

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

Minutes

November 13, 2025

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, November 13, 2025, at 1:45 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. STUDY SESSION TOPICS

2.a UPDATE ON THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE INCLUSIVE OF THE DRAFT ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES SECTION

Carlos Flores, Deputy Director of Development Services, and Matt Goebel of Goebel Partners, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

During discussion, the following directions were provided to staff:

- Ensure the updated code maintains Subdivision Map Act compliance.
- Implement pre-application conferences to improve efficiency and reduce meetings.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities between Architectural Review Commission and Planning Commission.
- Improve the online user interface and navigation for applicants.

2.b PROVIDE INPUT ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE MILLENNIUM SPECIFIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Ricard Cannone, Assistant City Manager, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

During discussion, the following directions were provided to staff:

- Proceed with preparing an amended development agreement memorializing required developer obligations.
- Ensure the developer completes the sidewalk at Portola/Gerald Ford without delay.
- Clarify and establish proportionate-share cost responsibilities for drainage facilities and maintenance obligations.
- Return with options for dissolving the master association and establishing a clear, enforceable maintenance structure (cost-share or city-maintained).

2.c FEEDBACK ON THE KEY TO THE CITY POLICY

Oscar Per Matinez, City Clerk student intern, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

2.d UPDATE ON NORTH SPHERE REGIONAL PARK

Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager, and Carlos Flores, Deputy Director of Development Services, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

City Council recessed to Closed Session at 3:45 p.m.

Following Closed Session, the Study Session resumed at 4:04 p.m.

Ms. Muir continued narrating the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

2.e DIRECTION ON A POTENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GOLDENVOICE FOR INSTALLATION OF TAFFY BY ARTIST STEPHANIE LIN

Erica Powell, Management Analyst, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council adjourned the Study Session at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk/Secretary