

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING ITS RESOLUTION NO. 2015-91 AND RESTATING ITS POLICY ON THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND THE OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, must appoint from its own Members two Councilmembers to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore; and

WHEREAS, it has been the desire of each City Council serving the City of Palm Desert since incorporation to make these positions honorary in nature, held for a one-year period of time; and

WHEREAS, it is this City Council's opinion that each Member elected to the Council is equally qualified and deserving to hold these offices, and each Councilmember should be given ample opportunity to serve in one or both of these offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, State of California, that the appointments of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore shall be made on an annual rotating basis, and no one Councilmember shall serve a term in either office to exceed a one-year period of time, except when completing the term of a prior Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tempore for less than six months. The selection shall be made and the term commence at the first regular Council Meeting in December each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in appointing Mayor Pro-Tempore, priority shall be given to the Member with the longest continuous service since last serving as Mayor, if ever. In appointing Mayor, priority shall be given to the immediately preceding Mayor Pro-Tempore; if the immediately preceding Mayor Pro-Tempore is unwilling or unable to serve as Mayor, priority shall be given to the Member who would otherwise have priority to be appointed Mayor-Tempore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to any Member of the Council being appointed as Mayor, such Councilmember shall have been either a Member of the Council for approximately two (2) years, and the Mayor Pro-Tempore shall have been a Member of the Council for approximately one (1) year prior to being selected for those respective offices; or in the absence of this occurrence, the Member's having served at least one term on the Palm Desert Planning Commission will be sufficient eligibility for appointment to the office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when two or more Members of the Council are sworn into office on the same day after being elected in the same Municipal Election and in the same district, the order of their service in the Mayoral Rotation shall be established

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by number of votes received at said election, with the Member receiving the highest number of votes being inserted first into the Mayoral Rotation, and the person receiving the next-highest number of votes being inserted next, and so on.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when two or more Members of the Council are sworn into office on the same day after being elected in the same Municipal Election and are in different districts, the order of their service in the Mayoral Rotation shall be established by a coin toss, with the winner being inserted first into the Mayoral Rotation.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 30th day of September, 2021 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: HARNIK, JONATHAN, NESTANDE, QUINTANILLA, and KELLY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



KATHLEEN KELLY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



NORMA I. ALLEY, MMC, CITY CLERK
CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA