

Study Session of the Palm Desert City Council, Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Board of Library Trustees

Minutes

January 9, 2025, 2:45 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Gina Nestande, Councilmember Joe Pradetto,
Councilmember Karina Quintanilla, Mayor Pro Tem Evan Trubee,
Mayor Harnik

1. CALL TO ORDER - STUDY SESSION

A Study Session of the Palm Desert City Council was called to order by Mayor Harnik on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 2:45 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2.a STUDY SESSION: FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING AWARD UPDATE

Director of Finance Chavez narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

Following discussion, the City Council has recommended that funding requests for special events, including Desert X, El Paseo Fashion Week, and Palm Desert Food & Wine, will be reviewed and evaluated individually, on a case-by-case basis, rather than as part of the outside agency funding process.

2.b STUDY SESSION: EVALUATION OF BUSINESS LICENSING SERVICES

Director of Development Services Cannone narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

Following discussion, the City Council expressed support for bringing business license functions in-house beginning January 1, 2026, and establishing an annual fixed date for business license renewals.

2.c STUDY SESSION: UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF KEY PROJECTS IN PROGRESS BY THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Director of Development Services Cannone narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

2.d STUDY SESSION: CITY COUNCIL ROLES AND NEW LAWS

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

3. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the Study Session at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nance

Acting Assistant City Clerk/Acting Assistant Secretary

Anthony J. Mejia, MMC

City Clerk/Secretary