

**REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, November 17, 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 the City Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams, Lessenevitch

ABSENT: None

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Director Strong, second by Director Edmiston to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS None

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS None

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR None

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Check Register dated 11/12/09

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

AYES: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams, Lessenevitch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Strong Ck #7638

CONTINUED BUSINESS

CB 1. Housing Occupancy Policy

Executive Director Weil reported that the RDA will have temporary control over the 6 housing units within the Legends Project until the completion of Phase I. A Housing Occupancy has been created by legal counsel and is now in front of the board for their consideration. Mr. Weil provided a summary of the terms of the policy, per public request.

No Board questions noted.

Motion by Vice Chairman Adams, second by Director Edmiston to adopt the Housing Occupancy Policy. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams, Lessenevitch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1. Townsend Public Affairs Proposal

Executive Director Weil reported that he had previously heard a presentation by Townsend at KernCOG and invited them to make a Proposal for Funding Advocacy Services to the Board. Christopher Townsend, President and Lisa Stark presented their proposal in detail. (handout) Their company is one of the top 5 lobbying firms in the state and one of the few lobbying firms committed to working on behalf of public agencies. Townsend has a broad range of skills and experiences in working with a wide variety of local, regional, and multi-jurisdictional agencies, in addition to their work on the state and federal level.

Public questions were addressed by staff and Townsend. It was also explained that the price quoted is all inclusive with no other hidden costs added into a project. (Current quoted price is \$5000.00 per month) Also discussed was how long a term a contract would be approved for and our ability to fund it. Chairman Lessenevitch voiced his concerns and requested that a few board members schedule workshops with the new city manager and Townsend. It was noted the importance of deadlines for a lot of available grants and that we need to work quickly at attempting to secure them. Consensus is to schedule workshop but to move forward with this proposal and let them start searching for available funding.

Motion by Vice Chairman Adams, second by Director Edmiston to approve the proposal for a 6 month period. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Smith, Strong, Edmiston, Adams

NAYS: 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

CS 2. Per Gov't Code Section 54956.8; Confer with Real Property Negotiator regarding APN # 216-010-02-5

CLOSED SESSION ACTION

City Attorney Lemieux stated that the Board discussed both items listed on Closed Session. Property Negotiator was given instructions on how to proceed, but took no final action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Strong, second by Director Smith to adjourn at 6:35pm.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Hilliker
Agency Secretary

APPROVED BY AGENCY ON _____