 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND CDBG BUDGET APPROVAL, AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT NO. B-10-MC-06-0561 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,650 AND APPROVING SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS:**

Dale Cook, Community Development Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 17, 2010.

Mayor Pougnet opened the public hearing, and the following speakers addressed the City Council.

HARVEY STERN, Golden Rainbow Senior Center, outlined the program at the Golden Rainbow Senior Center and requested the City Council fund the request.

LISA PRICE, Center on Deafness Inland Empire, outlined the services of the Center and requested the City Council consider the funding for the Center on Deafness Inland Empire.

PHILIP COREY RUBIN, outlined the services of the Center on Deafness Inland Empire, and requested the City Council consider funding.

BETTY LUDWICK, outlined the services of the Center on Deafness Inland Empire, and requested the City Council consider funding.

MARY ANNE PUGIN, outlined the services of the Center on Deafness Inland Empire, and requested the City Council consider funding.

VICTOR LEMA, outlined the services of the Center on Deafness Inland Empire, and requested the City Council consider funding.

MODELA KURZET, Palm Springs, outlined the services of the Center on Deafness Inland Empire, and requested the City Council consider funding.

PETER DEMARTINO, Desert AIDS Project, and requested the City Council consider funding of the facilities improvement project.

LULAMAE CLEMONS, Fair Housing Council of Riverside, provide background on the programs at the Fair Housing Council of Riverside, and requested the City Council consider funding.

WILLIE JAMES HOLLAND, SR., commented on the lack of facilities at the James O. Jesse Unity Center.

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

Councilmember Weigel requested staff address if Desert Highland Unity Center had submitted an application, and requested staff ensure that funding provided to the Family YMCA of the Desert are provided in Palm Springs.

Councilmember Foat requested staff explain the scoring process, the make up of the Committee, and requested staff look at prohibiting members of the Committee from participating who represent agencies that are seeking funding.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22680, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN STRATEGIC GOALS AND THE 2010-2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PLANS AND BUDGET TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROVAL/AGREEMENT WITH HUD - GRANT NO. B-10-MC-06-0561 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,650 AND THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS;" 3) Authorize the City Manager to

appropriately adjust the 2010-11 CDBG Budget amount, and the respective Subrecipient Agreements, to the apportioned difference consistent with HUD's final released Fiscal Year 2010 CDBG allocation; and 4) Approve the following Subrecipient Agreements and City Departments' Memoranda of Understanding in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. A5814.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22680, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN STRATEGIC GOALS AND THE 2010-2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PLANS AND BUDGET TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROVAL/AGREEMENT WITH HUD - GRANT NO. B-10-MC-06-0561 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$540,650 AND THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS;" and 3) Approve the following Subrecipient Agreements and City Departments' Memoranda of Understanding in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. A5814.

Santiago Sunrise Village Mobilehome Park Community Facility Replacement	\$15,000	A5948
Desert AIDS Project Energy-Efficiency Retrofitting	\$70,422	A5949
City of Palm Springs Department of Public Works & Engineering Arnico Tract Sewer Improvements	\$266,000	A5950
Family YMCA of the Desert Recreational Programming (YMCA Funding shall be in Palm Springs)	\$15,098	A5951
Western Coachella Valley PAL Partial Summer Scholarship Program	\$21,000	A5952
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition Bilingual Computer Technology	\$15,000	A5953
Desert Samaritans for the Elderly Financial Aid	\$15,000	A5954
Golden Rainbow Senior Center Food Bank Distribution	\$15,000	A5955

City Palm Springs		
Dept. of Community & Economic Development		
Home Repair Program	\$55,000	A5956
Fair Housing Council of Riverside		
Fair Housing Services	\$15,000	A5957

**Motion Councilmember Weigel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RON MOORE, Parkwest Construction Company, commented on Item 2.L., and requested the City Council grant the protest and reject the bid of WE Oneil Construction.

MIKE RABLE, commented on Item 2.L., and requested the City dismiss the protest.

LAUREL WILLIAMS, requested the City Council adopt the Resolution in Support of the California Desert Protection Act of 2010.

GERALDINE CARPENTER, Palm Springs, requested the City Council consider programs recognizing locally-grown organic food more available in the City.

PAUL LEWIN, Palm Springs, requested the City Council consider funding additional studies to review impacts to tourism by the proposed Riverside County Regional Detention Center.

WILLIAM JAIKEN, stated they are working on the Viceroy Hotel, and they are 99% complete with the project.

MICHELE JOHNSON, Palm Springs, requested the tennis court lights at DeMuth Park be turned off when not in use, and complained of loud speaker noise.

APRIL HILDNER, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

DAN SPENCER, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

JOHN LUJAR, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

LYNDA KERNEY, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

KEVIN TOWNER, provided an update on the activities of the Palm Springs Neighborhood Involvement Community.

BARBARA BEATY, commented on the recent appointment to the Human Rights Commission.

NANCY STUART, provided an update on the activities of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway.

PAUL ORTEGA, Palm Springs, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

WILLIE JAMES HOLLAND, SR., commented on the lack of improvements in the Desert Highland area in the City of Palm Springs.

JOAN MARTIN, commented on Item 4.C., and requested the City Council approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

FRANK TYSEN, Palm Springs, requested the City Council consider funding additional studies to review impacts to tourism by the proposed Riverside County Regional Detention Center.

FRANK GAYDOS, spoke in support of proposed legislation for a Sand to Snow National Monument.

JOAN TAYLOR, spoke in support of the California Desert Protection Act of 2010.

JOHN TYMON, commented on Earth Day, lack of Department stores in Palm Springs, and the Well in the Desert hot meal program.

The City Council heard Item 4.C. out of order.

**4.C. TAHQUITZ CREEK TRAIL MASTER PLAN:**

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 17, 2010, and requested the City Council incorporate comments from the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Foat stated it's a great plan, hoped the plan would not sit on a shelf, requested the City Manager seek grant funding, and requested staff address if Quimby funds could be used.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson echoed the positive comments on the plan, requested the City Manager use some of the Economic Recovery Funds be used to secure a grant writer.

Councilmember Weigel stated his support of the plan and requested staff address signage.

Mayor Pougnet stated his support and the seeking of grants, as the project is shovel ready.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan incorporating comments from the Tribal Council; and 2) Direct staff to pursue grant funding.  
**Motion Councilmember Foat, seconded by Mayor Pougnet and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson commented on the success of the Neighborhood organizations.

Councilmember Foat thanked the citizens that spoke at the meeting, and thanked April Hilder for her dedication to the City.

Mayor Pougnet noted the Department stores in the City of Palm Springs, and upcoming projects in the Desert Highland area.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager Ready requested Tammy Perezchica, Downtown Administrator, provide an update on the Downtown Vacant Window Program.

#### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Foat requested Items 2.H. and 2.J. be returned to the Consent Calendar.

**ACTION:** Approve Items 2.A., 2.B., 2.C., 2.D., 2.E., 2.F., 2.G., 2.H., 2.I., 2.J., 2.K., 2.L., 2.M., 2.O., 2.P and 2.Q. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**2.A. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

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

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22681, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEMANDS BY WARRANTS NUMBERED 1040613 THROUGH 1040766, IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$528,941.43, DRAWN ON BANK OF AMERICA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. STAFF AUTHORIZED AGREEMENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2010:**

**ACTION:** Receive and file Staff Authorized Agreements covering the period January 1 through February 28, 2010. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2010:**

**ACTION:** Receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report as of January 31, 2010. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. RATIFY AND APPOINT THE NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE TO THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2011:**

**ACTION:** Appoint Clayton Mayes, as the City of Rancho Mirage representative, to the Palm Springs International Airport Commission for the unexpired term ending June 30, 2011. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. RATIFY AND REAPPOINT THE NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA TO THE PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010:**

**ACTION:** Appoint Coachella Councilmember Jesse Villarreal, as the City of Coachella representative, to the Palm Springs International Airport Commission for the term ending December 31, 2010. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**



**2.H. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5784 WITH TERRA NOVA PLANNING & RESEARCH, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT WORK FOR THE COLLEGE OF THE DESERT WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPUS:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. A5784 with Terra Nova Planning & Research, Inc. for additional entitlement work for the College of the Desert Western Coachella Valley Campus, in the amount of \$39,510; 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents; and 3) Direct the Director of Finance to authorize a budget adjustment and transfer \$12,500 from Account No 811-818-8191 to Account No. 811-8191-65194. A5784. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. WEST AVIATION SERVICES, INC. NON-EXCLUSIVE OPERATING AND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE SPACE:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve a Non-Exclusive Operating and Lease Agreement for Exclusive Use Space with West Aviation Services, Inc for 351 square feet effective February 1, 2010, through January 31, 2012, with two one-year options at \$754.36 per month; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. A5958. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA DESERT PROTECTION ACT OF 2010:**

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 22682, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING WILDERNESS, WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS, NATIONAL MONUMENTS, NATIONAL PARKS AND PRESERVE ADDITIONS IN THE CALIFORNIA DESERT." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. AWARD AGREEMENT FOR THE PALM SPRINGS STADIUM RE-ROOF PROJECT (CP 08-23):**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an agreement with ATOM Engineering Construction for the Palm Springs Stadium Re-roof Project in the amount of \$35,979 (CP 08-23); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. A5959. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. DISPOSITION OF BID PROTEST FOR THE PALM SPRINGS ANIMAL CARE FACILITY (CP 07-24):**

**ACTION:** 1) Find that the bid protest from Parkwest Construction Company was not material to the outcome of the bid and reject the protest; and 2) Find that WE Oneil Construction is the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the Animal Care Facility (CP 07-24). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES AND MEMBERSHIP LISTS FROM CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:**

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO AGREEMENT NO. A4665 WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC., FOR THE GENE AUTRY TRAIL RAILROAD BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT (CP 01-04):**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. A4665 with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$54,587 for a total revised contract amount of \$642,503 for the Gene Autry Trail Railroad Bridge Widening Project (CP 01-04); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A4665. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. JOINT ITEM OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY'S PURCHASE OF THE FAMILY YMCA OF THE DESERT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3601 EAST MESQUITE ROAD:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the purchase of the property located at 3601 East Mesquite Road by the City of Palm Springs with Quimby Funds, the issuance of the promissory note and a lease back agreement, with the same terms and conditions of the previously approved Community Redevelopment Agency purchase of the property; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22683, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10." A5881. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AGUA CALIENTE CULTURAL MUSEUM FOR USE OF THE AGENCY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 219 SOUTH PALM CANYON DRIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS AND EDUCATION:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve a Lease Agreement with Agua Caliente Cultural Museum for the non-exclusive use of the Agency owned property at 219 South Palm Canyon Drive for the purpose of promoting cultural education; and 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute all the necessary documents. A5961. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.N. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, LLP TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES:**

Mayor Pougnet requested City staff comment on the "clean" audits of the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide auditing services not to exceed \$207,145 for three years with two additional one-year options at the discretion of the City Manager; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. A5960. **Motion Mayor Pougnet, seconded by Councilmember Weigel and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

3. **LEGISLATIVE:**

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

4.A. **CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. A5943 WITH HARDY & HARPER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 AND 2009-10 ANNUAL ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT (CP 08-28):**

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

**ACTION:** 1) Approve Change Order No. 1 to Agreement No. A5943 with Hardy & Harper, Inc. for additional streets to be added to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 and 2009-10 Annual Overlay Project in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 (CP 08-28); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. A5943. **Motion Councilmember Weigel, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson and carried 3-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

**ABSTAIN:** Mayor Pougnet.

Councilmember Foat requested the City Attorney address adjacent property ownership, and any such requirement to abstain from the vote on the street overlay project.

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):**

Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided a verbal update of the progress at the Viceroy Hotel.

**ACTION:** Direct staff to return to the City Council at the April 7, 2010, meeting for another update. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. AUTHORIZE AN INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR A CITY HALL EMERGENCY GENERATOR:**

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

Councilmember Weigel requested staff address the ramifications if the generator is not replaced.

**ACTION:** Authorize City staff to issue an Invitation for Bids for the purchase and installation of a new 500 KW 1000 AMP Diesel Emergency Generator with interconnectivity to the City Hall Electrical System. **Motion Councilmember Weigel, seconded by Mayor Pougnet and unanimously carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mills.

**5.B. COUNCILMEMBER REQUEST TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION AND/OR FUNDING OF ADDITIONAL STUDIES FOR THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER PROJECT'S IMPACT TO TOURISM:**

City Manager Ready provided an update on the Riverside County Regional Detention Center EIR progress, and stated the hotel operators have requested \$10,000 to fund an additional study related to impacts on tourism.

Councilmember Foat stated the hotel operators have hired an attorney to prepare comments to the EIR for the tourism community costing \$5,000 and have requested the City fund \$10,000 for the study, and stated her support for the funding from tourism funds.

Mayor Pougnet suggested the City fund a portion of the study, and requested the stakeholders fund 50% of the cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson stated his support matching the funding with the stakeholders, and joining together on this study as it impacts tourism.

Councilmember Weigel stated the comment period has been extended in the EIR, and now would be the time for the City to provide for additional

comments, and stated his support for making additional comments, but indicated he was not in favor of funding the entire cost of the study.

City Manager Ready indicated there is no budgeted funding available, staff could review the tourism budget; however, it may affect other programs for tourism.

No action taken.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND REPORTS: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 8:54 p.m. to a joint meeting with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Council, Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 5:30 P.M., Palm Springs International Airport Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 3400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, preceded by Closed Session at 4:30 p.m., Palm Springs International Airport Small Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 3400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS  
7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010.**

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STEPHEN P. POUCKET, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
WITH THE AGUA CALIENTE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010  
Palm Springs International Airport, Terminal Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pougnet and Tribal Chairman Milanovich called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Richard M. Milanovich, Chairman, Jeff L. Grubbe, Vice Chairman, Karen Welmas, Secretary/Treasurer, Vincent Gonzales III, Member, Jeannette Prieto-Dodd, Member.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tom Davis, Tribal Council Chief Planning Officer, and Michelle Carr, Tribal Attorney.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:**

City Attorney Holland reported 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1.A. PALM SPRINGS VISITORS CENTER JOINT REMODEL PROJECT:**

Tom Wilson, Assistant City Manager and Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources provided background information on the Visitors Center Remodel Project.

Discussion was held regarding the materials, the Palm Springs Modern kiosk and their presence and participation, and the placement of the Tribe's presentation and pieces.

No action taken.

**1.B. SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND UPDATE:**

Alva Johnson, Tribal Director of Government Affairs, provided background information on the status of the Special Distribution Fund.

City Manager Ready requested the Police Chief and Fire Chief provide information on the services and benefits provided by the Special Distribution Fund.

Discussion was held regarding the State holding the funds, and the importance of the SDF fund to public safety.

No action taken.

**1.C. BELARDO ROAD PROJECT UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:**

Marcus Fuller, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided background information and an update on the Belardo Bridge construction project.

Discussion was held regarding the timelines for construction, major benefits of building the bridge, and the interface with the existing roads to the bridge.

No action taken.

**1.D. INTERSTATE 10/INDIAN CANYON DRIVE INTERCHANGE UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:**

Marcus Fuller, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided background information and an update on the Interstate 10/Indian Canyon Drive construction project.

Discussion was held regarding funding and construction estimates, and the timelines for completion once Riverside County awards the bid for the construction project.

No action taken.

**1.E. COLLEGE OF THE DESERT WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPUS UPDATE:**

Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and progress report on the College of the Desert Western Coachella Valley Campus.

Discussion was held regarding populating the campus by 2014 with approximately 2,000 students, funding for operations, and potential funding for operations.

No action taken.

**1.F. STATE OF CALIFORNIA INNOVATION HUB:**

Mayor Pougnet and Thomas Wilson, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and progress report on the State of California Innovation Hub.

Discussion was held regarding location of the Innovation Hub across from City Hall, the funding for the rehabilitation of the building, and funding for programs.

No action taken.

**1.G. TAHQUITZ CREEK TRAIL MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT:**

Sharon Heider, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided an update and progress report on the Tahquitz Creek Trail Master Plan.

Discussion was held regarding equestrian programs, and interaction with the Tribal Visitors Center.

No action taken.

**1.H. SPA SPRING STUDY TRIBAL UPDATE:**

Margaret Park, Tribal Director of Planning and Natural Resources provided background information on the Spa Spring Study.

Discussion was held regarding the purposes of the study of the Spa Spring, the location and uniqueness of the spring, and the relationship of the spa to the Museum Market Plaza Master Plan.

No action taken.

**IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Continue discussion of the Museum Market Plaza Master Plan project.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 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 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010.**

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STEPHEN P. POUNGENT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK