



## **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
And the City Council Serving as the Successor Agency to the  
Redevelopment Agency Board**

### **DRAFT ACTION MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**5:00 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION**

**5:30 P.M. – PRESENTATIONS**

**6:00 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION**

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

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### **CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matas called the Closed Session to order at 5:00 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Council Members: Russell Betts, Gary Gardner, Jan Pye

Mayor Pro Tem: Robert Griffith

Mayor: Scott Matas

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, announced the Closed Session Item.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

### **1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

In the Matter of the Administration of the D.H.S. Drugs, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan  
Riverside Superior Court Case No. PRIN1801126

## **PRESENTATIONS - 5:30 P.M.**

### **2. Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine Presentation**

*Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, Caroline Broski*

Caroline Broski, Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine, provided an overview of their services; and responded to questions.

### **3. City Employee Service Recognition**

*Human Resources Director, Pamela Meuse*

Pam Meuse, Human Resources Director, presented 5-year and 10-year service recognitions to: Tina Bright, Crossing Guard; Stephanie Zamora, Animal Control Supervisor; Miguel Preciado, Police Officer; Marius Stuler, IT Manager; Christopher Saucier, Police Sergeant; Charles Maynard, City Manager; Christopher Tooth, Detective; and Jose Ochoa, Police Officer.

## **RECESS**

## **REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matas called the Regular Session to order at 6:00 P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Council Members: Russell Betts, Robert Griffith, Jan Pye

Mayor Pro Tem: Robert Griffith

Mayor: Scott Matas

## **INVOCATION**

None.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Betts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, advised that there was no reportable action.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Action: Betts moved to approve the February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda; and approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety, motion seconded by Gardner, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eddie Johnson announced fund raiser event.

Barbara Eastman announced the Women's Club Fashion Show fund raiser event.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Jim Henson, Chief of Police, provided a SNIP Bus (mobile spay and neuter) update.

Nick Haecker, Public Works Manager, provided an update regarding the paving project on Palm Drive.

Roberta Crncic, Executive Program Manager, announced that the City was awarded a State Homeland Security Grant enabling the City to offer 2 CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) classes in the future.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

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

Council Member Pye reported on the various meetings and events she attended.

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

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

Mayor Matas reported on the various meetings and events he attended.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR:**

### **4. Consideration of Whether to Pursue a Dog Breeding Ordinance**

*Mayor, Scott Matas*

**Recommendation:** Consider whether to direct Staff to move forward with the process of preparing a Dog Breeding Ordinance.

Mayor Matas and Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney, presented the report.

Will Comparsi spoke in support of the ordinance.

Action: Pye moved to proceed with the ordinance, motion seconded by Matas, motion carried 3/2 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 3 - Matas, Pye, Griffith  
Passed NOES: 2 - Betts, Gardner

### **5. Professional Services Agreement with DTA to Prepare a Development Impact Fee Study Update for the City**

*Finance Director, Geoffrey Buchheim*

**Recommendation:** Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with DTA to provide a Development Impact Fee Study Update and Nexus Study in an amount not to exceed \$48,680; and to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, as approved to form by the City Attorney.

Geoffrey Buchheim, Finance Director, presented the staff report.

Action: Betts moved to approve staff recommendation, motion seconded by Griffith, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

### **6. City Council Appointments to the Planning Commission**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano*

**Recommendation:** Appoint Five (5) Members to the Planning Commission for a Two-Year Term Expiring in January 2022.

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, presented the staff report.

Action: Betts moved to ratify the following appointments to the Planning Commission: Dawn Griffiths (Russell Betts); Agustin Aragon (Robert Griffith); Larry Buchanan (Gary Gardner); Richard Duffle (Jan Pye); and James Nindel (Scott Matas), motion seconded by Griffith, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**7. City Council Appointments to the Public Safety Commission**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Appoint Five (5) Members to the Public Safety Commission for a Two-Year Term Expiring in January 2022.

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, presented the staff report.

Action: Betts moved to ratify the following appointments to the Public Safety Commission: Ted Mayrhofer (Russell Betts); Florence Martin (Robert Griffith); Walt Meyer (Gary Gardner); Leroy Eastman (Jan Pye); and Donna Lozano (Scott Matas), motion seconded by Griffith, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**8. City Council Appointments to the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission (CCAC)**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Discuss the CCAC and provide direction to Staff.

Barbara Eastman spoke in support of re-structuring the CCAC.

A discussion ensued.

Donna Wardean spoke in support of re-structuring the CCAC.

Action: Matas moved to not appoint to CCAC at this time; direct Staff to bring back an ordinance to disband the CCAC, and an alternative plan, motion seconded by Gardner, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**9. Appointment of a Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the 2020 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Appoint a delegate and alternate delegate for the 2020 SCAG Regional Conference and General Assembly, Scheduled for May 7 – 8, 2020 in Palm Desert, California.

Action: Betts moved to appoint Council Member Betts as the delegate, and Council Member Pye as the alternate, motion seconded by Griffith, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Vote:  
Passed

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**10. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2020**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes as submitted; or as corrected.

**11. Second Reading and Adoption of An Ordinance Increasing the Salary of City Councilmembers and Mayor**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Approve Second Reading, read by title only and adopt: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California, amending Section 2.04.020 of Chapter 2.04 "City Council" of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code increasing the salary of City Councilmembers and Mayor."

*Ordinance No. 704*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Matas adjourned the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

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Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk