

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



**MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Moon called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Moon led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ready, City Attorney Holland, City Clerk Thompson.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Accept the Agenda as presented. **Motion Councilmember Kors, seconded by Councilmember Roberts, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote.**

1. STUDY SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Mills stated he has a business related conflict of interest with respect to Item 1.A., would not participate in the discussion or vote, and left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

1.A. DISCUSSION OF VACATION RENTAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, REGULATIONS, FEES AND PENALTIES, AND PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.25 PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF SHORT TERM RENTALS:

City Clerk Thompson provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated October 26, 2016.

The Vacation Rental Subcommittee, Councilmember Kors and Councilmember Roberts, provided an overview of the process, the goals and objectives, regulatory alternatives, and enforcement mechanisms.

The following speakers addressed the City Council on Vacation Rental regulations.

DON VILEN, Palm Springs, expressed concerns with vacation rentals.

TIM ERKINS, Palm Springs, requested vacation rentals be prohibited in the R1 zone.

BILL STECZ, Palm Springs, requested vacation rentals be limited to full and part-time residents, and further enforcement be placed on vacation rentals.

HAL KAISER, Palm Springs, commented on vacation rentals in Deepwell.

DON SHULTZ, Palm Springs, stated his support for increased enforcement, not limitations on vacation rentals.

STEPHEN ROSE, Palm Springs, requested vacation rentals be prohibited in the R1 zone.

BRETT MITCHELL, Palm Springs, stated his support for investor owned vacation rentals.

BILL DORTCH, stated his support for vacation rentals and investor owned vacation rentals.

HAZ STEVENS, Palm Springs, commented on noticing of meetings.

RONALD SIEGEL, Palm Springs, stated opposition to more vacation rentals.

SCOTT WHITE, Rancho Mirage, Bureau of Tourism, commented on the benefit of vacation rentals to the economy.

JIM WEBB, Palm Springs, Palm Springs Realtors, commented on property rights to rent property, and requested increased enforcement.

DAVID CROSTA, Palm Springs, stated enforcement will solve the problems.

FRANK DOUGLAS, Palm Springs, stated support for enforcement but no new restrictions.

LISA MIDDLETON, Palm Springs, ONEPS, commented on peace and quite enjoyment of residential homes.

DEAN MINERD, Palm Springs, owns two vacation rental homes and stated support for vacation rentals.

MIKE ZISKIND, Palm Springs, Protect our Neighborhoods, requested the City Council prohibit vacation rentals in R1 residential zones.

BRUCE PADILLA, Palm Springs, stated his opposition to vacation rentals in residential zones.

BRIAN YACOVICH, Palm Springs, requested the City Council prohibit vacation rentals in the R1 zones.

BOBBY GOLDSTEIN, Los Angeles, stated his support for vacation rentals.

BRADY SANDAHL, Palm Springs, Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce, requested the City Council consider pro business and employment regulations and enforcement.

ROGER CROUTHAMEL, stated his support for vacation rentals and increased enforcement.

JIM FRANKLIN, Palm Springs, Palm Springs Association of Realtors, commented on fines for violators, and stated opposition to limiting vacation rentals.

ERICH REDDER, Palm Springs, stated support for vacation rentals and increased enforcement of the renters.

ROBIN ABRAHAMS, Palm Springs, stated her support for vacation rentals.

MARK PRIOR, Palm Springs, stated opposition to vacation rentals and commented on the problems with vacation rentals in single family neighborhoods.

BONNIE RUTTAN, Palm Springs, stated opposition to vacation rentals and stated the connection to the neighborhood has been lost.

ROBERT ST. GENIS, Los Angeles, stated his support for vacation rentals.

DAVIS MEYER, Palm Springs, commented on the submission of contracts and the impact on small hotels.

MICHAEL BRACKEN, Palm Desert, stated he will be doing an economic impact analysis on vacation rentals in the Coachella Valley.

SUSAN ST. LOUIS, Palm Springs, stated her support for vacation rentals.

TIMOTHY SIGLE, Palm Springs, stated his support for vacation rentals.

CHARLENE FARIS, Palm Springs, thanked the City Council for the limitation on conversion of apartments to vacation rentals.

LOUISA DAVIS, Rancho Mirage, stated her support for vacation rentals and increased enforcement.

KELLY MCLEAN, Palm Springs, commented on the potential limitation of contracts per month or per year and in support of increased enforcement.

FRANK TYSEN, commented on the effects of vacation rentals to small hotels.

The City Council recessed at 9:17 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 9:36 p.m.

The City Council discussed the goals and objectives of the regulatory program and came to consensus on the goals and objectives.

Initially eliminated from consideration the following regulatory changes: prohibit permits in the R-1 zone, limit the total number of permits, limit the number of permits by neighborhood, limit new permits within a certain distance from existing permitted properties, require mandatory number of days the owner to reside in the property, limit the use of a vacation rental permit to every other year, require neighborhood notification of the submission of a vacation rental permit application, but rather an annual notification and other educational materials.

Initially eliminated from consideration the following enforcement changes: text enabled telephone, knox box, require sound monitoring/noise alert devices, contracts to be signed by all occupants, front yard signage, limit use of outdoor accommodations, require all guests to be met at the property, and joint and severe liability to both guests and owners.

ACTION: Direct the Subcommittee and Staff to prepare an ordinance for the November 30, 2016, special City Council meeting to further discuss vacation rental regulations. **By consensus of the City Council, noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Mills.**

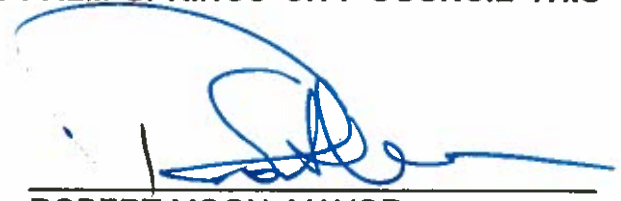
PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:53 p.m. to a special meeting to be held Thursday, October 27, 2016, for the purpose of interviewing candidates to the

Measure J Commission. The next regular meeting, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, preceded by a Closed Session in the Small Conference Room, City Hall, 3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PALM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL THIS
4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.**



ROBERT MOON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHLEEN D. HART, MMC
INTERIM CITY CLERK