

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2024

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SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE INTRODUCTION

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide feedback on the presentation by Clarion Associates on the Unified Development Code Update and direct to staff to form a City Council Subcommittee for the Update.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On June 27, 2024, the City Council awarded a contract to Clarion Associates to develop a Unified Development Code for the City of Palm Desert (PD UDC). Currently, land development regulations are located within, but not limited to, Title 24 Environmental and Conservation, Title 25 Zoning, Title 26 Subdivisions, Title 27 Grading, and Title 28 Flood Damage Prevention. A Unified Development Code (UDC) combines traditional zoning and subdivision ordinances, as well as other City regulations such as grading, design review, and stormwater management, into a single document. The intent of combining these regulations is to streamline and coordinate development processes by removing inconsistencies and outdated development policies.

Part of the scope of the PD UDC includes initial project meetings with City staff and local stakeholders. Clarion Associates has prepared a presentation to introduce the project to the City Council.

Staff recommends the City Council appoint two members of the City Council to an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review public drafts of the various work products throughout the entire project. A companion staff report regarding these appointments is listed on the September 12, 2024, Action Calendar.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact related to this item.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Presentation