

# PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Closed Session 3:30 p.m.; Regular Session 4:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

73-510 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert, California

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1. **CALL TO ORDER - CLOSED SESSION - 3:30 P.M.**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**  
This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the City Council on items contained only on the Closed Session Agenda within the three-minute time limit. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of this agenda.
3. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
4. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**  
The following items will be considered in closed session:
  - 4.a **Closed Session Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2025**
  - 4.b **Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1**  
VillasPD, LLC v City of Palm Desert  
Case number: CVPS2404242
  - 4.c **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
  
(Number of potential cases: 1)
  - 4.d **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
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(Number of potential cases: 1)
5. **ROLL CALL - REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.**
6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Mayor Pro Tem Trubee
7. **INSPIRATION**  
Mayor Harnik
8. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**  
City Attorney Shah
9. **AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**
  - 9.a **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION** 9
  - 9.b **MCCALLUM THEATRE UPDATE** 11
10. **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**
11. **MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR ACTION**

**12. NONAGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time has been set aside for the public to address the City Council on issues that are not on the agenda for up to three minutes. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of the agenda. Because the Brown Act does not allow the City Council to act on items not listed on the agenda, members may briefly respond or refer the matter to staff for a report and recommendation at a future meeting.

**13. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. The public may comment on any items on the Consent Agenda within the three-minute time limit. Individual items may be removed by the City Council for a separate discussion.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

- 13.a APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES** 25

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Approve the Minutes of March 27, 2025.
- 13.b APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS** 35

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Approve the warrant registers issued for the period 3/20/2025 to 4/3/2025.
- 13.c RATIFICATION OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO FUNDING REQUESTS FOR AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND VIRTUAL REALITY RESEARCH AND RETRAINING CENTER AND REGIONAL ENTREPRENEURIAL RESOURCE CENTERS PROGRAM** 75

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Ratify letters of support for California State University, San Bernardino's (CSUSB) Community Project Funding requests for the establishment of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Virtual Reality (VR) Research and Retraining Center and the Regional Entrepreneurial Resource Centers Program.
- 13.d RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INLINE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM AND TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT** 81

**RECOMMENDATION:**  
Ratify the letter of support for the City of Palm Springs' Community Project Funding request for the Palm Springs International Airport Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project.

- 13.e LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 664 (OCHOA BOGH) AND MONITOR ASSEMBLY BILL 262 (CALOZA) 85**
- RECOMMENDATION:
1. Direct staff to take a monitor position on Assembly Bill 262 (Caloza) – California Individual Assistance Act, allowing staff to track the bill as it progresses and return for further City Council consideration once a legislative analysis and fiscal impact are available.
  2. Authorize the issuance of a letter of support for Senate Bill 664 (Ochoa Bogh) – Blue Envelope Program.
- 13.f LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 346 (DURAZO) – TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATORS 99**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
Authorize the issuance of a letter of support for Senate Bill 346 (Durazo) relating to transient occupancy taxes and short-term rental facilitators.
- 13.g LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 79 (WIENER) –TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT 111**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
Authorize the issuance of a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 79 (Wiener) relating to transit-oriented development.
- 13.h RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY CLRK-003 - LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL LETTERS 147**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
Adopt a resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY CLRK-003 - LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL LETTERS.”
- 13.i RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS MARKETING PANEL AND CLARIFYING MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS 153**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
Adopt a resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC AFFAIRS MARKETING PANEL TO BE ADVISORY TO THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-012.”
- 13.j ACCEPTANCE OF A RESIGNATION FROM THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE 159**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
With regret, accept the resignation of Brooke Beare Stjerne from the Civic Engagement Committee.
- 13.k HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE 2025 ANNUAL WORK PLAN 161**
- RECOMMENDATION:  
Approve the Homelessness Task Force's 2025 Work Plan.

- 13.l PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2025 WORK PLAN 163**

RECOMMENDATION:  
Approve the Public Safety Committee’s 2025 Work Plan.
- 13.m APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO C47750 WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC., OF INDIO, CA, FOR ADDITIONAL ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES (PROJECT NO. MLS00026) 165**

RECOMMENDATION:

  - 1. Approve Change Order No. 1 to C47750 with West Coast Arborists, Inc. of Indio, CA, for additional arboricultural services to increase compensation in an amount not to exceed \$275,000; for a total annual amount of \$1,389,125.
  - 2. Authorize the City Attorney to make any necessary non-monetary changes to the agreement.
  - 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute said Change Order.
- 13.n REJECT ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC ART AND EL PASEO SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 197**

RECOMMENDATION:

  - 1. Reject all proposals submitted for Public Art and El Paseo Sculpture Maintenance Services.
  - 2. Authorize staff to solicit new proposals for these services.
  - 3. Authorize staff to negotiate and the City Manager to execute a six-month contract with Rice Construction from July 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, to ensure continuity of service during the re-bidding process.
- 13.o AWARD CONTRACT TO TRI-STAR CONTRACTING II, INC. FOR ON-CALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND SPACES (PROJECT NO. SST00001) 199**

RECOMMENDATION:

  - 1. Award a Maintenance Services Agreement with Tri-Star Contracting II, Inc., of Desert Hot Springs, California, in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for FY 2024-25, and \$500,000 annually thereafter for a 38-month term with the option of (2) additional one-year extensions.
  - 2. Authorize the City Attorney to make necessary non-monetary changes to the agreement.
  - 3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate this action, in accordance with Section 3.30.170 of the Palm Desert Municipal Code.

**13.p APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. C41450 WITH HINDERLITER, DE LLAMAS AND ASSOCIATES (HDL) TO CONTINUE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AND FEES ADMINISTRATION 261**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C41450 with HdL to extend the term for one (1) year.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make any non-monetary changes to the agreement.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any amendments to the agreement.

**13.q AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. C47070 WITH FLOCK SAFETY FOR EXPANSION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) SYSTEM; APPROPRIATION AND USE OF CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY/SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUNDS 301**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. C47070 with Flock Safety in the amount of \$138,750 for the purchase and installation of 44 additional cameras.
2. Authorize appropriation in the amount of \$133,000 from Fund 229-Public Safety Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund Balance (COPS/SLESF) to Account No. 2294210-4391400.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 and any necessary documents, and to make non-monetary modifications as needed.

**14. ACTION CALENDAR**

The public may comment on individual Action Items within the three-minute time limit. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of the agenda.

**14.a CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT 351**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Interim City Manager Employment Agreement with Christopher Escobedo, effective March 24, 2025.

**14.b PROVIDE DIRECTION ON LIBRARY FOUNDATION CONSIDERATIONS 355**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide direction on City/Library Foundation considerations.

**15. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The public may comment on individual Public Hearing Items within the three-minute time limit. The applicant or appellant will be provided up to five minutes to make their presentation. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of this agenda.

**15.a RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF THE DUI DRIVER AND VEHICLE IMPOUND COST RECOVERY FEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.25 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF THE DUI DRIVER AND VEHICLE IMPOUND COST RECOVERY FEE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 10.25 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2014-95."

**16. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**18. PUBLIC NOTICES**

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/S/ Michelle Nance  
Acting Assistant City Clerk