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CITY MANAGER

Welcome to the new and improved City Manager's Quarterly Report. With the help of Executive Coordinator Joni Almy, I've reorganized and refreshed this report to reflect a more modern information document. Brevity, clarity and transparency are the themes, to convey as much information regarding your City's activities as can fit on ±25 pages.

As always I am open to suggestions, comments and questions.

Yours in good government,

Randy Bynder
City Manager



City Manager's Report

The City Manager's Report is intended to keep the City Council, City staff and all others interested in City matters. Some information in this Report may be preliminary or ongoing and subject to change. Potential land use and/or economic development projects described are to be considered tentative (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this Report constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this Report. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

BUILDING & SAFETY

Building Permits Issued – Ten Year Comparison of Third Quarter Construction Activity

CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE (Jan-Oct)	TOTAL NUMBER OF PERMITS	TOTAL VALUATION	SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS	VALUATION OF DWELLINGS ONLY
2015	1,034	\$46,617,643	29	\$13,405,862
2014	1,578	\$ 65,267,451	38	\$24,515,579
2013	1,052	\$ 40,581,579	31	\$12,891,431
2012	822	\$ 26,289,069	11	\$ 4,735,055
2011	755	\$ 22,865,379	3	\$ 1,850,358
2010	867	\$ 27,810,522	5	\$ 6,350,183
2009	852	\$ 30,985,715	4	\$ 3,711,678
2008	865	\$ 46,645,375	14	\$ 7,023,743
2007	1,148	\$103,306,397	41	\$20,227,300
2006	1,015	\$ 65,972,274	68	\$26,383,036

Building Permit Highlights

- 236 photovoltaic permits with a total construction valuation of almost \$8,665,000 and total electricity generated of 2700 kw. These energy conservation permits will remove 1.9 metric tons of CO2 from the atmosphere thereby further reducing the City's carbon footprint.
- 225 energy efficient air conditioning and water heater replacement permits with a total construction valuation of almost \$3,141,000.
- 145 single family dwelling remodel permits with a construction valuation of \$5,679,951.
- 33 commercial tenant improvement permits with a construction valuation of \$3,200,924.
- 2 new commercial building permits with a construction valuation of \$3,800,000.
- 58 use and occupancy permits for new businesses.
- 84 fire department permits for fire protection and sprinklers.
- 1,024 total receipts collected by the City for building permits is \$900,094.
- 4,393 field inspections were conducted in this quarter averaging 25 inspections per day.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Comprehensive Approach to Code Compliance

Code Compliance is responsible for helping citizens maintain and preserve their property values, and providing Animal Services through the enforcement of the City's Municipal Code. Although compliance is the primary objective, the road to compliance may be complex. Taking the comprehensive route includes outreach opportunities to educate Home Owner Associations and residents alike in establishing measureable goals based on the community needs and to determine the magnitude of the issues in seeking cooperative resolution.

Highlights of the Division's 3rd Quarter accomplishments include:

- Received and processed **308** complaints with **371** violation types.
- Identify properties and create a database of addresses for notification to residents of special events in their area, specifically the new amphitheater and Solomon Estate.
- Receivership appointment of substandard multi-unit dwelling units for rehabilitation (construction/demolition to begin in mid-October).
- Secured and cleaned vacant/abandoned property within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the report. The property contained evidence of squatters who gained access through several unsecured doors and a broken window.
- Collected past due administrative fines in the amount of \$41,500 for a recently sold property (vacant for over 3 years).
- Performed sweep for temporary banners and introduced temporary banner application outreach program (over 20 businesses identified with banners).
- Over 100 various enforcement activities (phone calls, meeting and inspections) related to the deteriorated landscaping (lack of irrigation) and installation of a chain link fence around the perimeter of the golf course of Rancho Mirage Country Club

Code Compliance Fee Receipts

Business Licenses	\$ 30.00
Massage Permits	\$ 550.00
Administrative Fines	\$49,647.60
Abatement Fees	\$19,819.12
Document Releases	\$ 496.00
TOTAL	\$70,542.72

Inspections and Code Activities		Inspection Results	
203	Initial Inspections	6	City Abatements (includes graffiti and vacant properties)
284	Follow-Ups	19	Abatement by owners
115	Animal Control	219	Cases Closed
370	Phone Call Inspections	1	Administrative Citations Issued
31	Graffiti Inspections	47	Documents submitted for recordation at County
8	Weekend Inspections		
5	Massage Licenses		
25	Business Licenses		

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Successor Agency Long-Range Property Management Plan

Highway 111 & East Veldt – The potential buyer has submitted their plans for developing the vacant pad next to the former Mimi’s Café to Planning for review. The project is currently scheduled to be presented to the Architectural Review Board in October. The Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and buyer has an escrow closing date of April 2016.

Property Improvement Program

The Property Improvement Program allows eligible businesses to apply for two grants: monument signs and façade/property improvements. The monument sign grant provides eligible applicants up to \$15,000 in grant funds for the installation of a new or refurbished monument sign. The façade/property improvements grant provides eligible applicants up to \$50,000 in grant funds for the refurbishment of non-conforming and/or substandard properties on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis.

To date, the program has funded new signage for Rancho Mirage Professional Office Building, Allan Pitchko Galleries, Misty’s Consignments, Dr. Walsh Urology, Rancho Mirage Florist, the former Right Bank building, and Sleep N Den, with plans for new monument signs at Old Spaghetti Factory, The River, Wally’s Desert Turtle, and Kobe in the works. No façade or property improvement grants have been issued through the program; however, MJ Custom Furniture submitted preliminary plans for review at the close of the quarter.

Haggen Shopping Center

Haggen filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on September 9, 2015. On September 24, 2015 Haggen announced that it would be closing the Rancho Mirage location and stated that the store will continue to operate while they begin the process of closing down over the next 60 days. In the beginning of October, staff learned that Encino-based Gelson’s was making a bid to purchase eight Haggen locations, including Rancho Mirage. The purchase must be approved through the bankruptcy process and is expected to take up to several weeks. Gelson’s would bring a solid, quality grocer to the center.



Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center

Redevelopment of the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center is well underway. After closing escrow on the former City-owned Annex Building in December of last year, the center’s new owners, Paragon, quickly began the demolition phase of the project. To date, the former City-owned building, the former Chili’s building, and the inline tenant building that was home to Thai Smile have been demolished and a complete façade makeover of the former Vons (what will be home to a new Stein Mart) and adjacent inline spaces is under construction as well as the new right-in right-out on Highway 111.



Leasing activity for the center has been hot with leases for Hobby Lobby, Stein Mart, CVS, Brandini Toffee, Greens International Grocer and Ciro’s Ristorante all in place. Stein Mart is scheduled to open mid-October followed by CVS Pharmacy in November. Construction of what will be the new Hobby Lobby is scheduled to begin immediately after.

Verizon Wireless Cell Tower (CUP 13004)

Staff worked with the City Attorney's office to prepare an amendment to the land lease agreement between the City and Verizon. Although the amendment is still pending review by Verizon's legal team, the lease has been memorialized and officially commenced on August 1, 2015. Construction is estimated to be completed by December 31, 2015.

The River

Staff has met with the ownership group of The River on many occasions to discuss a variety of issues including: use of the amphitheater, landscaping, new signage, leasing activity, security, and property maintenance. Although Michaels Pizzeria and Sam's Sushi have recently vacated The River, two new tenants are on the way: Gioia Italian Bistro and Raymond Lawrence. Raymond Lawrence, currently located in Palm Springs, houses a unique collection of men's and women's fashion, furniture, home décor, gift items, and other accessories. This store should be a great addition to The River. Staff will be meeting with The River's owner representative and public relations firm in October to discuss progress.



HOUSING AUTHORITY

Southern California Gas Company

All residents received information regarding Bill-Assistance Programs for eligible low-income customers.

Cool Centers

Revised Cool Center locations emailed to all City Affordable Housing Projects and mobilehome parks.

Food Pantry Program Expanded

The Food Pantry Program now includes residents from Parkview Villas, Whispering Waters and Santa Rosa Villas. The food items are delivered to Parkview Villas and residents from the other property. Food items are picked up by the residents during the designated time scheduled for each property. The number of participants for all three properties is approximately 56 households. Approximate monthly saving for food items is \$100 per month.

Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Public Notice has been posted in all senior affordable housing projects.

Parkview Villas

The following is a summary of activity at Parkview Villas for the period:

- A new television for the clubhouse was purchased and installed after the prior one was stolen
- A new video security system was installed in the clubhouse as a result of recent incidents of theft and vandalism
- Staff obtained bids for landscape design for the exterior parkway along San Jacinto Drive and will be moving forward with the best option upon review
- Staff will be requesting bids for professional landscape design services for the interior of the property for a transition from turf to a desert landscape

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- The turf portions of the property will be overseeded while landscape design work and implementation takes place over the next several months
 - All palm trees were trimmed, with bids being obtained for the other trees throughout the property
 - An inoperable pump in one of the spas was replaced
 - New awnings for the two doors at the clubhouse/office are being installed
 - Staff will be requesting bids for roofing work on the garages and carports, as well as for carport beam repair/replacement and asphalt repair
 - The work to replace cabinetry and flooring continues
 - The property manager has continued to administer the free food pantry program, held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and funded through the Cathedral City Senior Center

San Jacinto Villas

The following is a summary of activity at San Jacinto Villas for the period:

- New property manager Lawrence Jeres was welcomed to the property
- The automatic doors to the office/clubhouse were repaired
- Courtyard fountains were turned off and drained in response to the drought
- Staff worked with Kirkpatrick Landscaping to address longstanding landscaping issues at the property through a plan to remove many troubled plants and trees, replant with more appropriate species and in fewer frequency, clean up and replant courtyards, and adjust the irrigation system to better work for the revised landscaping
- Trees were trimmed around the property

Santa Rosa Villas

The following is a summary of activity at Santa Rosa Villas for the period:

- A video security system was installed in the clubhouse
- A Mexican food dinner was held in September for residents of both Santa Rosa Villas and Whispering Waters
- A new community newsletter was implemented and named Santa Rosa Review after a naming contest was held among the residents
- Palm trees were trimmed, with bids being secured for trimming of the remaining trees
- Staff will be requesting bids for professional landscape design services for the interior of the property for a transition from turf to a desert landscape
- The turf portions of the property will be overseeded while landscape design work and implementation takes place over the next several months

Whispering Waters

The following is a summary of activity at Whispering Waters for the period:

- A new community newsletter was implemented and named The Whisperer after a naming contest was held among the residents
- Staff will be requesting bids for professional landscape design services for the areas of the property where turf exists for a transition to a desert landscape
- The turf portions of the property will be overseeded while landscape design work and implementation takes place over the next several months
- Food was distributed to the residents through the Food Pantry Program

Rancho Palms Mobile Home Park

The following is a summary of activity at Rancho Palms for the period:

- On September 3, 2015, at a Public Hearing, the Housing Authority Board approved the Draft Relocation Plan/Relocation Impact Report for Rancho Palms Mobilehome Park. The Housing Authority Board authorized staff to commence closure of the Park and to expend the necessary funds to cover related costs as outlined in the Report
- Replaced automatic spa timer switch
- Replaced damaged pool and spa handrail covers
- Mailed key to Environmental Health Department for the inspection of pool and spa equipment rooms
- As required by Environmental Health Department, installed emergency shut-off switch with identification sign for the spa
- Repaired broken pipe in spa equipment room
- Replaced filters in spa and pool
- Removed dying Washington Palm tree
- Serviced inoperable air conditioning unit in Clubhouse
- Removed telephone aerial wires and wooden poles from the property
- Re-keyed lock on Clubhouse rear door
- Repaired striker plate on pool gate
- Added metal plate to front pool gate to prevent illegal entry
- Installed chain and lock to secure front pool gate
- Cleaned parkway in front of the Park

PLANNING DIVISION

Planning Applications Submitted – July through September 2015

- 1 Conditional Use Permit
- 1 Final Development Plan
- 5 Minor & Major Modification Permits
- 2 Preliminary Development Plans
- 5 Single Family Permits
- 12 Sign Permits
- 2 Temporary Use Permits
- 1 Tentative Parcel Map Ext.
- 18 Use & Occupancy Permits
- 2 Variances
- 1 Zoning Interpretation
- 1 Zoning Text Amendment

Major Planning Projects – Applications Currently Being Reviewed/Processed

Section 19 Rancho Mirage Commons – Quorum Group

Staff has accepted applications for an amendment to the Section 19 Specific Plan and Development Agreement for the mixed use development in Section 19 known as Rancho Mirage Commons (a.k.a.

Desert Shores). In March, May and early June, staff met with the Section 19 Subcommittee on aspects of the Development Agreement. Tribal consultation under SB-18 regulations has been completed. The applicant and Section 19 Subcommittee are currently negotiating the proposed terms of the DA. Staff continues to meet with the Section 19 Subcommittee and receive direction on the terms of the Development Agreement and requested Specific Plan amendments.

Waterfront Pad Site – PDP15002

An application was submitted for the construction of a retail building on the undeveloped pad site adjacent to the west side of former Mimi's Café. The proposed building is 6,000 square feet and will consist of three retail tenants. The surrounding parking lot improvements have been previously installed leaving just the building and associated landscaping around the base of the building to be approved. Staff has reviewed the project and sent an incompleteness letter on September 22, 2015. Once the items in the letter have been addressed the project will move forward to the Architectural Review Board.

Tahiti Partners – PDP15003

On September 3, 2015 the applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan application for the construction of Tract Map 34435 on Da Vall Drive just north of the Tuscan residential development. The subdivision consists of 27 residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including retention basin) and a private cul-de-sac street with one main gated entrance. The name of the proposed development is Verdana and the PDP consists of three floor plans with homes ranging from 2,325 to 2,795 square feet. The application is currently under review for completeness.

Rancho Mirage, LLC. – TPMX-34741

An application for a time extension of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 34741 was received on July 27, 2015. An incompleteness letter was prepared and sent to the applicant on July 31, 2015 detailing some outstanding issues that needed resolving prior to further processing. Once the missing items are submitted, staff will finalize the analysis of this project and schedule it to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. The subject property lies on the east side of Vista Del Sol, midway between Frank Sinatra Drive and Country Club Drive.

Approved and Under Construction

Residential:

Escala (North and South) – Toll Brothers – TM's 32320 (N) and 32330 (S)

The applicant received City Council approval on April 21, 2005 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of three floor plans with associated landscaping for the two subdivisions. These subdivisions consists of 57 residential lots (on 30 acres), multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and looped private cul-de-sac streets each with one main gated entrance. Toll Brothers continues construction on both Escala South (11 lots) and Escala North (20 lots), using detached single-story house plans that range in size from 3,163 sq. ft. to 4,085 sq. ft. At this time, Toll Brothers had sold a total of 17 homes in both subdivisions with 12 lots remaining in Escala North and 2 lots remaining in Escala South.

Estilo – Toll Brothers – TM34227

The City Council approved this residential Development Plan on November 15, 2012 with four floor plans ranging in size from 2,995 to 3,790 sq. ft. with optional casitas. The subdivision consists of 39

residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including retention basins), and a looped private street with one main gated entrance. Currently the residential development remains under construction and to date, twenty-four (24) homes are either under construction or have been completed.

Revelle – Rudy Herrera (Family Development) – PDP13003

The applicant received City Council approval on September 3, 2013 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of five floor plans associated with the development of Tract Map 36235 located on Clancy Lane. The subdivision consists of 32 residential lots, multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and multiple private cul-de-sac streets with one main gated entrance and secondary exit/emergency access to Verbenia Road. The construction of seven homes including the model began in January 2014. The model home complex opened in June 2014. To date, eleven (11) homes are either under construction or have been completed.

Siena Vista Estates – Ken Cokeley – TM36530

SIENA VISTA
ESTATES On June 20, 2013 the City Council approved the applicant's Tentative Tract Map submittal for the subdivision of a 5-acre parcel into 10 single family residential lots and multiple lettered lots at the southeast corner of Landy Lane and Victory Drive. In conjunction with this application is a Preliminary Development Plan for the construction of 10 homes ranging in size between 3,500 and 3,800 sq. ft. plus three car garages. The first model home and all site improvements were completed in August 2015 and construction on the second home is anticipated to begin in fall 2015.

Verlaine – GHA Enterprises – TM36623 – PDP14003

On February 13, 2014, the Planning Commission recommended denial of a request by Verlaine Ventures for a General Plan/Zoning Map Amendment, Tentative Tract Map 36623, Development Agreement and Street Name Change for consideration of an 18 lot subdivision on 6.7 acres at Tangerine Lane and Palm View Road in the Tamarisk neighborhood. The City Council considered this case on March 20, 2014, and following public testimony, approved the request(s) with a modification to decrease the number of lots to 17, and to provide a secondary pedestrian emergency access gate and easement for the benefit or residents in The Colony Mobile Home Park. The subdivision will have private streets but will not be gated and will have a public access easement overlay to blend with the existing character of the non-gated neighborhood. The developer will complete the tract obligations of TTM 31800 while expanding the tract boundaries to include property along Sunny Lane. The developer submitted the PDP14003 application on May 30, 2014. The project was heard by the Planning Commission on September 18, 2014 and the Commission recommended approval. The City Council approved the project at its October 16, 2014 meeting. Site grading work began in December; single family homes will range from 3,188 -3,986 square feet. The model complex (three homes) was completed in June 2015.

Villas of Mirada – TM29389 – PDP04011

The applicant received City Council approval on November 18, 2004 for a Preliminary Development Plan including the construction of four floor plans with associated landscaping for the subdivision. The subdivision consists of 46 residential lots (on 47 acres), multiple lettered lots (including retention basin), and multiple private cul-de-sac streets with one main gated entrance. Twenty-eight (28) homes were constructed through the summer of 2013 when the remaining eighteen (18) lots were purchased by Davidson Communities. Davidson has completed construction of five homes with three additional homes currently under construction.

Commercial and Office Projects:

Desert European Motorcars – Indigo Group – PDP14002

On May 23, 2014, the applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan to add new sales and service auto dealership (Jaguar) to the existing Range Rover facility. The project was reviewed by the Architectural Review Board in August 2014. The project was considered by the Planning Commission in October and approved by the City Council November 6, 2014. Site grading commenced in January 2015 and building permits were issued in early March. The project was completed and a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony took place on September 2, 2015. This project is now completed.

Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center – CUP14006

On June 18, 2014, applications were submitted for a (Major) Modification and a Conditional Use Permit for a major renovation/remodel of the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center, which will include a new pharmacy with drive-thru. This project was approved by the City Council November 6, 2014. As of September 2015, Building A is nearing completion, and Buildings H, I and J and N are in various stages of the remodel process. Construction of the new CVS is well under way, and the new entry from Highway 111 has been cut and is being graded.

Rancho Mirage Rehabilitation Center – Falcon Companies – PM31761 and PDP07012

In December 2014, staff contacted David Hurst, with Falcon Companies, who will be purchasing the 43,336 sq. ft. private rehabilitation hospital on 6.79 acres at the southeast corner of Ramon Road and DaVall Drive project from Ray Sanders and the Dr. Bartell group.

- Business points have been agreed to and the acquisition agreements have been finalized.
- Construction will start after required OSHPOD modifications are approved. The new owner is anticipating a construction start date of fall 2015.
- A pedestrian sidewalk has been installed along Ramon Road.

At this point, the City will continue to monitor the acquisition to verify that it is moving forward.

City Projects:

Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion – City of Rancho Mirage – PDP13004

The construction drawings, specifications and bid documents for the Rancho Mirage Community Park Expansion Plan were finalized and Public Works accepted bids on the project through April 16, 2014. A pre-bid meeting was held on April 2nd. Bids were rejected and the documentation package was clarified and updated. The project was re-advertised as prevailing wage and was awarded by the City Council in October 2014. Construction began in December, 2014. Significant construction progress has been made on the amphitheater, grading and infrastructure with a completion date scheduled in conjunction with the 2015 Art Affaire.

Approved Not Yet Under Construction

RMSW, LLC / Thunderbird Resort – SPA14002 – PDP14007 – TPM36885

The applicant submitted a Preliminary Development Plan, Tentative Parcel Map, Specific Plan Amendment, and Environmental Assessment application for the construction of a 246,779 square foot development situated on 23.71 acres. The project known as “Thunderbird Resort and Spa” is a one and two story resort that includes a spa, fitness facility, restaurant, meeting rooms and residential

buildings. The project is situated on the south side of Highway 111 between Frank Sinatra and Mirage Cove Drives opposite The Atrium. The project was reviewed by ARB on January 12, 2015 and the Board requested a series of improvements both to the site and the architecture. Items were brought back before the ARB on March 9, 2015 the project received their endorsement. The project was reviewed and endorsed by the Planning Commission on May 14, 2015 and the entitlements were granted by the City Council on June 4, 2015. The developer is currently organizing the project's financing and finalizing the agreement with the resort operator. Prior to the applicant moving forward to submit construction drawings for approval, we anticipate the announcement of the hotel operator. After this is completed the construction documents would be completed for plan check review with an anticipated ground breaking of late spring 2016.

Sunnylands – MOD15008

On March 18, 2015, Lance O'Donnell, AIA submitted an application on behalf of the Sunnylands Trust to construct several new buildings on the Sunnylands Visitors Center campus. The buildings are proposed to be located west of the Visitors Center and include a 15,000 square foot administrative building, 7,374 square foot archive building, 13,746 square foot operations building and an 8,000 square foot storage building. The buildings are low profile and consistent with the mid-century architectural color and material palette. The applicant intends to pursue a LEED Platinum certification. The project was endorsed by the Architectural Review Board on June 22, 2015. The project was reviewed and endorsed by the Planning Commission on July 30, 2015 and the entitlements were granted by the City Council on September 3, 2015. The project's team will be working on finalizing construction documents to be submitted for plan check with an anticipated begin of construction beginning in the Summer of 2016.

Magnesia Falls Plaza – TPM36913 and MOD15006

Two applications were submitted recently in conjunction with Magnesia Falls Plaza (adjacent to the Rancho Las Palmas Shopping Center): a Minor Modification application for façade improvements, and a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) to convert each of the four buildings to office condominiums. The façade improvements were initially taken to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for comment on March 9, 2015. The ARB advised the applicant to reconsider some of the design elements, and reviewed the project again on April 27, 2015, at which time the project was endorsed by ARB. The TPM was submitted on March 26, 2015, and was approved by the Planning Commission on July 23, 2015. Both the Public Works and Building Departments are reviewing plans for recordation of the final map and the ensuing remodel.

DW Johnson – TTM36698

Planning processed an application for a seven (7) lot subdivision on 3.68 acres located on the south side of La Paz Road, midway between Thompson Road and Los Reyes Drive, in the early part of 2014; the subject zoning classification being R-L-2. The applicant proposed a gated entry to the development with desert landscaping along the La Paz street frontage. On April 24, 2014, the Planning Commission approved the project. City Council approved the project on May 15, 2014. The applicant has submitted improvement plans to public works and the plans have been approved. The applicant has not yet requested issuance of permits. The Tentative Tract Map is valid through May 15, 2016.

Los Angeles SMSA LP (dba Verizon Wireless) – CUP13004 and CUPX15001

The proposed project includes a proposed 60' tall monopalm with equipment building and backup emergency generator at 70-801 Highway 111, City Fire Station No. 1. The monopalm design

accommodates co-location of other carriers. The City Council approved the project on September 23, 2014, provided that building permits were acquired within in six months. The building plans were approved in February, 2015. The final lease agreement with the City has been executed, building permits have been issued and the footings were poured on Monday September 28th.

Rancho Bella (formerly Bella Sera) – Pelagic Real Estate – TTM36553 – PDP13005

Pelagic Real Estate LLC submitted an application for a Tentative Tract Map, Map No. 36553 and a Preliminary Development Plan for consideration of a 122 lot residential community at the intersection of Ramon Road and Rattler Road (to the south side of Rancho Mirage High School). The proposal includes five different floor plans with multiple elevations, common area landscaping and unique aesthetic amenities. The City Council approved the project on May 15, 2014, and reduced the number of lots to 115 and increased the landscaped open space. The applicant has begun submitting improvement plans for plan check. Public Works estimates that the improvement plans are about 90% complete.

Westin Mission Hills Cell Tower CUP – CUP13006

A wireless tower facility at the Westin Mission Hills was approved by staff to be integrated with the architecture of the conference room facilities over the parking structure. The apparatus will be entirely concealed within the architecture of the building. The project expires on November 21, 2015.

Meriwether Tracts (Section 30) – TTM's 36620, 36621 and 36622

Meriwether submitted a Specific Plan Amendment for re-alignment of Via Florencia (a public street) and three applications for three separate Tentative Maps in Section 30 to the north of Versailles. Two of the Tentative Maps consisted of nine lots on 5 acres and were approved by the City Council on July 31, 2014. The third Tentative Map consists of 82 lots in a gated community immediately north of Versailles (TTM 36620); this tentative map was approved by the City Council on December 4, 2014. Construction of the project is contingent upon the CVWD water line/reservoir project being completed or a "will-serve" letter from CVWD.

City of Rancho Mirage Section 30 Dog Park – The City of Rancho Mirage – PDP14006

A dog park was initially included in the Whitewater Park project, however, in October 2013, it was determined that the park was too small and removed from the project. In April, the Council conducted a Study Session, considered various sites, and generally agreed that a City owned site in Section 30 was a suitable location and was already zoned appropriately for such use. Further direction was given to work with the Section 30 Subcommittee and refine the proposal. Staff presented a revised site plan to the Subcommittee on July 22nd and the preliminary design and environmental assessment was forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration on September 18, 2014. The Commission conducted the public hearing and recommended that the item be continued to the October 9th meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval on October 9, 2014 and the City Council granted final approval of the project on October 16, 2014. Plans are nearly complete and the project is expected to go out to bid in October.

Special Projects

Zoning Text Amendment – ZTA15001 – Fencing in gated communities

Staff continues to monitor required and suggested changes in the Municipal Code. The City Council adopted ordinance #1090 which allows higher front yard privacy walls for gated developments if

permitted by the HOA. The second reading occurred on May 21, 2015, the ordinance became effective June 20, 2015.

Zoning Text Amendment –ZTA15003 - Rear Yard Landscape Ordinance

An Ordinance Amendment is currently being proposed that will protect existing residents ability to receive sunlight across property lines, to preserve a clear property line free from overhanging foliage, hedges, tree limbs and without obstruction from buildings, foliage, or other impediments installed or constructed by the developers of new subdivisions. The Planning Commission endorsed the proposed ordinance at their September 24th meeting and the first reading of the Ordinance will be considered by the City Council on October 15, 2014.

Staff Liaison Work

Trails Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2015.

Historic Preservation Commission

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2015.

For additional information on any projects, please contact the Planning Division at (760) 328-2266.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES

During the last quarter the Human Resources office was busy with open enrollment and recruitments. Open enrollment is the time when employees can make changes to their health plan. The following are the types of changes they can make:

- Add dependents
- Change health plans
- Delete dependents from health coverage
- Discontinue existing CalPERS health coverage
- Enroll in a CalPERS health plan if employee currently does not have CalPERS health coverage

Open enrollment began during this quarter but will end in the next quarter.

Due to the retirement of several senior employees we recruited for numerous positions at City Hall and the Library. We welcomed Mark Sambito, Director of Public Works; Street Maintenance workers Matthew Reynolds and Camilo Longoria; Angela La Pick, Library Clerk; and Deanna Rallo, Librarian.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness Commission did not meet in July or August. The Commission met in September and welcomed new



Commissioner Darrell Mulvihill. The Commission worked with the Marketing Department for display posters for National Preparedness Month. The posters were displayed at City Hall and the Rancho Mirage Public Library. Dr. Dennis Mileti, Technical Advisor provided a presentation to the Commission at the September meeting. The Commission is working on a "Map Your Neighborhood" program. The Commission is also working with City staff and the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce to implement a Business Outreach program, and a reminder to all HOA's to inspect their stormwater retention basins to prepare for El Niño.

ENERGY INITIATIVES

Staff from Administrative Services and Public Works has been working for months on an energy efficiency project to replace 180 street lights with new technology fixtures. Staff is also working on replacing pool pumps and thermostats at the Housing Authority properties with new energy efficient ones. Staff from both departments met with the selected contractor for a construction kick-off meeting on July 8th. The City will be receiving substantial rebates from Southern California Edison for these projects. A similar meeting was held on July 15th for the boiler replacement at City Hall. Administrative Services had no further meetings this quarter but the project planning, and implementation continued throughout the quarter on these energy projects. No construction activities occurred on the boiler this quarter.

GENERAL/MISCELLANEOUS

On July 16th staff and the City's consultant put on an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) training at the City Hall parking lot. Using our own parking lot as a test case, the consultant was able to explain to public works, building & safety, and planning staff, the intricacies of the ADA in relation to the parking lot striping and signage. As a result of the training/test case, Public Works will be making some improvements to the striping and signage in the City Hall parking lot. Another ADA training is being planned for later this year for City services (e.g. events at park or library).

INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Services (IS) is a division of the Department of Administrative Services consisting of one full time employee and one full time temporary employee. The division is responsible for developing and maintaining effective, reliable and secure information systems to support administrative functions of the City. Highlights of the Division's notable accomplishments from July 1st to September 30th, 2015 include:

- Relocated Records and IS Departments from temporary workspace to permanent space while maintaining a high level of service to City Hall staff.
- Completed Total Loss Report for items damaged in the basement flood.
- Completed Cyber Security Training for all staff in conjunction with the Marketing and Public Relations Department.
- Added new Domain Controller to Network.
- Resolved over 750 helpdesk requests.
- Upgraded 4 staff workstations with dual screen monitors.
- Deployed and/or reimaged 6 staff computers.
- Decommissioned remaining 3 computers running Windows XP.

- Virtualized irrigation controller PC computer for maintenance Yard.
- Set up new Wifi access point at the Signal Shop.
- Deployed mobile solution for Code Enforcement.
- Provided AV support for over 20 meetings at City Hall.
- Provided technical support to library.
- Performed one ergonomic workstation evaluation providing successful low-cost improvements to prevent future injuries and increase staff productivity.
- Replaced the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) for the audio-visual equipment in the City Council Chambers.

For additional information, please contact the Information Services Division at (760) 324-4511.

RANCHO MIRAGE COPS

The Rancho Mirage Citizens on Patrol Services (COPS) was formed in 1994 to serve as the “eyes and ears” for the Sheriff’s Department. COPS membership is made up of volunteers, ages 21 and older, who reside within the Coachella Valley. They assist in the reduction of crime by providing high visibility, direct communication and random daily patrols. As ambassadors of the City, they are trained by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department and Palm Springs Police Citizens’ Academy in non-confrontational matters, various aspects of police surveillance, reporting procedures, traffic control, CPR, first aid and emergency preparedness. There are currently 24 badged COPS serving the City.

Stats for COPS Patrols for the time period June-August are:

- Total miles driven – 7,157
- Total incidents – 137
- Total hours – 580 (patrol hours only; does not include administrative hours)
- Patrol value - \$13,583.60 (using \$23.42/hour value)

SPEAKER SERIES



The Speaker Series Commission met in July to discuss the catering needs for the VIP buffet receptions for the 2016 Speaker Series. The Commission also met in September and staff reported that the collateral has been approved and posters, bookmarks, VIP reception cards, and flyers were printed and received. The online tickets have been created and are ready for opening day on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. The initial press release was sent on October 1st for the general public. The website will be updated to include speakers and dates of their engagements on October 1st as well. The ad was also placed in the *RM Insider*.

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

- The City Clerk’s Office is responsible for recording City Council meetings and preparing corresponding minutes, coordinating filing/tracking of vital records according to State law, providing the public with access to City records pursuant to the Public Records Act, serving as

the election official for all municipal elections, and coordinating appointment/training of all City commissioners.

- The City Clerk's Office accomplished the following in the third quarter of 2015:
 - Prepared 5 meeting agendas (4 City Council, 1 Oversight Board).
 - Prepared 5 sets of meeting minutes (4 City Council, 1 Oversight Board).
 - Prepared 15 Resolutions (10 City Council, 3 Successor Agency, 2 Oversight Board).
 - Prepared 5 City Council Ordinances.
 - Prepared 7 proclamations/certificates.
 - Processed 66 recorded documents.
 - Facilitated Commission/Board Member selection process.
 - Organized Commission/Board Member orientation workshop.
 - Administered Oaths of Office to new Commission/Board Members.
 - Arranged for Registrar of Voters to deliver ballot box to City Hall and to consider the Library as a possible polling place.
 - Began processing election campaign disclosure statements.

RECORDS DIVISION

- The Records Division is the enforcer of the City's retention schedule. As such, staff follows the life cycle of each City document and assists each department with proper document disposition. The division was mandated in 2005 with the ongoing task of digitizing and storing all permanent City documents. Between 1997 and 2004, a total of 5,250 documents were scanned into Laserfiche. Today the system contains over 212,000 documents.
- The Records Division faced one of its greatest challenges this quarter with the basement flood. The division was temporarily relocated to a first floor conference room and document recovery began immediately. Affected permanent records were identified and freeze-dried in an effort to prevent further damage. The process continues as stored boxes are unpacked and proper document identification is ensured. Documents are then filed in new boxes and placed back into on-site storage.
- In addition to contending with flood-related issues, the Records Division accomplished the following in the third quarter of 2015:
 - Scanned 2,114 documents into Laserfiche.
 - Processed 75 Public Records Act Requests and 2 Subpoenas for Production of Documents (857 documents/emails generated).
 - Produced 66 agenda packets for 7 City Council and Planning Commission meetings.
 - Linked/posted 47 documents (agendas, press releases, public notices) to the City website.
 - Scanned and placed the FY 2015-2016, 2016-2017 Budget into Laserfiche and printed 32 budget books.
 - Prepared orientation binders for new Commission/Board Members.

MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The City of Rancho Mirage and the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce are collaborating on a year and a half long marketing campaign to grow spending at our City's restaurants. The campaign is designed to increase awareness of our City's restaurant offers and what's new at our dining

establishments by encouraging consumers to “like”, “friend” and “follow” us on social media. One of the objectives of campaign is to achieve the following results by the end of 2016:

- Facebook Target Objective: 8,000 Likes / Audience
- Twitter Target Objective: 10,000 Followers / Audience
- Instagram Target Objective: 10,000 Followers / Audience

Six months into the project the following has been achieved:

- Facebook: 5,335 Likes / Audience
- Twitter: 9,346 Followers / Audience
- Instagram: 6,830 Followers / Audience

Rancho Mirage restaurant owners are enthusiastic about the program and believe that it is making a difference. Other valley cities are asking the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce if their restaurants can be included in the program. Unfortunately they cannot.

Success has also been enjoyed in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) collection during the recently concluded fiscal year of 2014 / 2015. The total TOT collected for the fiscal year was \$7,782,498. This is a 38% increase over the previous fiscal year. The Ritz-Carlton Rancho Mirage contributed significantly to the increase. However 9% of the increase is due to occupancy and rate advances at the other Rancho Mirage lodging properties.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR JULY 2015

	<u>July 2014</u>	<u>July 2015</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	38,969	35,425	-10%
Patron Visits to Library	24,652	*22,827	-7.9%
Reference Questions	6,034	6,232	-6.1%
Holds/Reserves Filled	6,606	**3,520	-87%
Total Website Pageviews	75,569	***55,777	-26 %
Library Cardholders %	43,492	42,882	-1.4%
Cards Issued	429	353	%

Daytime Adult Programs	0	With	*0	Attendees
After Hours Programs	0	With	0	Attendees
Tutorials	17	With	17	Attendees
Preschool Programs	13	With	349	Attendees
Summer reading Club	19	With	1,200	Attendees

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LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2015

	<u>Aug. 2014</u>	<u>Aug. 2015</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	36,730	34,534	-5.9%
Patron Visits to Library	21,949	*19,487	-11.2%
Reference Questions	6,123	5,199	-15%
Holds/Reserves Filled	6,482	**NA	%
Total Website Pageviews	75,393	***47,386	-37%
Library Cardholders	43,810	43,299	-1%
Cards Issued	322	394	+22%

Daytime Adult Programs	0	With	*0	Attendees
After Hours Programs	0	With	*0	Attendees
Tutorials	7	With	7	Attendees
Preschool Programs	12	With	322	Attendees
Summer Reading Club	11	With	438	Attendees

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LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

	<u>Sept. 2014</u>	<u>Sept. 2015</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Items Checked Out	35,089	34,622	-1.3%
Patron Visits to Library	20,177	*19,987	-1%
Reference Questions	5,446	5,474	even
Holds/Reserves Filled	6,271	**NA	
Total Website Pageviews	72,458	***32,881	-55%
Library Cardholders	44,078	43,423	-1.4%
Cards Issued	250	281	+12.4%

Daytime Adult Programs	0	With	0*	Attendees
After Hours Programs	0	With	0*	Attendees
Tutorials	17	With	17	Attendees
Preschool Programs	19	With	467	Attendees
Family Programs	1	With	30	Attendees

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JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING FOR GENERAL AUDIENCES was suspended for the installation of solar shade covers for most Library parking areas.

JUST FOR KIDS

The Library offers four weekly storytimes for children:

Tuesday: 10 AM and 11 AM, Tiny Tot tales

Wednesday: 10 AM, Tiny Tot tales

Thursday 10 AM: Pre-School Stories and Me

The Tiny Tot Tales include stories and an arts and craft project.

The Pre-School Stories and Me include stories, singing and rhyming games.

SUMMER READING CLUB: June 22 – August 14, 2015

The theme: *Read to the Rhythm* - music, musical instruments, reading music, making music, reading about music and musicians.

- Participants 722
- books read 11,120
- program attendees 1983

EXHIBITS

The Annenberg Reading Room: Black and white photographs of Rancho Mirage, mid-twentieth century, from the City's archives.

Reference Room: Black and white photographs of Rancho Mirage, mid-twentieth century, from the City's archives.

Lobby Cases: "Read to the Rhythm" Children's Summer Reading Club theme

Children's Room

The art from Newberry award winning children's books.

Lobby Corridor to Café and Book Nook

Framed prints of book covers are in place for a lead-in for café and Book Nook patrons.

VOLUNTEERS

During **July 50** volunteers provided **930** hours of service.

During **August 47** volunteers provided **556** hours of service.

During **September 37** volunteers provided **585** hours of service.

PERSONNEL/CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Staff attended webinars about the new check-out system.
- Deanna Rallo is our newest part-time librarian. Deanna was last employed at the Betty Ford Center as a researcher and grants writer. She can assist us with both talents.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Projects under Construction

CP 12-284: RANCHO MIRAGE COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION/AMPHITHEATER

Park construction commenced on December 1, 2014 and will continue through December 2015. Public access to the park is closed during construction. The project improvements include an outdoor amphitheater, new grand arrival area, new children's playground area, a seven station fitness course, two new pickle ball courts, new landscaping and lighting and additional parking. The existing tennis, basketball and racquetball courts will remain in place. Funding for the construction consists of fees collected from new development and Successor Agency Bond Funds.

CP 12-272: GERALD FORD DRIVE LEFT TURN POCKET AT DA VALL DRIVE

This project was awarded to AToM Engineering at July 16th City Council meeting. Construction began September 28th with completion anticipated in late October/early November. The improvements will add a left turn pocket into La Toscana neighborhood entrance which will be paid for with former RDA funds. Two right turn lanes at Gerald Ford Drive were originally part of this project; however, they were removed due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary right-of-way. It is hoped that the right-of-way will be obtained within the next few months so the right turn pocket portion of the project can move to construction.

CP 12-270-2: CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS AT BOB HOPE/GERALD FORD INTERSECTION

This project will provide needed capacity improvements and provide an improved level of service for motorists at the intersection. The planned improvements include dual left turn lanes on Gerald Ford Drive (both directions) and added right turn pockets. Traffic signal conduits are in, inside median curbs have been poured, and the contractor is preparing to move to outside curb/catch basin and paving work. This is a 120-day project which should be completed no later than December 4, 2015.

CP 14-310: CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM & NEW PARKING SHADE STRUCTURES AT THE LIBRARY

This project is complete, with only a few minor items remaining to be addressed. Staff will take to Council for acceptance in November. Scope of work included construction of the infrastructure and improvements needed to supply the City's Public Library with nearly all its electrical power needs. Shaded parking structures with a solar panel roof system were constructed in the westerly parking lot of the Library, as well as the easterly staff parking lot.

Projects under Design

CP 14-311: DOG PARK (Via Vail & Key Largo)

The City Council approved the City's first dog park at the October 9, 2014 meeting. The project is five acres and will include a separate section specifically for small dogs (one-half acre) and for large dogs (one acre). Plans, specifications, and estimates are nearly complete, and the project will go to bid in late October, with construction beginning in January 2016. Project completion is estimated for May 2016.

CP 10-254: MONTEREY AVENUE (SOUTHBOUND) STREET WIDENING FROM DINAH SHORE TO GERALD FORD DRIVES

The City received an \$850,000 grant through the State Transportation Program (STP) for this street widening project. NEPA/CEQA environmental clearances have been received for the project. The City has retained a consultant to acquire the necessary right-of-way and utility clearances. The consultant has been negotiating with the owners of the eight properties, and it is anticipated that the acquisitions will be complete by the end of the year. Plans, specifications, and estimates are approximately 75% complete and should also be finished by year's end. Construction is tentatively scheduled for summer 2016.

CP 12-269: FRANK SINATRA DRIVE BRIDGE AT WHITEWATER RIVER

The City received a \$35 million Highway Bridge Program (HBP) State Grant to construct an all-weather bridge to replace the current low water crossing that no longer serves its intended purpose. The City's consultant has completed analyzing Project Alternatives and preparing the Environmental Document (PA&ED) for the project, which commenced on October 1, 2012. Preparation of final design plans and specifications began in July 2015 and will take 12-15 months for completion and Caltrans approval. If all goes as planned, bridge construction can begin in late 2016 with completion 18-24 months thereafter.

CP 12-270-1: BOB HOPE DRIVE/FRANK SINATRA DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This project will provide needed capacity improvements and provide an improved level of service for motorists. The proposed improvements will provide dual left turns in all directions and one additional thru lane on Bob Hope Drive (both directions) at the intersection. Final design alignment has been selected and City staff is awaiting Edison plans. The City has acquired the necessary right-of-way for the project. It is anticipated that the Edison relocation work will be scheduled for spring 2016, with the construction of intersection improvements to follow in summer 2016.

CP 13-287: HIGHWAY 111 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION (BOB HOPE DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMITS)

This project will remove and replace deteriorated asphalt pavement only. The City applied for and received a Surface Transportation Program pavement rehabilitation grant for this work. The City has received full environmental clearance and is currently preparing specifications for construction as part of the design phase. Once the City receives Caltrans authorization to proceed with construction the project can be bid and a contract awarded. This process will take 12-18 months.

CP 13-298: MAGNESIA FALLS DRIVE (HIGHWAY 111 TO JOSHUA ROAD), CHOLLA LANE, AND VERBENIA ROAD STREET RECONSTRUCTION

This project will replace aged and damaged curb and gutters and replace deteriorated asphalt pavement with new improvements in compliance with current city standards. A consultant has been hired to prepare engineering plans and specifications for public bidding. The plans have been reviewed by staff and returned to the consultant for corrections. The work is scheduled for construction in early 2016.

CP 15-315: LIBRARY OBSERVATORY

This project is funded through ROPS; budget is \$1,720,500. Project will go out to bid in November 2015 and construction starting around April 2016. Annual cost of operations and maintenance estimated to be \$100,000.

Preliminary Engineering/Grants

CP 12-283: STREETLIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAY 111 (PAXTON DRIVE TO EAST CITY LIMIT – 30 NEW STREETLIGHTS), (WEST CITY LIMITS TO MIRAGE COVE – 18 NEW STREETLIGHTS), AND (MIRAGE COVE DRIVE TO PAXTON DRIVE), CHANGE OUT EXISTING FIXTURES FOR NEW ONES

The City applied for and received a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant to install LED roadway lighting along the entire stretch of the City's busiest roadway - Highway 111. The addition of roadway lighting will provide enhanced nighttime visibility and greatly reduce potential nighttime collisions.

Being a federal grant, the process will likely take 18-24 months before the City can receive authorization to proceed with construction of the improvements. The City is awaiting Caltrans final approval on the environmental documents that are required to obtain authorization to proceed to the design phase.

CP 13-308: TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT & CONTROLLER CABINET EQUIPMENT UPGRADES ON HIGHWAY 111 (NORTH CITY LIMIT TO SOUTH CITY LIMIT), BOB HOPE DRIVE (FRANK SINATRA DRIVE TO HIGHWAY 111), COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE (BOB HOPE DRIVE TO MONTEREY AVENUE), DINAH SHORE DRIVE (KEY LARGO AVENUE TO MONTEREY AVENUE) & MONTEREY AVENUE (SOUTH CITY LIMIT TO NORTH CITY LIMIT)

The City applied for and received a Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant for this work. Once again the City's consultant is in the process of preparing the required environmental documents in order to proceed to design and eventually construction. We anticipate this project may take 18-24 months to get Caltrans authorization to bid and construct.

CP 14-313: CONGESTION MITIGATION AND SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG RAMON ROAD (NORTH SIDE), FROM LOS ALAMOS ROAD TO BOB HOPE DRIVE, AND SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG DINAH SHORE DRIVE (NORTH SIDE) FROM BOB HOPE DRIVE TO MIRIAM WAY

The City has been approved for \$855,680 in CMAQ/MAP-21 grant funds through CVAG. Caltrans has granted the City authorization to begin preliminary engineering work, including preparation of required environmental documents.

CP 14-314: SAND FENCE INSTALLATION ALONG BOB HOPE DRIVE (WEST SIDE), FROM THE SOUTH END OF THE AGUA CALIENTE CASINO OVERFLOW PARKING LOT TO DINAH SHORE DRIVE, AND ALONG DINAH SHORE DRIVE (NORTH SIDE) FROM 1,320 FEET WEST OF BOB HOPE DRIVE TO BOB HOPE DRIVE

The City has been approved for \$221,506 in CMAQ/MAP-21 grant funds through CVAG. Caltrans has granted the City authorization to begin preliminary engineering work, including preparation of required environmental documents.

CP 15-321: REPLACE EXISTING HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM SAFETY LIGHTS WITH 188 LED SAFETY LIGHTS ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES THROUGHOUT CITY

The City is replacing existing high pressure sodium safety lighting fixtures mounted on traffic signal poles with new LED safety lighting fixtures throughout the city. A contractor has been hired through the Regional Energy Network, who offers California public agencies the opportunity to procure energy

efficiency improvement projects on an expedited construction schedule through the use of pre-qualified and competitively bid contractor pools experienced in performing energy efficiency retrofits.

The contractor has ordered the fixtures and delivery is anticipated by late October. Completion of the project is expected by late November. Southern California Edison will reimburse the City \$40,000 at project completion.

Other News

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PM¹⁰ CONTROLS

The City's PM¹⁰ ordinance is in effect. All projects that require grading or demolition permits must submit a Dust Mitigation Plan, which we call the Local Air Quality Management Plan (or LAQMP) signed by the owner, contractor and a certified individual through the SCAQMD dust mitigation course. In response to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's "Guidelines for Dust Control Plan Review," and a growing concern that dust is not being controlled adequately, we have now updated our standard LAQMP forms. It is available as a 24" x 36" mylar to be attached with the grading plans or is available with the newly updated Standard Drawings by e-mail upon request. This way, the public is able to print their own.

PERMITS ISSUED DURING JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015

Grading	3
Encroachment	39
Transportation	17
Pool Drainage	8
Miscellaneous	6
TOTAL:	73

If the public wishes any additional information on any projects, please contact the Department of Public Works at (760) 770-3224.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS

Subcommittee members include Council members and support staff.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS			
GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
Affordable Housing Design Subcommittee Originally formed at 10-16-03 Council meeting and tasked with redesign of Santa Rosa Villas; reconfigured 9-14-04 by Ron Meepos.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith City Engineer Enos City Manager Bynder	<u>Assignment:</u> To assist in the site planning and unit design for sites held by the Housing Authority for affordable units. <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No activity to report.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS

GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
<p>Audit/Budget Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 7-14-05 by memo from Alan Seman.</p> <p>On 05-18-06 combined Audit with Budget Subcommittee.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Kite</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Finance Dir. Hagerman Other Dept. Dir. or staff as needed.</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Subcommittee to: 1) Perform the annual review of the City's reserve balances and recommend changes as necessary 2) Develop and approve the City's two year budget for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) All assignments completed.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Smotrich Councilmember Townsend</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Coordinate with members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's Executive Director related to services provided to the City by the Chamber.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) The subcommittee met in October with an update on the progress of meeting goals and objectives as presented in the contract for services provided.</p>	<p>Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Commercial Development Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Kite</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Dev. Kopp</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To review proposed and recently submitted commercial development projects.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) The Commercial Subcommittee met in August and was updated on several projects such as Thunderbird Resort & Spa and the Sunnylands Expansion project. A potential mixed use development project located in the cove property across from the Motel 6 was also discussed and feedback was given by the subcommittee.</p> <p>The Subcommittee convened on 9/21 to discuss the Ritz Carlton Extension on the 9th Amendment regarding owner occupancy restrictions for the condominium units and provided direction to staff.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Eisenhower Medical Center Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 4-19-07 Council meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp</p> <p><u>EMC Representatives:</u> Aubrey Serfling, President & CEO Ali Tourkaman, VP, Facilities & Construction</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To work cooperatively with representatives of Eisenhower Medical Center to ensure an effective partnership between EMC and the City on various concerns and topics of interest.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) Although Planning staff has not met with the EMC Subcommittee, staff did contact the Subcommittee members to inform them that Eisenhower is in the beginning stages of planning an expansion of the Lakeview Building to house outpatient surgery. The proposed building would be one story and approximately 60,000 square feet. The project will require a Preliminary Development Plan to be reviewed by ARB, Planning Commission and City Council. Once a Development Plan has been submitted and reviewed by staff we will convene a Subcommittee meeting for further update and direction.</p>	<p>Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Golf Club Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 9-19-02 Council meeting Per an email of 9/8/08 from then Mayor Meepos.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Contract Specialist Griego</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Golf Club for residents implemented January 1, 2003. Reconvene periodically to consider program modifications, terms and conditions of contract with provider, fees charged, etc.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) Membership fees increased to \$80.00 for calendar year 2015; the green fees and member fees per round increased by \$2.00 except during the period June 1 to September 30; the Westin is required to submit to the City names and addresses of Rancho Mirage members who renew their memberships so that those members will not have to come to City Hall to renew memberships; the expiration date of the New</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>

City Manager's Report

The City Manager's Report is intended to keep the City Council, City staff and all others interested informed in City matters. Some information in this Report may be preliminary or ongoing and subject to change. Potential land use and/or economic development projects described are to be considered tentative (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this Report constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this Report. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES WITH WORK IN PROGRESS

GROUP	MEMBERS INCLUDE	STATUS	SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT
		Agreement is December 31, 2016 with the option to renew.	
<p>McCallum Theatre Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 11-21-02 Council meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Kite</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Mgt Analyst Wilson</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Provide direction in implementation of a funding agreement with McCallum Theater.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No activity this quarter.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Mobilehome Liaison Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 03-17-05 Council meeting. At 04-21-05 Council meeting it was noted that Ron Meepos had replaced Harvey Gerber.</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill</p> <p><u>Community Member:</u> Mobilehome Park representative(s) to be invited as necessary.</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Attorney Quintanilla Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> Promote communication and develop a productive working relationship between mobilehome park HOAs, mobilehome park owners and residents of mobilehome parks. Also develop an enforcement system to carry out the Mobilehome Fair Practices Commission decisions and findings.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No activity to report.</p>	<p>Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Public Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed on 6/16/13 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Smotrich</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet, discuss and advise on public safety issues, programs, matters and fiscal matters.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No activity this quarter.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Section 19 Specific Plan Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 12-15-05</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dir. of Public Works Harry Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet with staff, consultant and invited property owners for the development of a Specific Plan in Section 19, which has now been drafted.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) The Subcommittee has been meeting with City staff and representatives from CVWD and Quorum Realty Funds to discuss the status of infrastructure development in Section 19. Staff has met on a couple of occasions with Tom Noya to discuss the application contents required for processing the requested Development Agreement, Specific Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment. The Subcommittee met on 06-09-15 to discuss the proposed contents of a Development Agreement. A letter regarding the Development Agreement and proposed Specific Plan Amendments was sent by the Economic Development Manager to Tom Noya. The Subcommittee met on 7/15 to discuss Mr. Noya's response. In August, the Subcommittee met to discuss the requested Specific Plan Amendments and DA and further direction was given to discuss details with the City Manager.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>
<p>Section 30 Planning Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 5-20-10 Council Meeting</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Mayor Pro Tem Weill</p> <p><u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp Dir. of Public Works Harry Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To review future development alternatives in Section 30, including property owned by the City of Rancho Mirage.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No recent meetings have been held.</p>	<p>Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.</p>

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Section 31 Subcommittee Formed 9-14-04 by memo from Ron Meepos	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Smotrich <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder City Attorney Quintanilla Planning Mgr. Kopp City Engineer Enos	<u>Assignment:</u> To discuss terms and conditions of a settlement agreement and development agreement between the City and property owners to allow a Partition Agreement to proceed. <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No recent meetings have been held.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Senior Citizen Advisory Subcommittee Formed 9-20-07 by memo from Mayor Hobart	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Townsend <u>Community Member:</u> Resident(s) of Housing Authority projects <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Econ. Dev. and Housing Mgr. Smith	<u>Assignment:</u> To continue the Council's liaison with the senior community. <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) No activity to report.	Subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.
Special Assistance Funds (SAF) Subcommittee Formed 7-18-02 Council Meeting 10-26-04 Ron Meepos appointed Harvey Gerber to serve in his place. 10-20-05 Council appointed Richard Kite to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Gerber.	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Smotrich <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Contract Specialist Griego	<u>Assignment:</u> Review and recommend changes in policies and evaluation criteria. Review submitted applications for funds and report back to Council with funding allocation recommendations. <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) Special assistance funds were awarded to 19 nonprofits on October 5, 2015.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Sphere of Influence (SOI) Subcommittee Formed 06-07-06 Special Council Meeting	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Hobart Councilmember Smotrich <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Planning Mgr. Kopp	<u>Assignment:</u> Review and analyze information and data related to City's Sphere-of-Influence (SOI). <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) Staff met with the subcommittee in January to provide an update on the proposed Section 24 projects being let by the Tribe (ACBCI) including the 340 acre Pulte homes project. Staff met with Pulte Homes on January 5 th , and we provided an update to the Subcommittee on the proposed application and status of the tribe processing the Specific Plan and EIR. We met again in March with Pulte Homes to discuss their annexation proposal. Based upon the direction of the SOI Subcommittee a letter was drafted that reiterated the City's position that all of Section 24 should be annexed to the City at the same time. The tribe has not changed their position and does not wish to be annexed at this time. As of late September, Pulte had contacted County Planning and may consider processing their proposed development under the county.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Sustainability Subcommittee Name changed from Solid Waste/ Recycling Subcommittee to Sustainability Subcommittee at 6-25-09 Council Meeting. Formed 6-17-04 Council Meeting	<u>Council:</u> Mayor Pro Tem Weill Councilmember Townsend <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Manager Bynder Mgt Analyst Wilson	<u>Assignment:</u> Meet on an as-needed basis to discuss issues related to sustainability. <u>Status:</u> (10-08-15) Met on August 25, 2015 to discuss the Turf Conversion Rebate Program and other City initiated turf removal projects.	Exempt from Brown Act as an advisory committee.
Tourism, Marketing and	<u>Council:</u>	<u>Assignment:</u> Develop a theme for and oversee the	Exempt from

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<p>Special Events Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 1-2005 by Ron Meepos; modified in conjunction with Marketing Plan approved by City Council in 12-2007.</p>	<p>Mayor Hobart Councilmember Smotrich <u>Staff Assistance:</u> City Mgr. Bynder Marketing Mgr. Barrett</p>	<p>production of the City's marketing strategies, communication, and public relations activities, both external and internal. Oversee the development and implementation of printed support materials and website services for City business and tourism promotions. Oversee social media campaigns as well as the production and placement of television commercials. Management the media and coordinate public relations activities. Management the city's special event and filming permit process. Produce the annual Art Affaire. <u>Status: (10-08-15)</u> Committee met to discuss an amendment to Vacation Rental Ordinance and a proposed policy for the rental and use of the Amphitheater at Rancho Mirage Community Park.</p>	<p>Brown Act as an advisory committee; related Tourism Advisory Committee subject to the Brown Act as a standing committee.</p>
<p>Zoning Ordinance Update Subcommittee</p> <p>Formed 11/08/10 by then Mayor Kite</p>	<p><u>Council:</u> Councilmember Hobart Councilmember Kite <u>Staff Assistance:</u> Planning Mgr. Kopp</p>	<p><u>Assignment:</u> To meet with staff pursuant to Municipal Code Section 17.02.030 to discuss a list of potential corrections, clarifications, interpretations and recommended updates to the Zoning Ordinance (Municipal Code Title 17) <u>Status: (10-08-15)</u> In October 2015, the City Council approved changes to the minimum lot sizes in residential zoning districts. Following a Commercial Subcommittee meeting, staff briefly discussed a proposed amendment with the Zoning Subcommittee restricting the height and placement of rear yard landscaping when adjacent to existing residences. The subcommittee gave feedback on the proposed Ordinance. The Planning Commission endorsed the proposed ordinance amendment on September 24, 2015 and the first reading of the ordinance will be considered by the City Council on October 15, 2015.</p>	

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