



# CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

6:00 PM – REGULAR SESSION

CLOSED SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW OPEN SESSION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CARL MAY COMMUNITY CENTER  
11711 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present:

Council Members: Scott Matas, Joe McKee  
Mayor Pro Tem: Russell Betts  
Mayor: Adam Sanchez

Absent:

Council Members: Jan Pye (excused)

Action: Matas moved to excuse Council Member Pye's absence, motion seconded by Betts, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 4 - Matas, McKee, Sanchez, Betts  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Matas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sanchez asked for a moment of silence for Tyronne Love.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Action: Betts moved to approve the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda, motion seconded by Matas, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 4 - Matas, McKee, Sanchez, Betts  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye

## **URGENCY ITEM(S)**

None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Smooth Transition, Inc. Presentation**

*Robin Goins-Cornell, Board President, Executive Director*

Elsa Fitzgerald, Director of Operations, Smooth Transition, Inc., presented an overview of her organization; and responded to questions.

### **Health and Wellness Awards**

*Mayor, Adam Sanchez*

Mayor Sanchez presented Certificates of Commendation to veterans Edward Johnson and Running Deer; and a Certificate of Recognition to Ballet Folklorico, Group Tonantzin.

Ballet Folklorico, Group Tonantzin gave a dance performance.

### **Humane Society of the Desert, Desert Hot Springs Animal Hospital Presentation**

*Administrative Director, Dirk Voss*

Dirk Voss, Administrative Director, Desert Hot Springs Animal Hospital, gave an overview his organization's services, a copy of which was provided and made a part of the record; and responded to questions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Shea, spoke regarding the Coachella Association of Governments (CVAG) meeting regarding the CV Link project.

Mike Picardi, made announcements; spoke regarding the Chamber of Commerce and Riverside County Sheriff's proposal.

Paul Miller, spoke regarding the Police Department.

Dave Nunn, made CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) / Emergency Preparedness Committee announcements.

Edward Johnson, expressed thanks for Veterans Wall of Honor.

Ron Blumpkin, spoke regarding the plastic bag ordinance and expressed concerns.

Lew Stewart, spoke regarding an article in The Desert Sun regarding crime statistics; and the proposed good wage ordinance.

Paula Terifaj, made announcements regarding the Animal Action League and Pick Up Crew.

Ted Mayrhofer, stated that the flag at Mission Springs Park was torn and needs replacing.

Nikohl Vandell, spoke.

Anayeli Zavala, commended Desert Hot Springs High School youth that were involved with the health impact assessment for CV Link.

Pamela Berry, announced the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Bob Terry, spoke regarding the Coachella Association of Governments (CVAG) meeting regarding the CV Link project.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. (Continued from October 7, 2014)  
Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.44 of The Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code (Zoning Text Amendment No. 01-13) to Add Section 17.44.070(F) Establishing Criteria for the Regulation of Political Signs  
Community Development Director, Alex Meyerhoff, AICP  
Recommendation:** Continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Action: Matas moved to continue the Public Hearing to December 2, 2014, motion seconded by McKee, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Vote:  
Passed                      AYES: 4 - Matas, McKee, Sanchez, Betts  
                                    NOES: 0 - (None)  
                                    ABSENT: 1 - Pye

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Action:** Betts moved to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety, motion seconded by McKee, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

**Vote:** AYES: 4 - Matas, McKee, Sanchez, Betts  
**Passed** NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye

- 2. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2014**  
*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*  
**Recommendation:** Approve Minutes as submitted; or as corrected.
- 3. Desert Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce's Visitor's Center Monthly Report**  
*City Manager, Martin Magana*  
**Recommendation:** Receive and file.
- 4. Desert Hot Springs Hoteliers Association Quarterly Report**  
*City Manager, Martin Magana*  
**Recommendation:** Receive and file.
- 5. Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2014**  
*Glenn White, Senior Accountant*  
**Recommendation:** Receive and File.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR**

- 6. Support of GRID Alternatives Solarthon Project at Sunset Springs**  
*Mayor, Adam Sanchez*  
**Recommendation:** Take whatever action the City Council deems appropriate.

*Mayor Pro Tem Betts recused due to a potential conflict of interest. owns property within 500 feet.*

Lisa Castilone, GRID Alternatives, gave an overview of the project.

**Action:** Matas moved to support the program, motion seconded by McKee, motion carried 3/0 by the following vote:

**Vote:** AYES: 3 - Matas, McKee, Sanchez  
**Passed** NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye  
RECUSED: 1 - Betts

**7. Appointment to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Board of Trustees**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Appoint a trustee to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Board for a two-year term or four-year term.

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, provided the staff report.

Action: Betts moved to appoint Mayor Sanchez to the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Board of Trustees, for four (4) years, motion seconded by McKee, motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 3 - McKee, Sanchez, Betts  
Passed NOES: 1 - Matas  
ABSENT: 1 - Pye

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Mayor Sanchez requested an agenda item regarding CV Link; and reported on the various meetings and events he attended.

Council Member Matas spoke regarding the CV Link Project; and reported on the various meetings and events he attended.

Council Member McKee reported on the various meetings and events he attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Betts reported on the various meetings and events he attended.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Martin Magana, City Manager, gave a brief report; reminded the City Council that a special meeting regarding user fees was scheduled for November 20, 2014.

Alex Meyerhoff, Community Development Director, gave a brief report.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Steve Quintanilla, City Attorney, announced closed session items.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:15 P.M.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS:**

Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: City Manager, Martin Magana  
City Attorney, Steven Quintanilla

Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (DHSPOA)

**2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5(e)

City Attorney

**CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The City Council reconvened at 8:41 P.M.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Steve Quintanilla, City Attorney, advised that there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

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Jerryl Soriano, CMC  
City Clerk