



Thursday, April 3, 2025, 1:00 PM
City Council Chamber
69-825 Highway 111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RANCHO MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, ENERGY AUTHORITY,
HOUSING AUTHORITY, JOINT POWERS FINANCE AUTHORITY, LIBRARY
AND OBSERVATORY, AND REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY BOARDS**

MINUTES

1. GENERAL

1A. Call to Order – 1:01 P.M.

1B. Flag Salute – Led by Mayor Weill.

1C. Roll Call: Downs, Fromberg Edelstein, O'Keefe, Mallotto, Weill – All Present.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2A. Introduction of Sheriff's Lieutenant Christopher Ternes

Lieutenant Christopher Ternes shared an overview of his professional background.

2B. Shay's Warriors Update

Council Member Fromberg Edelstein shared Shay's Warriors mission. She then introduced Shay Moraga, Founder and Board President of Shay's Warriors, and Board Member Maddy Botello, who provided an update on the organization.

2C. Ophelia Project Update

Mayor Pro Tem Mallotto highlighted the mission of the Ophelia Project and introduced several key individuals: Kippy Laflame, Director of Engagement; Claudia Garcia, Rancho Mirage High School Counselor; Dayanarra Diaz Fernandez, Rancho Mirage High School Student Scholarship recipient; and Dr. Paula Kinney, Ophelia Project Mentor.

Ms. Laflame expressed gratitude for the City Council's support and presented a video highlighting the organization. Ms. Diaz Fernandez shared her experience as a participant in the Ophelia Project.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals provided non-agenda public comments: Patrick Lowry, Susan Ragsdale, Wally Melendez, and Brad Anderson.

4. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

The following individual provided public comments: Brad Anderson.

Council Member Fromberg Edelstein spoke regarding the 988 Mental Health Help Lifeline, a joint initiative of Southern California United Way and Riverside University Health System.

Council Member O'Keefe welcomed Lieutenant Christopher Ternes, expressed appreciation for the earlier presentations, and extended heartfelt condolences to the family of Steve Ezer. He provided details about upcoming events, including the FIND Food Bank Telethon, The Joslyn Center Fashion Show, Desert Theatricals' presentation of *Hairspray*, and Rancho Mirage's Earth Day Celebration.

Council Member Downs spoke about The Galleri Classic Champions Pro Golf Tournament and congratulated tournament winner Steve Allan.

Mayor Pro Tem Malotto reported on her experience serving as Principal for a Day at the Rancho Mirage Elementary School.

Mayor Weill reported his attendance at the 33rd Annual Senior Inspiration Awards and recognized Rancho Mirage's 2025 honoree, Murray Bryant.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS/REPORTS – None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. March 6, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the March 6, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

6B. 2024 Board and Commission Annual Reports

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the 2024 board and commission annual reports as presented.

6C. Contracts

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the terms of the contracts as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute the subject contracts.

6D. Demands

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the demands as presented.

The following individual provided public comments: Brad Anderson.

**MOVED/SECONDED BY DOWNS/O'KEEFE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED 5/0.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7A. Section 31 Town Center (Cotino) - Environmental Assessment Case No. EA24-0012 and Tentative Tract Map Case No. TTM24-0004 (TTM No. 38990). Applicant: MSA Consulting, Inc. on Behalf of EC Rancho Mirage Holdings LP. Consideration of a Finance and Conveyance Map Solely to Facilitate the Creation of Legal Parcels. Located Approximately 650 Feet South from the Intersection of Monterey Avenue and Gerald Ford Drive, on the West Side of Monterey Avenue (APNs: 685-220-047; 685-220-048; 685-540-035; and 685-540-036)

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption based on Environmental Assessment Case No. EA24-0012 and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 (Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations); and 2) Approve Tentative Tract Map Case No. TTM24-0004 (TTM38990), subject to the Conditions of Approval and based on the content and Findings in the staff report.

Pilar Fløtterud, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

MOVED/SECONDED BY MALLOTTO/DOWNS TO:

- 1. APPROVE THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CASE NO. EA24-0012 AND PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES SECTION 15162 (SUBSEQUENT EIRS AND NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS); AND**

2. **APPROVE TENTATIVE TRACT MAP CASE NO. TTM24-0004 (TTM38990), SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND BASED ON THE CONTENT AND FINDINGS IN THE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT.**

MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

7B. Extension of Time Case No. ET25-0002. Applicant: Bravo Holdings, LLC. Consideration of a First One-Year Extension of Time for Tentative Tract Map Case No. TTM22-0002 (TTM No. 38222). The Previously Approved Project Proposes to Subdivide a 10.12-Acre Parcel into Eight (8) Residential Lots and Three (3) Lettered Lots, Including a Private Street. Located on the East Side of Vista Del Sol, Just East of The Betty Ford Center and West of Vista Dunes Road (APNs: 685-280-002; -003)

— RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve a one-year Extension of Time (ET25-0002) for Tentative Tract Map Case No. TTM22-0002 (TTM 38222), subject to the Conditions of Approval and based on the content and Findings in the attached staff report.

Pilar Fløtterud, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Dusty Knapp, Project Consultant, answered Council's questions regarding project delay regarding Coachella Valley Water District.

A discussion ensued.

MOVED/SECONDED BY FROMBERG EDELSTEIN/DOWNS TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME (ET25-0002) FOR TENTATIVE TRACT MAP CASE NO. TTM22-0002 (TTM 38222), SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND BASED ON THE CONTENT AND FINDINGS IN THE ATTACHED STAFF REPORT. MOTION CARRIED 5/0.

8. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

8A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL INITIATION OF LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4). (1 Potential Case)

Colin Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, reported that the City Council would recess into closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding one potential initiation of litigation item.

9. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Weill recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 2:20 P.M.

10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

10A. Roll Call: Downs, Fromberg Edelstein, O'Keefe, Mallotto, Weill

Mayor Weill reconvened the meeting at 3:45 P.M., with all members present.

10B. Closed Session Announcements

Colin Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, reported there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Weill adjourned the meeting at 3:47 P.M.

Date Approved by City Council: 04/17/2025


Kristie Ramos, City Clerk