

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

Minutes

April 10, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - STUDY SESSION

A Study Session of the Palm Desert City Council was called to order by Mayor Harnik on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2.a UPDATE ON THE PALM DESERT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Principal Planner Melloni introduced Matt Goebel and Maggie Squyer of Clarion Associates, who narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Councilmember inquiries.

During the deliberations, individual Councilmember(s) offered commentary as follows. The points below do not necessarily reflect the City Council consensus.

- Streamline processes while considering the possibility of revising previously approved ordinances by the current Council, which may not be working as intended.
- Identify the factors contributing to delays in processes.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of ARC and PC more clearly.
- Analyze trends and processes in comparison with peer and neighboring cities.
- Establish high architectural and site planning standards while coordinating with other projects, such as the Objective Design Standards and Historic Context Survey.
- Develop concise, user-friendly codes and processes.
- Clearly define view protection standards.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the Study Session at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary