

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



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pougnet called the Special Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

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

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

STEVE ROSENBERG, commented on the cost of the proposed special election, and stated the referendum will quickly end the debate over the Downtown project.

BOB HELBLING, Palm Springs, stated his support for the City Council to move forward with the special election and the Downtown Revitalization Project.

JIM STUART, Palm Springs, stated his support for the City Council and the leadership of the City, and commented on the commercial real estate market.

JOY BROWN MEREDITH, commented on the environment in Downtown Palm Springs, and stated her support for the special election.

MARK MARSHALL, Palm Springs, stated his support for a special election.

AFTAB DADA, Palm Springs, stated the referendum and the appeal is a waste of time and City funds, and stated his support for the special election.

3. **CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, TO CONSIDER A MEASURE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS REGARDING THE PROPOSED KIMPTON HOTEL (RESOLUTION NO. 23270 TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR A HOTEL WITHIN BLOCK C OF THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN):**

City Attorney Holland provided background information on the proposed Ordinance calling a special election.

Mayor Pougnet requested the City Attorney address the amendment to the Specific Plan.

Councilmember Foat requested the City Attorney clarify the referendum language, and questioned if the City should place two measures on the ballot.

Councilmember Lewin requested the City Attorney address the repeal of Resolution No. 23270 if the Ordinance is not approved by the voters.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutcheson stated his support of the Ordinance with adding the new Section 2A of the Ordinance, and stated his support for placing the matter on the ballot to the voters at a special election.

Councilmember Mills requested the City Attorney review Paragraph A of Exhibit A to clarify as Block C, requested the City Attorney address the language in the referendum.

Councilmember Foat requested City Clerk Thompson address an all-mail ballot election and the process of conducting the election, early voting and a location in Palm Springs to cast a ballot, and the cost of conducting a special election.

Councilmember Mills requested City Clerk Thompson address the location of the tally and Election Day results.

Councilmember Lewin commented on the funding for the election, stated the funds will be well spent to provide the clarity needed to proceed with the project, commented on the Appellant's statements after he lost his appeal, and thanked City Staff for a well, thought-out measure and the quick work to prepare the documents.

Mayor Pougnet thanked the members of the public that provided comment at the special meeting, commented on the use of funds and the potential consequences regarding further delays in the project, and stated by holding the election the City is moving in the right direction.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Ordinance No. 1842, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE A HOTEL OF APPROXIMATELY 185 ROOMS, RESTAURANTS, MEETING ROOMS, RETAIL USES, AND ANCILLARY USES, WITHIN BLOCK C OF THE MUSEUM MARKET PLAZA SPECIFIC PLAN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY AND BELARDO ROAD CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION NO. 23270 OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLANNED

DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO ACCOMMODATE A HOTEL (KIMPTON BRAND)," (i) amending the Ordinance to add a Section 2A to read "In the event the Ordinance of the People (Exhibit A) is not adopted, Resolution No. 23270 is void and no longer in effect;" and (ii) correcting Exhibit A, Subsection A of Section 1, to correctly reference Block "C;" 2) Adopt Resolution No. 23492, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014; 3) Adopt Resolution No. 23493, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AT THE TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS; 4) Adopt Resolution No. 23494, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR A CITY MEASURE SUBMITTED AT THE APRIL 22, 2014, SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; 5) Adopt Resolution No. 23495, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CANVASS OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014, BE MADE BY THE CITY CLERK;" and 6) Adopt Resolution No. 23496, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 FOR THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014." **Motion Councilmember Mills, seconded by Councilmember Foat and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by Closed Session, Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.


STEPHEN P. POUGNET, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JAMES THOMPSON, CITY CLERK