

**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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Michelle Nance

Acting Assistant City Clerk/Assistant Secretary

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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC

City Clerk/Secretary