



## **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**

**APRIL 21, 2020**

#### **6:00 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION**

**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE  
Desert Hot Springs, California**

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*This meeting was held pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom. The City Council and Staff participated remotely.*

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Council Member: Russell Betts (via videoconference)  
Council Member: Gary Gardner (via videoconference)  
Council Member: Jan Pye (via videoconference)  
Mayor Pro Tem: Robert Griffith (via videoconference)  
Mayor: Scott Matas (via videoconference)

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor Jerry Johnson gave the Invocation.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Betts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Action: Gardner moved to approve the April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda; and approve the Consent Calendar, motion seconded by Pye, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, advised that written comments were received from Brad Anderson; a copy of which was distributed to the City Council and made a part of the record.

Jessica Gilbert announced that the next Rotary meeting would be featuring Denise Hamet, Economic Development Manager, and Greg Rodriguez from the Office of Riverside County Supervisor, Manuel Perez.

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Daniel Porras, Public Works Director, provided an update regarding Phase II of the Palm Drive Lighting and Safety Improvements project; the traffic signal projects; and a traffic signal timing issue.

Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager, provided an update regarding the various COVID-19 orders.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Council Member Pye reported on the meetings she attended.

Council Member Gardner reported on the meetings he attended.

Council Member Betts reported on the meetings he attended.

Mayor Pro Tem Griffith reported on the meetings he attended.

Mayor Matas reported on the meetings he attended.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR:**

- 1. Resolution of Intention for Placing Desert Valley Disposal Annual Billings for Services of Residential Properties on the County Tax Rolls, Fiscal Year 2020-21**  
*Finance Director, Geoffrey Buchheim*

- Recommendation:** 1) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council Declaring the Intention to Levy Annual Billing for Desert Valley Disposal Inc., Solid Waste Refuse Services for Residential Properties on the County Tax Roll for the Fiscal Year 2020-21;
- 2) Approving the Attachment F Rate Schedule for the July 1, 2020 Rate Year; and
- 3) Setting a Time and Place for the Public Hearing.

Geoffrey Buchheim, Finance Director, presented the Staff report.

Chris Cunningham, Desert Valley Disposal, responded to questions.

Action: Betts moved to approve staff recommendation and adopt *Resolution No. 2020-014*, motion seconded by Pye, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**2. Borrego Health Temporary Funding Request to Operate the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*Assistant City Manager, Doria Wilms*

**Recommendation:** Consider a temporary funding request in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Borrego Health to assist with the day to day costs of operating the Desert Hot Springs Recreation Center for the children of essential workers in Desert Hot Springs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Doria Wilms, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Samantha Prior, responded to questions.

A discussion ensued.

Action: Gardner moved to Approve a temporary funding request to Borrego Health in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Furbee legacy fund., motion seconded by Pye, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**3. Council Member Request to Replace a Planning Commissioner**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

**Recommendation:** Ratify the removal of the Planning Commissioner appointed by Council Member, Russell Betts.

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, presented the staff report.

Action: Griffith moved to ratify the removal of Dawn Griffiths from the Planning Commission , motion seconded by Gardner, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

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

**4. Mortgage Credit Certificate Program Resolution**

*Assistant City Manager, Doria Wilms*

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution of the City Council allowing the City of Desert Hot Springs to apply for an allocation of funds through Riverside County for the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program.

Denise Hamet, Economic Development Manager, presented the staff report.

Action: Gardner moved to approve staff recommendation and adopt *Resolution No. 2020-015*, motion seconded by Betts, motion carried / by the following vote:

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**5. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes: April 7, 2020**

*City Clerk, Jerryl Soriano, CMC*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Matas adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

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Jerryl Soriano, CMC, City Clerk