

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

Wednesday
June 14, 2023



3:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order by Chairperson Taylor on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. held in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members Gary Bindman*, Joseph Butts, Terry Kramer, Doug Luhning, Vice Chair Jeff Alley, and Chair Frank Taylor.

*Committee Member Bindman arrived at 3:58 p.m.

Absent: None

Liaison(s)

Present: Evan Trubee, City Council Liaison

Staff

Present: Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager; Pedro Rodriguez, Code Compliance Supervisor; Mindy Esqueda, Administrative Assistant/Emergency Services Coordinator; and Michelle Nance, Recording Secretary.

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Bobbie Happ, of Sandpiper Homeowner Association, spoke on stop sign improvements needed on El Paseo near Sandpiper Palm Desert.

4. PRESENTATIONS – Code Compliance Supervisor Rodriguez presented an overview of Rentalscape Short-Term Rental Compliance Program and answered questions.

5. ACTION CALENDAR**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BUTTS, CARRIED 5-0 to approve Public Safety Committee meeting minutes Regular Meeting minutes of May 10, 2023.

B. PALM DESERT SPECIALIZED UNITS END OF MONTH REPORTS FOR MAY 2023

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, CARRIED 5-0 to receive and file the Palm Desert Specialized Units Reports for May 2023.

C. RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT/CAL FIRE END OF MONTH REPORTS FOR MAY 2023

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY, CARRIED 5-0 to receive and file the Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire Reports for May 2023.

D. CODE COMPLIANCE WEEKEND REPORTS FOR MAY 2023

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BUTTS, CARRIED 5-0 to receive and file the Code Compliance Weekend Reports for May 2023.

E. EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MAY 2023

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BUTTS, CARRIED 5-0 to receive and file the Emergency Services Coordinator Reports for May 2023.

F. COPS MONTHLY REPORTS FOR APRIL 2023

Committee Member Luhring expressed gratitude to the entire COP team for their assistance with the Spring Concerts in the Park.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BUTTS SECOND BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY, CARRIED 5-0 to receive and file the COPS Report for April 2023.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMER RECESS

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KRAMER, CARRIED 5-0 to approve the cancellation of the Public Safety Committee meetings of July and August 2023.

H. APPOINT HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE LIAISON FOR FY 2023/24

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR ALLEY, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BUTTS, CARRIED 5-0 to appoint Committee Member Butts as Homelessness Taskforce Liaison for Fiscal Year 2023/24.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Committee Member Bindman arrived at this point in the meeting.

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Bindman expressed gratitude and well wishes to Lt. Willison of Riverside County Sheriff as he leaves for the upcoming FBI National Academy and provided an update on his ride along with Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Avila.

B. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilmember Trubee provided updates on the following topics:

- COVE Communities Luncheon and Awards;
- Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) use in surrounding Desert Cities; and
- New protective vests for the Palm Desert Riverside County Sheriff Department.

C. POLICE AND FIRE

Lt. Willison, Riverside County Sheriff introduced Veronica Delatorre, Administration/Crime Prevention Officer for the City of Palm Desert.

D. CITY STAFF

Chris Escobedo reminded members to return their tour request forms if they are interested in visiting the County Jail in Indio.

E. ATTENDANCE REPORT – Report provided; no action taken on this item.**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Nance

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Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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Chris Escobedo

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Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager
Staff Liaison

APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: 9/13/2023.