



CITY OF PALM DESERT

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: January 10, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting of January 11, 2024

Below you will find questions received from the Mayor or Councilmembers and answers provided by City staff regarding tonight's City Council meeting:

ITEM 2a: STUDY SESSION: RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROGRESS OF MUNICIPAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND NEXT STEPS

Q1: With the library being closed in May and June, will there be an additional location added as a cooling center to offset the most used cooling center due to extended service hours?

A1: Cooling Centers open in Riverside County on June 1. During the month of June, while the library is closed, the Joslyn Center and Portola Community Center have agreed to admit all individuals seeking a cooling center. City staff are reaching out to other city partners to seek their assistance in operating as a cooling center during the month of June and potentially beyond June.

ITEM 13c: ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025, PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34177 AND TAKING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS

Q1: Item 4, under ROPS 21-22 Cash Balance; Comments describe Litigation Deposit. How are the funds generated/ distributed?

A1: The deposit (originally \$150,000) was made by the former redevelopment agency prior to dissolution. It was intended for any SARDA litigation but has and continues to be used for costs related to the Stipulated Judgment. The Stipulated Judgment was against the City and in favor of the Western Center on Law and Poverty (obligations listed as line numbers 32, 86, 119, and 160 on the ROPS). In brief: The judgment dates to the 90's and like many other cities, required Palm Desert to use its 20% housing set aside funds, generated from redevelopment pass through monies, at a more restrictive level than what was required by law.

Although the State Department of Finance has not permitted SARDA to receive payments for the judgment in years, we will not retire the obligation until we receive a vacation of the judgment. To date, one has not been received so that is why it continues to be listed on our ROPS with no request for funding. Staff continues to work with legal to determine if alternative options are available. Costs for those services will eventually deplete the deposit. If at some point the judgment is vacated and funds remain on deposit, they will be returned to SARDA and used to pay for other obligations listed on the ROPS.

ITEM 14b: AWARD CONTRACT TO ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN INC. OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO DEVELOP PALM DESERT VISION ZERO STRATEGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$948,920, AND APPROPRIATE \$66,980 IN UNOBLIGATED GENERAL FUND REVENUE (PROJECT NO. GSS00001/CST00018)

Q1: Media Market estimates references non-traditional modes, including pole banners. Would the banners only be placed along the proposed safe routes?

A1: Non-traditional modes, including pole banners, are not limited to any geographic location in Palm Desert.

ITEM 14d: APPROVE THE 2024 LIST OF SOCIAL MEDIA COMMEMORATIONS

In compiling the list of 2024 Social Media Commemoration submitted for consideration, staff inadvertently omitted LGBTQ Pride Month and Greater Palm Springs Pride, both of which were commemorated on the City’s social media channels in 2023. The attached list has been updated to include them.

ITEM 15a: PALM DESERT REDISTRICTING 2023: PUBLIC HEARING #5 REGARDING REDISTRICTING OF CITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES – CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES MAP AND ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

It was brought to City staff’s attention that the Future Projected Growth Table was not updated to correlate to “Map 109 Renumbered B.” The below chart has been updated to reflect the renumbering of districts:

Future Projected Growth

In June 2023, City staff provided a map depicting residential projects already approved or under construction north of Fred Waring Drive. As previously noted, the City may consider future population growth when selecting a final map provided that federal and state criteria have been met. The below chart summarizes the number of units and projected population growth in each of the districts as represented on the draft maps eligible for adoption.

	Map 102b/103b		Map 104		Map 105		Map 109 Renumbered B	
	Units	Population	Units	Population	Units	Population	Units	Population
District 5	4,200	8,904	4,200	8,904	2,457	5,209	1,488	3,155
District 4	69	146	69	146	69	146	69	146
District 3	418	886	418	886	2,161	4,581	3,130	6,635

City of Palm Desert 2024 Social Media Annual Holidays and Commemorations

New Year's Day	Father's Day
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	Juneteenth
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	First Day of Summer
National Plan for Vacation Day	National Indigenous Peoples Day
International Holocaust Remembrance Day	/Columbus Day
Remembrance Day	Canada Day
Groundhog Day	Independence Day (Fourth of July)
Lunar New Year	Eid al-Adha
Valentine's Day	Emergency Preparedness Month
Presidents' Day	Hunger Action Month
Zero Discrimination Day	Patriot Day
International Women's Day	Rosh Hashanah
St. Patrick's Day	Yom Kippur
First Day of Spring	Hispanic Heritage Month
César Chávez Day	Mexican Independence Day
Passover	First Day of Fall
Easter	World Tourism Day
Ramadan	Earthquake Preparedness Month
Eid al-Fitr	Great California ShakeOut Day
Holocaust Remembrance Day	Halloween
Administrative Professionals Day	National Native American Heritage Month
Earth Day	
Bike Month	Greater Palm Springs Pride
Cinco de Mayo	Veterans Day
Mother's Day	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	World AIDS Day
Armed Forces Day	Hanukkah
LGBTQ Pride Month	Human Rights Day
National Trails Day	First Day of Winter
Flag Day	Christmas
	New Year's Eve