

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2024, the Palm Desert City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1406 establishing a five (5) district electoral system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are peers of, and serve at the pleasure of, the other Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to implement a district-based rotation for the appointment of Councilmembers to the honorary positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. At the first City Council meeting in December 2024 and at the first City Council meeting in December of each year thereafter, the City Council shall appoint a Councilmember to serve as Mayor and a Councilmember to serve as Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the following:

1. In December 2024, the Mayor Pro Tem shall succeed to the position of Mayor and the longest serving Councilmember, without having previously served as Mayor, shall be Mayor Pro Tem.
2. In December 2025, the Mayor Pro Tem shall succeed to the position of Mayor. To commence a district-based rotation, the Councilmember representing District 3 shall be appointed Mayor Pro Tem.
3. In December 2026 and thereafter, the Mayor Pro Tem shall succeed to the position of Mayor and the Councilmember representing the next sequential district shall be appointed Mayor Pro Tem.
4. If the Mayor Pro Tem is not re-elected, the Councilmembers representing the next eligible sequential districts shall be appointed Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, respectively.
5. A Councilmember shall not serve as Mayor during their first year on the City Council.

SECTION 2. In the event that a Councilmember would serve as Mayor during their first year on the City Council, that Councilmember shall forego their year of service as Mayor with a Councilmember representing the next sequential district eligible to serve as Mayor and the regular rotation shall resume.

SECTION 3. If at any point in time a Councilmember serving as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem resigns from the position or from the City Council, or otherwise is no longer able to continue serving in their capacity as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, the position shall be filled in the same manner as provided in these procedures. At the first City Council meeting in December thereafter, the process for selecting a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem shall be modified as follows:

1. If the Councilmember serving as Mayor served a partial term of six months or less, that Councilmember shall continue to serve as Mayor for an additional year.
2. If the Councilmember serving as Mayor Pro Tem served a partial term, that Councilmember shall continue to serve as Mayor Pro Tem unless there is an outgoing Mayor, in which case the Councilmember shall be appointed to serve as Mayor.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a Councilmember may decline to serve as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. If a Councilmember declines to serve in either position, the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem shall continue as provided and the regular rotation shall resume.

SECTION 6. Every District shall have an opportunity to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem every five (5) years unless a Councilmember declines their appointment.

SECTION 7. In the event that these procedures for the appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem would result in no Councilmember being eligible to fill either position, then the City Council may vote to appoint anyone of its members to serve.

SECTION 8. The City Council by a four-fifths (4/5th) vote may remove the Mayor and/or Mayor Pro Tem.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

ADOPTED ON MARCH 28, 2024.

KARINA QUINTANILLA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-011 is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on March 28, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: HARNIK, KELLY, NESTANDE, TRUBEE, AND QUINTANILLA
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
RECUSED: NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on _____.

ANTHONY J. MEJIA
CITY CLERK