



Cathedral City

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS      68-700 AVENIDA LALO GUERRERO      CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234

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Wednesday, August 29, 2018      SPECIAL MEETING      6:30 PM

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### • CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Stan Henry called the Special Meeting of August 29, 2018 to order at 6:35 p.m.*

### • PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Council Member John Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### • INVOCATION (MOMENT OF REFLECTION)

*Council Member Mark Carnevale offered the Invocation. He mentioned that Jenny Ash, lost her battle with cancer and announced the services that are planned for her.*

### • ROLL CALL

**Present** 5 - Mayor Stan Henry, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory S. Pettis, Council Member Shelley Kaplan, Council Member Mark Carnevale, and Council Member John Aguilar

### • AGENDA FINALIZATION

### • STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

*David Peters, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He stated that grass is growing in the cracks in the streets and expressed his dissatisfaction. He commented that when individuals call from city hall you don't know who it is. He feels that the Go Request App should have emergency contact information. He also stated that he does not like the safety wall that was built in the lobby of City Hall.*

*Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage, was called to speak. He stated that it would be nice to have emergency phone numbers posted somewhere at City Hall. He stated that phone numbers would be nice to have. He stated that the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District has found another species of mosquitos. He urged everyone to get rid of standing water to help create a safer environment. He stated that Vector Control has allowed the west nile virus issue go on for far too long due to what he believes to be from poor performance of the district.*

#### 2. COUNCIL REPORTS

*Council Member John Aguilar reported that he attended the Dream Homes Community Forum, which was really well attended and productive. He thanked everyone involved for doing an outstanding job.*

*Council Member Shelley Kaplan signed the Bill making Desert Memorial as the State LGBTQ Memorial. He attended the badge presentation for the Fire Department, he expressed his satisfaction with the Fire Department.*

He was able to attend the Motivation Program for the students at the Nellie Coffman Middle School, he felt that it was a great program for the students.

Council Member Mark Carnevale stated that he will be attending the SB One press conference at 10:30 tomorrow. He provided kuddos to Officer Hodge, again, for all of his work on the homelessness issue. He also talked about the 90 days of summer program that CRVM, a west side state of the art shelter and a meeting with Supervisor Perez for assistance with funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis reported that he attended the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Committee meeting, he intended that the traditional funding for grants has ended for this fiscal year, however, there is still money available for charging stations. He stated that those in the Dream Homes neighborhood are having issues with Animal Control. He also requested that the Fire Chief look into the tamarisk trees on the north side of the freeway, it is a fire hazard and a place for the homeless to go.

Mayor Stan Henry talked about the long term initiative with the Health Care District related to the Dream Homes Meeting that was encouraged by their goals and is looking for success in the near future.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### ***Approval of the Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Henry, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, Council Member Kaplan, Council Member Carnevale, and Council Member Aguilar

#### **3.A. [2018-337](#) City Council Minutes of June 13, 2018**

**Recommendation:** Approve the City Council Minutes of June 13, 2018.

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6700

#### **3.B. [2018-325](#) Annual Virgin de Guadalupe Procession 2018**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve Special Use Permit #18-022.

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6701

#### **3.C. [2018-330](#) Fountain of Life Soft Surface Replacement**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council authorize replacement of the soft surface material located in Town Square at the Fountain of Life in an amount not to exceed \$59,013.

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6702

#### **3.D. [2018-336](#) Resolution in Support of Proposition 1**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution Supporting

Proposition 1, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act, on the November 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot.

This item was approved.

Enactment No: Reso 2018-37

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **5. LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

**5.A. [2018-334](#) Public Arts Commission Recommendation to Purchase the Sculpture "PROTECTOR" in an Amount not to Exceed \$32,000**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve the recommendation of the Public Arts Commission to purchase the 2/3 size sculpture "Protector" from Brodin Studios honoring fallen heroes in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

*Councilmember John Aguilar stated that he would donate \$1,000 to the project.*

*Richard Altman stated that he would donate \$1,500 to the project.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Carnevale, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to approve the recommendation of the Public Arts Commission to purchase the 2/3 size sculpture "Protector" from Brodin Studios honoring fallen heroes in an amount not to exceed \$32,000. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Henry, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, Council Member Kaplan, Council Member Carnevale, and Council Member Aguilar

Enactment No: M.O. 6703

**5.B. [2018-324](#) Annual Agnes Pelton Society's Historic Home, Block Party & Art Fest**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve SUP#18-021 with conditions.

*Dale Jag, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He expressed his concern with the conduct of Mr. Den on social media and feels that he shouldn't be around children. He stated that Agnes Pelton was not this type of person and urged the Council not to fund the event.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Aguilar, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, to approve Special Use Permit #18-021 with conditions and to sponsor the event in the amount of \$2,800 and to waive the \$300 special use permit application fee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, Council Member Kaplan, Council Member Carnevale, and Council Member Aguilar

**Nay:** 1 - Mayor Henry

Enactment No: M.O. 6704

**5.C. [2018-331](#) Monthly Children's Art Party**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council approve SUP#18-020.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kaplan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, to approve Special Use Permit #18-020 for the Monthly Children's Art Party and approve funding in the amount of**

**\$1,200 and waive the \$300 Special Use Permit fee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Henry, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, Council Member Kaplan, Council Member Carnevale, and Council Member Aguilar

Enactment No: M.O. 6705

**5.D. [2018-332](#) Ordinance Banning Plastic Straws**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the City Council introduce and provide first reading, by title only, to an ordinance banning plastic straws from distribution by restaurants in Cathedral City.

*Dick Shalhoub, owner of McDonalds, was called to speak. He encouraged the City Council to hold off on the ban of plastic straws until there are better paper straws available.*

*Terry Applegate, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She urged the Council to do more research on this topic. She stated that there are many people with disabilities that rely on straws. She encouraged the City Council to talk to those individuals prior to making a decision to ban straws.*

*Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage, was called to speak. Spoke in opposition of banning plastic straws.*

*Rosario Avila, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Spoke in opposition of banning plastic straws.*

*Ernesto Gutierrez, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Spoke in opposition of banning plastic straws.*

*Alan Carvalho, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Spoke in favor of banning plastic straws.*

**A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, seconded by Council Member Aguilar, to table this item until November 14, 2018 and to create a Council sub-committee with Mayor Pro Tem Pettis and Council Member Carnevale to speak with the owners of McDonalds, Carl's Jr., Circle K and someone representing those with disabilities. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mayor Henry, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, Council Member Kaplan, Council Member Carnevale, and Council Member Aguilar

Enactment No: M.O. 6706

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

*Mayor Stan Henry adjourned the Special Meeting of August 29, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.*

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STANLEY E. HENRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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GARY F. HOWELL, City Clerk