

**Palm Desert City Council, Successor Agency to the Palm Desert Redevelopment  
Agency, Housing Authority, and Board of Library Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

April 9, 2026

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

**1. ROLL CALL - REGULAR MEETING**

A Regular Meeting of the Palm Desert City Council was called to order by Mayor Trubee on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. INSPIRATION**

Councilmember Moreno provided words of inspiration.

**4. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**5. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

**5.a PRESENTATION - KEY TO THE CITY: RON GREGORY**

Mayor Trubee presented Ron Gregory with a Key to the City and issued a proclamation recognizing April 9, 2026, as Ron Gregory Day.

*The City Council recessed at 4:11 p.m. and returned to session at 4:25 p.m.*

**6. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Martin Alvarez, Director of Economic Development, introduced the City of Palm Desert softball team and congratulated them on an undefeated championship season.

**7. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR ACTION**

Councilmembers provided updates on their attendance at various meetings and events.

Councilmember Moreno requested that staff follow up on public comments received regarding sidewalk accessibility at the Yum Yum Tree Apartments and the suggestion to plant fruit trees in public areas.

**8. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**9.a APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MINUTES**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

Approve the Minutes of March 26, 2026.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**9.b APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTERS**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

Approve the warrant registers issued for the period 3/18/2026 to 3/26/2026.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**9.c APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT C45120A WITH ENGINEERING RESOURCES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE FIRE STATION 102 GERALD FORD DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. CFA00010)**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. C45120A with Engineering Resources of Southern California (ERSC), Inc., for additional services in an amount not to exceed \$24,300.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make any necessary non-monetary changes to the amendment.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and any documents necessary to effectuate the actions taken herewith.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**9.d APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CONTRACT NO. C41450 WITH HINDERLITER, DE LLAMAS AND ASSOCIATES (HDL) TO CONTINUE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AND FEES ADMINISTRATION**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

1. Approve Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. C41450 with Hinderliter, De Llamas and Associates (HdL) to extend the agreement for a term of up to one (1) year, administered on a month-to-month basis.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make any non-monetary changes to the agreement.
3. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the amendment and any related documents necessary to implement the agreement.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**9.e FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. C40870 WITH PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM, INC., FOR THE LEASE OF THE FAYE SARKOWSKY SCULPTURE GARDEN LOCATED AT ENTRADA DEL PASEO**

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Harnik

1. Approve the First Amendment to Contract No. C40870 with Palm Springs Art Museum, Inc., for the lease of the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden located at Entrada del Paseo.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to make any necessary non-monetary changes to the agreement.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment and all documents necessary to effectuate this action.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**10. ACTION CALENDAR**

**10.a INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 5.10.130 TO CHAPTER 5.10 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATOR ACT OF 2025 REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATOR REPORTING – CEQA DETERMINATION**

Arlene Arellano, Accountant, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

**Motion by:** Mayor Trubee

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Nestande

1. Find that the adoption of the proposed ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15061(b)(3), as set forth herein.
2. Introduce Ordinance No. 1444 entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 5.10.130 TO CHAPTER 5.10 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATOR ACT OF 2025 (SENATE BILL 346) REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATOR REPORTING AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER CEQA.”

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**10.b RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Anthony Mejia, City Clerk, provided a staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Moreno

Adopt Resolution 2026-013 entitled “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS,” as amended to clarify in Section 7 that “appointed bodies” refers to the City’s Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces, and in Section 8 that the order of official representation at official events, meetings, and functions shall be the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Immediate Past Mayor, in that order if the Mayor is unavailable.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**11.a INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.26 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING**

Pedro Rodriguez, Code Compliance and Support Services Manager, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Trubee opened and closed the public hearing there being no member of the public wishing to speak.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Nestande

Introduce an Ordinance No. 1445 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.26 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CAMPING AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT."

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**11.b ADOPT AND APPROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2023 AND 2024**

Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager, narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Trubee opened and closed the public hearing, there being no member of the public wishing to speak.

**Motion by:** Councilmember Harnik

**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Pradetto

1. Conduct a public hearing, receive public testimony, and approve the Substantial Amendment to the Program Year (PY) 2023 and 2024 Annual Action Plans.
2. Adopt the Substantial Amendment to PY 2023 to reallocate \$125,000 in unspent funds to the City of Palm Desert Housing Authority for capital improvement projects.
3. Adopt the Substantial Amendment to PY 2024 to reallocate \$5,000 in unspent funds to the City of Palm Desert Housing Authority for capital improvement projects.
4. Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate funds for the applicable CDBG Accounts, if necessary to implement the approved amendments.
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement the actions taken herewith.

**Motion Carried (5 to 0)**

**11.c APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION APPROVING AN  
ADDENDUM TO MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, FINDING THE  
PROJECT EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER GUIDELINES SECTION 15183,  
AND APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 39307,  
PORTOLA SPRINGS PROJECT**

This item was continued to a date uncertain.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Nance

Assistant City Clerk/Assistant Secretary

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Anthony J. Mejia, MMC

City Clerk/Secretary