

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2024

PREPARED BY: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Jan Harnik to the position of Mayor and Evan Trubee to the position of Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term commencing upon appointment.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On April 11, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-013, which updated the procedures for the selection of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The resolution formalizes a rotation system, emphasizing seniority and prior service.

In accordance with Resolution No. 2024-013:

- **Appointment of the Mayor:** The appointment of the Mayor prioritizes the immediately preceding Mayor Pro Tem. Jan Harnik, currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem, is therefore eligible for the position of Mayor for 2025.
- **Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem:** The appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem prioritizes the Council Member with the longest continuous service since last serving as Mayor, if ever. Although Councilmember Nestande, who last served as Mayor in 2020, meets the criteria, she deferred her service as Mayor Pro Tem in 2023. In her place, Evan Trubee, elected in November 2022, is next in line for this appointment based on seniority and eligibility.

Legal Review:

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this action.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 2024-013