



CITY OF PALM DESERT
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: February 13, 2025
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk
Subject: City Council Meeting of February 13, 2025

Below you will find questions received from the Mayor or Councilmembers and answers provided by City staff regarding tonight's City Council meeting:

ITEM 10p: APPROVE PREPAYMENT OF JULY 4, 2025, INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION EVENT EXPENDITURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 AND TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 ANNUAL BUDGET

Q1: Who was the fireworks vendor prior to the current contract?

A1: Pyro Spectaculars was the previous vendor, selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process conducted in 2018.

Q2: In previous years, what expenses were included under "other related event expenses," and what were their associated costs?

A2: The miscellaneous event expenses included a 90-minute performance by the Swing Cats Big Band, overnight security services to ensure continuous on-site presence after the arrival of pyrotechnic products, rental of traffic control devices from Tops N Barricades for pedestrian safety, food and beverages for staff and volunteers, and reusable water bottles for event staff. The total cost for these expenses was just under \$13,400.

Q3: What were the total operating costs for the Portola Community Center last year when it was used as a quiet space during the fireworks event?

A3: There were no operational costs for the Portola Community Center last year, as it was staffed by a City employee and a Citizen on Patrol volunteer.