

**REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, October 20, 2009 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 21000 Hacienda Blvd.
MINUTES**

OPENING CEREMONIES

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Lessenevitch. Following the pledge of allegiance and invocation the City Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams, Lessenevitch

ABSENT: None

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chairman Adams, second by Director Smith to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS None

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Executive Director Weil stated that escrow has closed on the Legends Project and the RDA is in possession of the keys. Also reported was that the RDA is closing out two debts on tonight's check register; AVEK settlement payment and Kern County Auditor for pay back of tax increments.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Check Register dated 10/14/09

CC 2. Approve minutes of meetings dated 07/21/09, 08/18/09 and 09/15/09

Motion by Director Edmiston, second by Vice Chairman Adams to approve the consent calendar. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams, Lessenevitch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Strong Ck #7617

CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. "Legends" Update and Discussion

Executive Director Weil reported that the California City Housing Corp. met and requested that an RFP be sent out for the services for an architect for the Legends project. Unbeknownst at the time staff was unaware that the current city's engineer, Helt, has an architect on staff. Mr. Weil submitted to the board the resume of Miguel Pantoja. (handout) The design could be started immediately if the board approves to go ahead with the in house architect. To continue with the RFP we are looking at a 60 day process. It was also explained that it would be cost effective to go with Mr. Pantoja.

Director Strong and Edmiston stated that they were in favor of saving money and getting the project moving.

Motion by Vice Chairman Adams, second by Director Edmiston to approve Mr. Pantoja/ Helt Engineering as the architect for the project at 10% of project cost.

Chairman Lessenevitch requested discussion at this time.

Public input was received and clarification was given on federal subsidy and requirements in order to qualify to rent. Also question asked was why we would go with our existing engineering firm when we already pay them a huge amount annually. Perhaps the Agency could save money by going through the RFP process.

Chairman Lessenevitch asked legal counsel with the Agency controlling the monies for the project, who is going to authorize the design process. Should that be done here or at the Housing Corp level? Mr. Lemieux responded that he is sure that the Housing Corp. would be very interested in knowing the view of the Agency is, but technically it is their decision. He recommends that the Board advise the housing Corp if they chose to go with this architect, and then the Housing Corp will meet again. He stated that staff at this time is looking at what direction the Board would like to go. Staff can get a proposal from Helt and a contract and then go back in front of the Housing Corp., explaining that this is the view of the RDA Board. This is really a collaborative decision between the two entities. Perhaps a joint meeting between the two is now necessary.

Further public comment was noted.

Director Edmiston called for a vote on the previous motion. Further discussion confirmed that staff will generate an agreement with Helt at 10% and then it will be brought in front of the Housing Corp for their consideration. The bigger decision here is to come to a conclusion as to which agency is making the decisions. Counsel will also bring back an agreement between the two agencies. Consensus to schedule a joint meeting of the two agencies and to task staff with obtaining cost of

development of plans, specifications by the hour for 16 units on the site from various architects, as well as Helt.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Strong, Edmiston, Adams

NAYS: Smith, Lessenevitch

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

AGENCY AGENDA None

CLOSED SESSION

CS 1. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.8; Confer with Real Property Negotiator regarding APN # 350-040-01

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Lemieux stated that the Board discussed CS 1, no formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Strong, second by Director Smith to adjourn at 6:20pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Hilliker
Agency Secretary

APPROVED BY AGENCY ON _____