



# **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT ACTION MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 22, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Carl May Community Center  
11711 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matas called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:**  
Council Members: Russell Betts, Gary Gardner, and Robert Griffith  
Mayor Pro Tem: Jan Pye  
Mayor: Scott Matas

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Action:** Pye moved to approve the October 22, 2019 Special meeting agenda , motion seconded by Betts, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

**Vote:** AYES: 5 - Matas, Betts, Pye, Gardner, Griffith  
**Passed** NOES: 0 - (None)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathy Kusmitch expressed the need for a traffic light at Pierson Boulevard and Cholla Avenue; and stated that there was an odor at the Senior Center and puddling of water near the trash bins.

Kamran Amirianfar expressed concerns regarding his development project.

Eddie Johnson spoke regarding crosswalks at Desert Hot Springs Middle School.

Martin Carreon spoke regarding uniform codes.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. 2013-2021 Housing Element Update and Negative Declaration**

*Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Entertain Questions of Staff from City Council;  
3) Open the Public Hearing;  
4) Take public testimony from those in favor;  
5) Take public testimony from those opposed;  
6) Take public testimony from those in a neutral position;  
7) Close the Public Hearing;  
8) City Council discussion and questions to Staff; and  
9) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California, 1) certifying the Negative Declaration; and 2) approving the General Plan Amendment - Housing Element Update 2013-2021 of the General Plan.

Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, introduced the Item.

Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Jose Rodriguez, Consultant, MIG Inc., presented the Staff report and responded to questions.

Gordon Countryman spoke in support.

Martin Carreon spoke in favor.

Michael Lang spoke opposed.

Diane Powell spoke opposed.

Cherie Ortega spoke opposed.

Mayor Matas read into record, a letter of opposition from Michael Picardi, a copy of which was received and made a part of the record.

Ron Harris spoke opposed.

(Name inaudible) spoke in a neutral position.

Kayla Henderson, Inland Counties Legal Services, distributed and discussed written testimony, a copy of which was received and made a part of the record.

Gordon Countryman provided additional comments.

Mayor Matas closed the Public Hearing.

A discussion ensued.

Action: Gardner moved to approve staff recommendation and adopt *Resolution No. 2019-046*, motion seconded by Pye, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

<u>Vote:</u>	AYES: 5 - Matas, Betts, Pye, Gardner, Griffith
Passed	NOES: 0 - (None)

### **ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Matas adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:27 P.M.

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Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk