

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**



**MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Moon called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Foat, Councilmember Kors, Councilmember Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem Mills, and Mayor Moon.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Thompson.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: (Council Chamber)

ANDREW CIRNEI, commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready, and his positive contributions to the City.

NONA WATSON, read a statement from the Board of Directors of the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce and stated City Manager David Ready is a strong advocate to the business community.

TIM ANCTIL, stated his support for City Manager David Ready and his strong commitment to the City of Palm Springs, and read statements from community members in support of City Manager Ready.

DAVID VOGEL, read a statement in support for City Manager David Ready and the positive contributions he has made to the City of Palm Springs.

PAUL LEWIN, stated his support for City Manager and stated the City Council should have addressed Staff performance in closed session.

JUDY DEERTRACK, stated the FBI search warrant involves a wide-variety of issues related to contracts and the City Manager and the City Attorney executed those contracts, and recommended the City Council look to the long-term implications to the City.

VINCENT BUCCI, stated his support for City Manager David Ready, noted his accomplishments for the City, and requested the City Council retain City Manager David Ready.

JANICE SMITH, commented on the results of the election and stated the prior City Council made too many decisions behind closed doors, and requested the City Council appoint a new City Attorney and City Manager.

JERRY KELLER, stated his support for City Manager David Ready and recommended the City Council retain City Manager David Ready.

IZAYAH JEFFREY, read a statement by Barbara Beaty regarding the election results, and stated the decisions of closed session should be on the agenda and reported.

LOUIS PAGANO, commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready, and stated it would be wrong to replace him.

NANCY STUART, stated the City is fortunate to have an excellent City Manager and City Attorney, recommended the City Council conduct the review of the City Manager during its normal schedule.

ED DIETRICH, stated City Manager David Ready is exceptional to work with, and stated he is a leader and very ethical.

AFTAB DADA, read a statement by Lee Marcus stating City Manager David Ready is a strong advocate to the businesses and all members of the community, and stated his support for City Manager David Ready.

LES YOUNG, stated his support for City Manager Ready, and requested the City Council review the City Manager at its regular time, and requested the City Council support City Manager David Ready.

THOMAS ADAMO, stated the Mayor made a statement that could be hurtful, and the Mayor should consult all Councilmembers.

STEPHEN ROSE, commented on the City form of government, stated the citizens voted for change, and change needs to be made with the City Manager.

JIM STUART, commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready, and noted his accomplishments to the City and the business community.

PETER FREYMUTH, stated his support for City Manager David Ready.

JOE ENOS, stated his support for City Manager David Ready, and commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready, noted his accomplishments to the City, and requested the City Council table any review until the normal review scheduled during the summer.

TONY BRUGGERMANS, stated City Manager David Ready has been the best City Manager at the City of Palm Springs, noted the accomplishments of City Manager David Ready, and requested the City Council ask City Manager David Ready to stay.

ALLEN WORTHY, stated the City Attorney needs to be released, and stated the City is crime-ridden with no response from the City Attorney.

JOHN AULT, stated his support for City Manager David Ready, commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready, and requested the City Council support the City Manager.

DAVIS MEYER, stated her support for City Manager David Ready, and stated the City of Palm Springs is well run.

MINDY REED, stated her support for City Manager David Ready, noted his commitment to the City and requested the City Council not discuss personnel issues in public, and stated City Manager David Ready's performance has been outstanding.

ROBERT FINDLEY, stated City Manager David Ready is professional and responsible, stated he has acted as the Mayor and City Council directed him, and stated the City needs a full-time City Attorney and Deputy City Attorney.

STEVE ROSENBERG, stated the call for an early review of City Manager David Ready is ill-advised, stated his support for City Manager David Ready and City Attorney Douglas Holland.

TIM ELLIS, stated his support for City Manager David Ready, and commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready.

CHRISTINE HAMMOND, stated her support for City Manager David Ready, and commented on his accomplishment and her positive experience with City Manager David Ready, stated for 16-years he has worked well with the City Council.

ANDREW STARKE, stated his support for City Manager David Ready, commented on his positive experiences with City Manager Ready and stated he has been fair.

KELLY MCLEAN, stated her support for City Manager David Ready, and stating it is amazing to work with City Manager David Ready.

ALICIA GOMEZ, read a statement by Peter Mahler in support for City Manager David Ready, and noted his accomplishments to the City of Palm Springs.

DAN BURGESS, stated his support for City Manager David Ready and his team, and requested the City Council support the City Manager and be respectful.

MARK MARSHALL, stated his support for City Manager David Ready and stated his opposition for the "out with the old and in with the new" approach, and noted the accomplishments of the City Manager.

LAURI KIBBY, stated her support for City Manager David Ready, noted her positive experiences with City Manager David Ready, and requested the City Council support the City Manager.

FRANK TYSON, stated he liked City Manager David Ready, but he had made a faux pas, commented on the broken system at City Hall, and stated the City needs to make changes.

JOHN SHAY, commented on the economic revitalization of Palm Springs, and noted the accomplishments of City Manager David Ready, and urged the City Council to support the City Manager.

RICK PANTELE, stated City Manager David Ready and City Attorney Douglas Holland are excellent and outstanding, and requested the City Council support City Manager David Ready and City Attorney Douglas Holland.

MARCO ROSSETTI, commented on his positive experience with City Manager David Ready and requested the City Council support the City Manager.

HAROLD MATZNER, stated his support for City Manager Ready, noted his positive experiences, and stated the City Manager may not comment on closed session discussion.

JOY BROWN MEREDITH, commented on her experiences with City Manager David Ready, and noted his positive accomplishments to the City of Palm Springs.

2. CLOSED SESSION: (Small Conference Room)

The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following items:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION G.C. 54957(b)

Position: City Manager

Position: City Attorney

The City Council reconvened at 9:10 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Mills was not present.

3. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: (Council Chamber)

Mayor Moon read a statement as follows:

"We continue to have confidence in our City Manager's ability to run our City and will conduct a full review at the regular time that the Council reviews the City Manager in July.

There continues to be ongoing discussion by the City Council on the benefits and cost of hiring an in-house, full-time City Attorney versus utilizing the current model of a part-time contract position. We have asked Staff to continue researching this issue and report back to us."

- 4. ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Council Chamber, preceded by Closed Session, Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

ROBERT MOON, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk