

**Palm Desert City Council, Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment  
Agency, and Housing Authority**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Jan Harnik, Councilmember Gina Nestande,  
Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla, Councilmember Evan Trubee,  
and Mayor Kathleen Kelly

**1. CALL TO ORDER - CLOSED SESSION - 3:30 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Palm Desert City Council was called to order by Mayor Kelly on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY**

None.

**3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Kelly adjourned to Closed Session at 3:31 p.m.

**4. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

The following items were considered in closed session:

**4.a Closed Session Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2023**

**4.b Conference with Real Property Negotiations pursuant to Government Code  
Section 54956.8**

**4.b.1 Property Description: APN Nos. 694-410-003; 694-160-005 through  
008, 694-160-011; 694-120-025; and 685-010-005**

Agency: City of Palm Desert

City Negotiator: Todd Hileman, Chris Escobedo, Eric Ceja

Negotiating Parties: TR Funding II LLC; SG & H Cook Street, LLC; Palm  
Desert University Gateway; First St. Financial Center Lomitas

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**5. ROLL CALL - REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.**

Mayor Kelly reconvened the City Council meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Trubee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**7. INSPIRATION**

Mayor Kelly provided words of inspiration.

**8. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Assistant City Attorney Shah stated that direction was given by the City Council; no reportable actions were taken.

**9. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Kelly presented a proclamation to the participants of the Mini-Muster program from Fire Station No. 33 in celebration of its 31st year of bringing fire safety awareness to Palm Desert elementary school students. She also thanked the Historical Society of Palm Desert for their collaboration with the Fire Department.

**10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Kevin Kalman, Desert Recreation District, narrated a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming rehabilitation project at the Palm Desert Community Center.

**11. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR ACTION**

Councilmembers reported on their attendance at various meetings and events. It was further reported that Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla and Councilmembers Trubee and Harnik attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Sacramento. Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla encouraged the City Council to consider supporting various legislative efforts related to drug safety and prevention policies; noted the Cultural Resource Preservation Committee will bring forward a recommendation to create a historic district. Councilmember Harnik reported on Southern California Association of Governments' efforts relative to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

**12. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Barbara Wasserkrug, Palm Desert resident, expressed concerns regarding license plate reader data sharing.

David Tsikman, Palm Desert resident, shared information regarding recent and upcoming events in the local Jewish Community.

Nancy Gutierrez, Palm Desert resident, requested the City Council adopt a ban on any future mask and vaccine mandates.

Steve, Desert Hot Springs resident, expressed concerns about central government planning and displayed a poster against the United Nations Agenda 21.

**13. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

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

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Approve the Minutes of September 14, 2023.

**Motion Carried**

**13.b APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Approve the warrants issued for the period 7/25/2023 to 9/14/2023.

**Motion Carried**

**13.c APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PALM DESERT GOLF CART PARADE**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

1. Permit the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Public Property pursuant to Palm Desert Municipal Code 9.58.040.
2. Waive Palm Desert Municipal Code Section 11.01.140 – Amplified Sound, during the event.
3. Approve a budget transfer of \$25,000 from the Police Services Account No. 1104210-4304000 to Account No. 1104210-4304200 (Police Contingency).
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute any documents that may be necessary to facilitate the event.

**Motion Carried**

**13.d RESOLUTION NO. 2023-046 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONICALLY FILED GOVERNMENT CLAIMS**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Adopt Resolution No. 2023-046 entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONICALLY FILED GOVERNMENT CLAIMS.”

**Motion Carried**

**13.e AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2023, IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Authorize out-of-state travel for the City Manager to attend the International City/County Management Association Annual Conference on September 30 through October 4, 2023, in Austin, Texas.

**Motion Carried**

**13.g SUCCESSOR AGENCY - APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT NO. C46320A-Z BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF PALM DESERT FOR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 620-400-025**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

1. Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) No. C46320A-Z between the Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency (SARDA) and the City of Palm Desert for Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 620-400-025.
2. Authorize the Executive Director and the SARDA Attorney to make non-monetary changes to the PSA.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the PSA and all related documents for the sale.

**Motion Carried**

**13.h SUCCESSOR AGENCY - ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. SA-RDA 101 DECLARING ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 620-400-025 "EXEMPT SURPLUS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SURPLUS LAND ACT**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Adopt Resolution No. SA-RDA 101 entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DECLARING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54221(b) AND 54221 (f)(1)(D) THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 620-400-025 IS EXEMPT SURPLUS; AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS."

**Motion Carried**

**13.i ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY'S CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY/SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FUND (COPS/SLESF) EXPENDITURE PLAN AND FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Accept the City's Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) expenditure plan and funding for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

**Motion Carried**

**13.j APPROVE A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT NO. C46320A-Z BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY DESIGNATED TAXING ENTITIES FOR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 620-400-025**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

1. Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) No. C46320A-Z between the City of Palm Desert and the Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency (SARDA) for Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 620-400-025.
2. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make non-monetary changes to the PSA.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents associated with the PSA.
4. Approve Compensation Agreements between the City of Palm Desert and the Riverside County designated taxing entities for APN 620-400-025.
5. Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to make non-monetary changes to the Compensation Agreements.
6. Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents associated with the Compensation Agreements.
7. Appropriate \$4,600,000 from unobligated Desert Willow Capital Fund Balance Account No. 4414195-4809200 for the purchase of APN 620-400-025.

**Motion Carried**

**13.k SUCCESSOR AGENCY - APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT NO. C46320A-Z BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PALM DESERT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY OF PALM DESERT FOR ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 620-400-025**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

1. Approve a License Agreement No. C46320A-Z between the Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency (SARDA) and the City of Palm Desert for Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 620-400-025 for two (2) years at a rate of one dollar (\$1).
2. Authorize the SARDA Attorney to make non-monetary changes to the License Agreement.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the License Agreement and all related documents for the sale.

**Motion Carried**

**13.I APPROVE THE ADDITION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR PUBLIC PARKING AND OPEN SPACE TO APN 620-400-625 TO THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

1. Approve the addition of improvements for public parking and open space to APN 620-400-625 to the City's Capital Improvement Program.
2. Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$1,891,588 from unobligated Desert Willow Capital Fund Balance to Account No. 4414195-4809200, Project Code CFA 00025, for the parking lot improvements to Lot A.

**Motion Carried**

**13.m ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1400 AMENDING SECTION 2.36.370 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Adopt Ordinance No. 1400 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.36.370 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS."

**Motion Carried**

**CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER**

**13.f RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR H.N. & FRANCES C. BERGER FOUNDATION'S RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE THOUSAND PALMS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT**

**Motion by:** Mayor Kelly

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

Ratify a letter of support for the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation's Reconnecting Communities Program funding request.

**Motion Carried (4-0-1, Councilmember Nestande RECUSED)**

**14. ACTION CALENDAR**

**14.a APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH KINGDOM CAUSES DBA CITY NET FOR CITY HOMELESS OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES**

Social Services Coordinator Austin narrated a PowerPoint presentation, responded to City Council inquiries, and introduced Jessica Avelar-Bruce, City Net's Chief Program Officer.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Harnik

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Trubee

1. Approve Agreement No. C46330 for \$250,813.13 with Kingdom Causes DBA City Net to provide street outreach and engagement homeless services from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with two optional one-year extensions.
2. Authorize Director of Finance to appropriate \$101,000 in unobligated Opioid Settlement Special Funds to Account No. 2264212-4309000 and transfer \$150,000 from Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funds Account No. 2254199-4501000 to Account No. 2254212-4309000.
3. Authorize the City Attorney to make non-monetary changes to the agreement and the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**15. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**15.a HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT**

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing.

Contracts and Grants Analyst Barron narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

There being no member of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Quintanilla

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

Receive and file the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**15.b PALM DESERT REDISTRICTING 2023 – PUBLIC HEARING #2 TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE REDRAWING OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Mejia narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

Steve, Desert Hot Springs resident, spoke in opposition to creating five districts.

There being no other member of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing.

**16. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mayor Kelly announced that the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Housing Manager Jessica Gonzales with the Award of Excellence, and thanked Ms. Gonzales for her efforts leading the Housing Division.



**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Níamh M. Ortega  
Assistant City Clerk/Assistant Secretary

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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC  
City Clerk/Secretary