



Cathedral City

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

STUDY SESSION

4:30 PM

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### • CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Henry called the Study Session Meeting of September 13, 2017, to order at 4:30 p.m.*

### • 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 THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK

#### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

*There were no members of the public that wanted to address the City Council.*

#### 2. STUDY SESSION

##### 2.A. [2017-340](#)      **“Safe and Sane” Fireworks Program - Non-Profit Revenues and City Costs**

*Chief Wilson gave a presentation on the “Safe and Sane” Fireworks program. He discussed the non-profit revenues and the city costs to administer and enforce the program.*

*Council Member Aguilar asked if they would still need to have billboards if they eliminate all fireworks.*

*Chief Wilson responded that they would still need public education for the first year or two.*

*Council Member Aguilar asked if this is the only funding source that the non-profits have.*

*Chief Wilson responded that he cannot speak on behalf of non-profits funding source but “Safe and Sane” relies on this funding.*

*Randy Winbigler, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He suggested that the City comes up with other options for raising funds for the non-profits. He expressed that he doesn't feel that the fireworks program should continue. He questioned why the City has to pay for a fireworks display. He explained that he is opposed to doing a survey and paying for it. He mentioned other options for doing a survey of what the community wants. He asked the City Council to reconsider spending money on the survey.*

##### 2.B. [2017-338](#)      **City Sponsored July 4th Fireworks Show and a Community Survey on “Safe and Sane” Fireworks**

Chief Wilson gave an overview on the July 4th Fireworks show and the survey for "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis expressed that the cost of the City doing their own show is unrealistic and that they could help sponsor one instead. He stated that the survey would be too skewed. He stated that they can fund recreational services if they do not do the sugar tax.

Council Member Kaplan stated that he agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Pettis regarding the fireworks show and the survey. He mentioned that they set up a subcommittee of council members to come up with suggested questions.

Council Member Carnevale expressed that he cannot support the fireworks display. He stated that it's difficult for non-profits to come up with funding options. He stated that he supports a survey asking the sugar tax question. He implemented that the problem is not with "Safe and Sane" but instead it's the illegal fireworks.

Council Member Aguilar agreed that families can go nearby to find a fireworks show. He stated that he only wants to include a survey about the recreation district and sugar tax but not about anything with sales tax increase.

Mayor Henry expressed that the fireworks show and survey is a waste of money. He explained that there are pros and cons to "Safe and Sane" fireworks. He stated that the Council needs to decide whether or not they are going to allow them.

Council Member Kaplan stated that it's important to create a survey to understand what the residents support for recreational programs and nutritional programs for the City.

Council Member Aguilar asked what they can do with the CBDG funds.

Administrative Services Director Tami Scott responded that the CBDG funds are limited to what they can do for programming. She stated that the programs need to meet certain requirements. She stated the CBDG is already being used to fund the Senior Center and Homeless Program.

Mayor Henry stated that their main objective should be to see where they are going to get the funds for the recreation district.

City Manager McClendon expressed that he thinks a professional firm can create questions so they can get the most accurate answer.

Alan Carvalho, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He expressed that he does not support fireworks. He asked why other Cities chose to ban fireworks.

## **2.C. [2017-355](#) Pension/OPEB Update**

City Manager McClendon gave an overview on the update.

Administrative Services Director Tami Scott gave a presentation on the Pension and OPEB update. She explained the CalPERS annual obligation, OPEB annual obligation, CalPERS accrued liability, and the CalPERS unfunded accrued liability and the SAFER grant impact.

Council Member Kaplan stated that they have CalPERS and OPEB obligations that will have a budget affect.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis suggested that the City set aside a goal of 25% cannabis funds.

Administrative Services Director Tami Scott stated that the cannabis revenue is currently \$400,000. She stated that she believes they will meet the projections for year 1 but she is unsure about year 2.

Council Member Aguilar questioned if there is a risk CalPERS demanding the City to pay the obligation in one payment.

Administrative Services Director Tami Scott responded in the negative.

City Manager McClendon suggested that the Council have an in depth discussion on their goals and targets at the annual planning retreat.

Alan Carvalho was called to speak. He expressed he finally understood what the item was about.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**3.A. [2017-366](#) Housing Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency-Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property Location: 67025 & 67045 Mission Drive with APN's of 677-383-001 &002  
Property Owners: City of Cathedral City as the Housing Successor Agency  
Negotiating Parties: City of Cathedral City as the Housing Successor Agency & REMAX Consultants  
Under Negotiation: Price & Terms on the Sale of Real Property

**3.B. [2017-353](#) Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.**

**Property Location:** Approximately 2 acres at the southeast corner of West Buddy Rogers and East Palm Canyon Drive.  
**Negotiating Parties:** City of Cathedral City as the Housing Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency and Cathedral Canyon Development LLC  
**Property Owner:** City of Cathedral City as the Housing Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency  
**Under Negotiations:** Price and Terms for potential sale of real property.

Closed Session at 5:42 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:40 p.m.

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STANLEY E. HENRY, Mayor

*ATTEST:*

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*TRACEY R. MARTINEZ, City Clerk*