



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 STUDY SESSION 4:30 PM

• CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis called the Study Session Meeting of March 28, 2018 to order at 4: 30 p.m.

• ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Mayor Pro Tem Gregory S. Pettis, Council Member Shelley Kaplan, Council Member Mark Carnevale, and Council Member John Aguilar
Excused 1 - Mayor Stan Henry

A motion was made by Council Member Carnevale, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to excuse the absence of Mayor Stan Henry. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

• AGENDA FINALIZATION

• STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BY THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. STUDY SESSION

2.A. [2018-99](#) Red Light Safety Camera Program Update

Police Chief Travis Walker presented an update on the Red Light Safety Camera Program.

Alan Carvalho, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He feels that it is a good idea to remove the cameras and supports the elimination of them.

It was the consensus of the City Council to eliminate the the Red Light Safety Camera Program and to bring an item back to the City Council on the next Agenda to give a 30 day notice to American Traffic Solutions with the inclusion of an option B.

2.B. [2018-98](#) Update on the Status of the Desert Community Energy Implementation

Council Member Shelley Kaplan gave an update on the status of the Desert Community Energy Implementation and provided a timeline implementation of the CCA option for consumers.

2.C. [2018-87](#) Cathedral City Equitable Economic Strategy

Leisa Lukes, Business Development Manager, stated that the City entered into an agreement for services with Estolano Le Sar Advisors to create an equitable economic strategy for the city. She stated that they will be providing a summary of their recommendations.

Cecilia Estolano, Co-CEO, provided a summary of their recommendations focusing on growth and investments in high priority areas.

Cynthia Guzman, Project Manager, provided a summary of their recommendations related to workforce development, creating meaningful job opportunities for Cathedral City residents.

Cecilia Estolano, Co-CEO, finished the presentation by presenting the final recommendations, increase capital and procurement opportunities, increase and enhance community engagement and incorporate community benefits into the City's long-term decision-making. She thanked the Council and the staff for the opportunity.

Councilman John Aguilar, thanked staff, Cecilia, Cynthia and the committee for all of their efforts and looks forward to the next steps.

Josie Diaz, thanked the City for allowing them to participate in the process. They are very grateful for the opportunity and for the fact that they listened and heard what the community had to say. They have started a mini-resource center in their Church and participated with the first MOU with ACE Hardware. They have created a Cathedral City Coalition made up of stake holders to further grow their resource center. They look forward to working with the City in the future.

2.D. [2018-90](#) Economic Development Strategic Plan

Stone James, Economic Development Director, presented the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan and the plan to achieve their goals.

Joe Wallace, CVEP, was called to speak. He spoke about the things CVEP is doing related to Cathedral City's Strategic Plan. He also spoke about projects that they will be covering in the near future and extended future. He stated that they have made several improvements and continue to move forward.

3. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

**3.A. [2018-95](#) Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(4). Number of potential cases: One**

The City Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

City Attorney Eric Vail announced that the Council met in Closed Session to discuss one case of anticipated litigation. There was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis adjourned the Study Session Meeting of March 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

STANLEY E. HENRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

GARY F. HOWELL, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis called the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2018, to order at 6:30 p.m.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member John Aguilar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **INVOCATION (MOMENT OF REFLECTION)**

Council Member Mark Carnevale announced that former Mayor Robert Hillery has passed away and would like to have a moment of silence in his memory.

- **ROLL CALL**

A motion was made by Council Member Aguilar, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to excuse the absence of Mayor Stan Henry. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

- **AGENDA FINALIZATION**

- **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Certificates of Appreciation for outgoing Commissioners Josie Diaz, Karyn Barnes and Stan Barnes

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis presented Josie Diaz with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service on the Public Arts Commission.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Anderson, was called to speak. He stated that he was terminated from the Coachella Valley Vector Control District. He feels that his termination was a result of him reporting unsafe conditions to the Board. He feels that he was targeted and discriminated against. He feels that an investigation needs to take place for his issue and other issues that are taking place within the organization.

2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member John Aguilar reported that he attended the State of the City Address and thanked the staff for all of their work making it a terrific event. He attended the Annual Luau at the Royal Palms Mobile Home Park. He also attended the Patsy Fundraiser Event at Bonta, proceeds went to the CCHS Choir.

Council Member Shelley Kaplan reported that the kick-off for LGBT Days will be held this week, which is the first Pride Event in the Valley. On Sunday, Easter Kidapalooza will be held. They will give out more than 25,000 pieces of candy. On April 7, 2018 the Cathedral City Senior Center will hold their Chili Cook-off fundraiser. He announced that the State of the City video is now available on Discover Cathedral City. He reported that he attended the Vector Control Fight the Bite 5K, which raises educational awareness to mosquitos. He also attended the March For Our Lives event.

Council Member Mark Carnevale reported that he attended the Mayor's luncheon at Palm Valley. The State of the City was a great event and thanked Chris Parman for all of his efforts. He, along with the City Manager, attended a meeting at CORE, they have done a great job fixing up the property. He attended the Small Business Luncheon hosted by Congressman Ruiz. He will be doing a ride along with Sgt. Chapman and Officer Hodge for a homeless clean-up effort.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis reported that he attended the National League of Cities Conference. It was a good conference with good speakers. He was able to attend a Transportation Congressional Reception in the Capitol. He was also able to attend the Annual Meeting of Council of Governments in Monterey. They spoke about various issues and the potential repeal of SB1. He attended a ribbon cutting at City Gate. He also reported that the rainbow crosswalk by the bell tower has been repainted, they did a good job and he appreciates those who took the time to help out. He stated that the High School Choir has raised \$1100. There will be a fundraiser at Bubbas, Bones and Brew, which will benefit the Boys and Girls Club. The High School Theater Department will be putting on Grease, which should be a fun time. He announced that the Choir has two more events before their trip to Italy.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Aguilar, seconded by Council Member Carnevale, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

3.A. [2018-100](#) City Council Minutes of March 14, 2018

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6915

3.B. [2018-88](#) Police Department Application for Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Donation

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6916

3.C. [2018-92](#) Jammin for Jesus Music Fest 2019

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6917

3.D. [2018-96](#) Resignation of Stan Barnes from the Planning Commission

This item was approved.

Enactment No: M.O. 6918

**3.E. [2018-97](#) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Approving
Specific Plan Amendment No. 97-55C for Rio Vista Village**

This item was approved.

Enactment No: Ord 808

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

**5.A. [2018-94](#) Cathedral City Public Arts Commission Request to Increase the
Allocation for Art Education Programs to 30% from the Art in
Public Places Fund**

Valerie Schechter, Cathedral City, was called to speak. She indicated that she supports the proposed change.

Christian Sesma, Cathedral City, was called to speak. He stated that he is a member of the Public Arts Commission and he is supportive of the proposed change from 10% to 30% allocated for art education programs from the Art in Public Places Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Carnevale, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to bring an Ordinance to the City Council for consideration changing the allocation for art education programs from the Art in Public Places Fund from 10% to 30%. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

Enactment No: M.O. 6919

**5.B. [2018-91](#) Local Legacy Mural Honoring Tim Bradley and Cub Swanson
Proposed by the Public Arts Commission**

Jaime Jimenez, owner 111 Conditioning Club, supports the project.

Alan Carvalho, Cathedral City, stated that he supports the project and looks forward to other projects like this in the future.

A motion was made by Council Member Aguilar, seconded by Council Member Kaplan, to approve the allocation of \$5000 from the Public Arts fund for the installation of a local legacy mural honoring Cub Swanson and Tim Bradley. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

Enactment No: M.O. 6920

- 5.C. [2018-71](#) Authorize the City Manager (or designee) to purchase Heritage/Commons Amphitheater Park equipment and enter into a contract for Project Labor Compliance.**

It was the consensus of the City Council to direct staff to bring back an item for discussion on the next City Council Agenda to discuss design options, costs and funding alternatives for the Heritage/Commons Amphitheater Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Kaplan, seconded by Council Member Carnevale, to authorize the City Manager (or designee) to purchase Heritage/Commons Amphitheater Park equipment and enter into a contract for Project Labor Compliance. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

Enactment No: M.O. 6921

- 5.D. [2018-89](#) First Reading of Ordinance Prohibiting the Purchase and Discharge of Illegal Fireworks and Revising Administrative Citation and Administrative Fine and Adding Illegal Fireworks Enforcement**

A motion was made by Council Member Aguilar, seconded by Council Member Carnevale, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance Amending Cathedral City Municipal Code Chapter 5.80 "Sale and Discharge of Safe and Sane Fireworks" Related to Enforcement Procedures and Fines. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Mayor Henry

Enactment No: M.O. 6922

6. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council met in Closed Session to discuss the following item listed on the agenda during the Study Session portion of the March 28, 2018 meeting and is reflected in the aforementioned minutes.

- 6.A. [2018-95](#) Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). Number of potential cases: One**

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis adjourned the March 28, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

STANLEY E. HENRY, Mayor

ATTEST:

GARY F. HOWELL, City Clerk