



Cathedral City

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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

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Wednesday, July 26, 2017

STUDY SESSION

4:00 PM

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- **CALL TO ORDER**

- **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

- **CLOSED SESSION 4:00 - 4:30 P.M.**

- A. Consultation with the Chief of Police, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a) - Threat to Public Services and Facilities**

*Meeting went into Recess*

*Meeting Reconvened*

- **AGENDA FINALIZATION**

- **STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK**

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 2. STUDY SESSION**

- 2.A. [2017-275](#) Discussion on Naming a Landmark in Honor of Supervisor John Benoit**

*Mayor Henry suggested Eagle Canyon Dam or CV Link be named after Supervisor Benoit.*

*Mayor Pro Pettis suggested a sign on an entrance to a park or CV Link would be the most appropriate.*

*Councilmember Kaplan agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Pettis that the CV Link and park entrance sign would be a good idea.*

*Councilmember Carnevale agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Pettis and Councilmember Kaplan.*

*City Manager McClendon stated staff could work with CVAG on a ceremony in October.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Pettis suggested including the Public Arts Commission.*

- 2.B. [2017-279](#) Review of the proposed 2017 Cathedral City Sustainability Plan**

*Deanna Presgrove, Public Works Manager, gave a presentation on the 2017 Cathedral City Sustainability Plan. She discussed community engagement, inventory of existing efforts, sustainability plan objectives, and the options available to the City Council.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Pettis stated the plan established good goals and laid out a strong path. Ms. Presgrove discussed the SCAG grant.*

*Councilmember Aguilar requested reports be provided to the Council bi-annually and the plan be integrated with Desert Health Care. He requested the matter be referred to the Planning Commission to allow the new members to review the plan. Ms. Deanna Presgrove indicated the plan could go back to the Planning Commission.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Pettis suggested the adopted plan be brought back to the Parks and Community Events and Arts Commissions.*

*Councilmember Kaplan commended Ms. Presgrove for her work over the years.*

*Bethany Ballard, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She stated that she was opposed to the Sustainability Plan and read articles regarding consequences of adopting the plan.*

*Rosario Avila, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She indicated opposition to the Sustainability Plan because it was from the United Nations. She requested the plan be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration.*

*City Manager McClendon reiterated that the Council was not voting on the plan and it would be referred to the Planning Commission for further review.*

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*Councilmember Kaplan commended Ms. Presgrove for her work over the years.*

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**2.C. [2017-287](#)      **McCallum Way and 30th Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation  
Improvements Update****

*John Corella, City Engineer, provided an update on the McCallum Way and 30th Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements Update including project location, timeline, aerial view of the project, facts about the update,*

corresponding A.D.s at the location, available funding, and the bids that were received.

Mayor Henry asked if the contract would be working with the school. City Engineer Corella stated they would work with the school for a temporary drop off.

Councilmember Kaplan commented that Los Angeles is using white roads to lighten the color and reduce heat. City Engineer Corella stated it was a new concept.

## **2.D. [2017-289](#) Da Vall Drive/I-10 Interchange Project Study Report**

John Corella, City Engineer, presented the Interchange Project and discussed the timeline, agreement, status, and considerations of the project.

In response to Mayor Henry, Mr. Corella discussed the rating on the CVAG priority list.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis stated the project would reduce traffic to Rancho Mirage High School. He expressed concern with the needs due to annexation with 1000 Palms. He discussed the importance of preparing the plans.

Mayor Henry agreed that access to I-10 was necessary for development.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis discussed the timeline and necessary funds.

Mr. Corella discussed projects in Indio. He concurred with getting the project moving along.

Councilmember Aguilar asked the timeframe. Mr. Corella stated portions would have to be updated when the project was ready to build.

## **2.E. [2017-270](#) Sale of Marijuana Clone Plants by Dispensaries**

City Manager McClendon presented the staff report.

Mayor Henry asked if the City could limit the clones to six per individual.

Eric Vail, City Attorney, responded that it was possible because of the state laws.

City Manager McClendon explained that every dispensary would have a way to track the sales inventory.

Mayor Henry suggested limiting clone purchase to six per individual.

Bethany Ballard, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She expressed curiosity with the clone business and stated that it might cause more problems than its worth.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis explained that people were limited to six marijuana plants in their homes by state law. He explained that seed to sale tracking allowed the City to monitor how many people were buying.

City Manager McClendon clarified that a dispensary could not cut its own plants.

## **2.F. [2017-269](#) Backyard Pet Breeding Businesses**

City Manager McClendon presented the staff report.

Councilmember Aguilar stated that there had not been much feedback on the issue.

Mayor Henry asked how purebreds could be obtained. Councilmember Aguilar explained that limited breeding could be allowed.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis stated it appeared they were trying to fix a problem that did not exist and questioned who would enforce the matter.

Councilmember Aguilar stated that he was willing to find an education program and take no action.

City Manager McClendon added that the City supported spay and neutering projects.

Councilmember Carnevale asked if there was a pet limit. City Manager McClendon responded that there was a three pet limit, which is enforced by Animal Control.

Denise Cross, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She stated that she was opposed to the ordinance.

Bethany Ballard, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She stated that the most important thing for breeders was cleanliness over the number of pets.

### **3. CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Eric Vail announced that the City Council will meet in Closed Session to discuss the following items listed on the Agenda.

**3.A. [2017-265](#) Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**Property Location:** Approximately 2.06 acres at the Northwest Corner of San Antonio and San Mateo Dr. with APN's of 677-291-021 and 022.

**Negotiating Parties:** City of Cathedral City as Housing Successor Agency and Chris Ifeanyi or assignee.

**Property Owners:** Housing Successor Agency

**Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms for potential purchase of real property.

**3.B. [2017-266](#) Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**Property Location:** Approximately 1.01 acres at the Southeast Corner of San Joaquin Drive and Mission Drive with APN's of 677-383-001 and 002.

**Negotiating Parties:** City of Cathedral City as Housing Successor Agency and Chris Ifeanyi or assignee.

**Property Owners:** Housing Successor Agency

**Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms for potential purchase of real property.

**3.C. [2017-281](#) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending/Existing Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9)**

**Name of case: Tramview Investors LLC v. Cathedral City and Cathedral City Mobilehome Fair Practices Commission, PSC 1703336**

*Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:48 p.m.*

**3.D. [2017-284](#) Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency- Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property Location: 68510 E Palm Canyon Dr. with APN 687-475-003  
Property Owners: City Urban Revitalization Corporation  
Negotiating Parties: City of Cathedral City as Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency & City Urban Revitalization Corporation  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms on the Sale of Real Property

**ADJOURN**

*Mayor Stan 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