

## TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT

### MINUTES OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL AND TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS TWENTYNINE PALMS FIRE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

#### Call to Order

City of Twentynine Palms Mayor Joel Klink called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., 74325 Joe Davis Drive, Twentynine Palms, California.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Water District Board President Sam Moore led the pledge.

#### Twentynine Palms City Council Roll Call

Those responding to roll call for the City of Twentynine Palms were Mayor Joel Klink, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Mintz, Councilmember Cora Heiser, Councilmember John Cole, Councilmember McArthur Wright. City of Twentynine Palms Staff present were City Manager Frank Luckino and City Clerk Cindy Villescascas.

#### Twentynine Palms Water District Board of Directors Roll Call

Those responding to roll call for the Twentynine Palms Water District were Board President Sam Moore, Vice President Chancey Chambers, Director Carol Giannini, Director Suzi Horn, and Director Roger Shinaver. Twentynine Palms Water District Staff present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Fire Chief Jim Thompson, Financial Consultant Josh Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

#### Announcements

Mayor Klink announced these proceedings will be televised on Cable T.V. Channel 10, every Monday following the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. and may be viewed on the City of Twentynine Palms website at [www.29palms.org](http://www.29palms.org).

#### Public Comments

Cal Cisco, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item.

#### 1. Twentynine Palms Fire Services

Recommendation: That the City Council and Water District Board discuss potential terms of City financial support and guidance from LAFCO; and that the City Council approve the proposal to support the Twentynine Palms Water District financially to relieve the liability burden to proceed with the annexation request into San Bernardino County Fire.

City Manager, Frank Luckino, presented his staff report. Water District General Manager, Ray Kolisz, clarified the agreed upon recommendations by the Fire Ad Hoc committee for the Board's approval:

- Water District would place the PERS safety plan in the inactive status

- Water District to pay the new service zone \$40,000 annually for 5 years or \$200,000 out of the unrestricted cell tower lease funds
- The Water District would sell the downtown fire station to the City for \$250,000

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, would like to see local control of the Lear Fire station and the City's retention of the ladder truck.

Fire Chief John Chamberlain, of San Bernardino County, and Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, of LAFCO, were present in the audience to provide clarification and answer questions. Chief John Chamberlain clarified that Fire Department assets have been identified and some determined for liquidation. The Lear Fire Station would become a regional training center with CMC continuing their use of the station. Ms. Rollings-McDonald explained that LAFCO will draft conditions of approval that must be finalized including the transfer of properties, employee benefits, and the creation of a new fire service zone (FP-5)

After discussion by both the City Councilmembers and Water District Board of Directors which included medical aid services and support, the determination of the property value for the downtown fire station, and the lack of a sustainable revenue source, the following motions were made:

Vice President Chambers made a motion to accept the Ad Hoc committee recommendations and authorize the General Manager to execute all documents, seconded by Director Horn and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Chambers, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver  
 Noes: Director Giannini  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

Mayor Pro Tem Mintz made a motion to accept the terms agreed upon by the Ad Hoc committee and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents, seconded by Councilmember Cole and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Klink, Mintz, Cole, and Wright  
 Noes: Councilmember Heiser  
 Abstain: None  
 Absent: None

Adjournment

Mayor Klink adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President  
 Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kofisz, Board Secretary  
 Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED DEC 16 2015