Cathedral City

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS	68-700 AVENIDA LALO GUERRERO	CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234
Wednesday, March 11, 2015	STUDY SESSION	4:30 PM

• CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Henry called the Study Session to order at 4:30 p.m.

• ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY CLERK

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jens Mueller, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He feels that the City really needs to build a pickleball pavillion in City Center.

Maureen Miller Nielsen, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Encouraged the Mayor to come out and play pickleball. She indicated that she is the Past President of the Pickleball Club and gave a brief history of their Club. She feels that pickleball is very popular in Cathedral City and would like to see a pickleball pavillion built in City Center.

Marcia Stone, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She feels that things are changing in the City and she is very excited. She would like to see pickleball be a part of the change. It is a contagious sport and very popular in Cathedral City. It would be nice to have a pickleball pavillion built in the City.

Jim Stone, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He is excited about all of the changes in town and also supports the construction of a pickleball pavillion in the City.

Chip Yarborough, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Feels that the City has made tremendous progress over the last year and a half. The new City Manager has done more for the City in the time he has been here than what was done in the past ten years. He was pleased to hear that there is at least one motor officer out on the streets. He is a huge supporter of Police and Fire and feels that this is a good time to explore options to enhance our Fire Department.

STUDY SESSION

A. 2015-55 Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Initiative

James Price, Cathedral City, was called to speak. Supports the Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Initiative.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis, supports the Mayors for the Freedom to Marry Initiative.

It was the consensus of the Council to support the Mayor signing the Freedom to Marry Initiative.

B. 2015-57 Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Monuments, National Park and Preserve Additions in the California Desert

Matthew Jatowsky gave an overview of the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015.

It was the consensus of the Council to support the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015 and directed staff to bring a Resolution of support to the Council for approval on March 25, 2015.

C. 2015-59 Parks and Recreation Commission - Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2.18

Pat Milos, Community Development Director, gave an overview of staff's recommendation to amend the City's Municipal Code to expand the Parks and Recreation Commission to a seven member commission and for them to advise on community events, volunteer for communuity events and recruiting for volunteers for events and related functions.

Mayor Stan Henry requested that staff explore allowing part-time residents an opportunity to particiopate as well.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with staff's recommendation and bring an Ordinance for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

D. 2015-60 Statewide Community Infrastructure Program ("SCIP")

Tami Scott, Administrative Services Director, gave an overview of the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program ("SCIP").

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward in the process to participate in the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program ("SCIP").

E. 2015-61 Review Title 12, Chapter 12.28 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code Parking in Lots of Private Businesses

Pat Milos, Community Development Director, gave an overview of the proposed amendments to Title 12 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code, Chapter 12.28.

Council Member Aguilar suggested that Staff look at Chapter 12.28.100 for possible amendments.

Mayor Henry indicated that consideration needs to be given to businesses that may have vehicles that need to be parked for an extended period of time.

Chip Yarborough, stated that there is a State Vehicle Code that he believes will address some of the concerns the Council may have with inoperable vehicles.

It was the consensus of the City council to support the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code and to consider the comments that were made by the Council as well. Formal action will be on a future agenda.

F. 2015-62 Digital Infrastructure & Video Competition Act of 2006 ("DIVCA")

Tami Scott, Administrative Services Director, gave an overview of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA).

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct staff to update the City's Ordinance reflecting the change in State Law related to DIVCA and to bring it back to the Council for formal action.

G. 2015-70 Historic Preservation Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, indicated he would like to see an Ordinance drafted that will allow the City to preserve the significant historic buildings in the City.

Alan Carvalho, Cathedral City, stated the importance of preserving and acknowledging the history of the City. He believes that communities embracing their history have higher property values and have more interest.

Denise Cross, Cathedral City, indicated that the General Plan includes historic preservation information and she would like to see this move forward.

Council Member Kaplan suggested establishing a Historic Commission.

Mayor Henry suggested including members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Arts Commission and Historical Society.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis suggested including the Agnes Pelton Society and the Architectural Sub-Committee of the Planning Commission as well.

It was the consensus of the Council to form an ad-hoc committee with two members each of the following groups:

Parks and Recreation Commission
Arts Commission
Historical Society
Agnes Pelton Society
Architectural Sub-Committee of the Planning Commission
Council Members Kaplan and Carnevale will also participate on the ad-hoc committee.

City staff will facilitate the group meetings.

The Ad-hoc Committee will do the following:
Identify whether or not there is a need for a Historic Commission
What criteria will be used to identify historical properties
How to go about doing it

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council temporarily convened into Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

H. 2015-71 **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property Location: Approximately 15 acres south of East Palm Canyon Drive at Date Palm Drive
Property Owners: City as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency and City Urban Revitalization Corporation (CURC)
Negotiating Parties: City as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency, CURC, and Saxony
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

The City Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m. with all Council Members present.

Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Hermsen announced that the Council met in Closed Session and there were no reportable actions taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Henry adjourned the Study Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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STANLEY E. HENRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

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GARY F. HOWELL, City Clerk