



**AGENDA
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 CYPRESS LANE ■ PALM SPRINGS, FL 33461
AUGUST 21, 2025
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL

- Mayor Bev Smith
- Vice Mayor Kim Schmitz
- Mayor Pro Tem Gary Ready
- Council Member _____
- Council Member Patti Waller

ADMINISTRATION

- Village Manager Michael Bornstein
- Village Attorney Christy Goddeau
- Village Clerk Kimberly Wynn

If an individual wishes to challenge any decision made by the Council regarding any matter under consideration, they must have a copy of the proceedings. To do so, they may need to ensure that a complete and accurate record of the proceedings is available. This recording should include all testimonies and evidence that will form the basis of the appeal.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Council Seat Vacancy - District #4 - Appointment:** Consider the appointment of Johnnie Tieche as Council Member for District #4, to fill an unexpired term until March 2027 due to the resignation of former Council Member Joni Brinkman.
Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

Motion	Second	Vote
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2. **Oath of Office for Newly-Appointed Candidate:** The newly appointed Council Member will be sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Staff: Kimberly Wynn, Village Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

Village of Palm Springs

Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy

I. Policy Statement:

The Village of Palm Springs values diversity and welcomes input from all interested parties, regardless of cultural identity, background, or income level. Moreover, the Village believes the best programs and services result from careful consideration of the needs of all its communities and when those communities are involved in the decision-making process. The Village does not tolerate discrimination in any of its programs, services, or activities. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal and state authorities, the Village will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or family status.

II. Persons with Disabilities:

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and related federal and state laws and regulations forbid discrimination against those who have disabilities. These laws require federal-aid recipients and other government entities to take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate those with disabilities and ensure that their needs are equitably represented.

The Village will make every effort to ensure that its facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to those with disabilities. The Village will also make every effort to ensure that its advisory committees, public involvement activities and all other programs, services and activities include representation by communities with disabilities and disability service groups.

The Village encourages the public to report any facility, program, service, or activity that appears inaccessible to those who are disabled. Also, the Village will provide reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in public involvement events or who require special assistance to access facilities, programs, services, or activities. Because providing reasonable accommodation may require outside assistance, the Village asks that requests be made at least three (3) business days prior to the need for accommodation. Questions, concerns, comments, or requests for accommodation should be made to the Village ADA Officer:

Name: Ashley Saingilus, Human Resources Director
Address: 226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461
Email: asaingilus@vpsfl.org
Phone: (561) 584-8200 Ext. 8421

III. Complaint Procedures:

The Village has established a discrimination complaint procedure and will take prompt and reasonable action to investigate and eliminate discrimination when found. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or family status in any Village program, service or activity may file a complaint with the Village Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name: Janette Piedra, Human Resources Manager
Address: 226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461
Email: jpiedra@vpsfl.org
Phone: (561) 584-8200 Ext. 8422



Village of Palm Springs

Executive Brief

AGENDA DATE: August 21, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Administration

ITEM #1: Council Seat Vacancy - District #4 - Appointment

SUMMARY: Council Member Joni Brinkman resigned from the District #4 Council seat on July 23, 2025, creating a vacancy. Under Section 3.07 of the Village Charter, this vacancy must be filled by a majority vote of the Council until the next election.

The Village advertised the vacancy on its website, social media platforms, LED message board, and through legal advertisements.

On August 5, 2025, Mr. Johnnie Tieche submitted his application along with a letter of interest regarding appointment to District #4 Council. Mr. Tieche has expressed his intention to serve in the District #4 Council seat until the upcoming Municipal Election scheduled for March 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to the Village as a result of the vacant District #4 Council seat.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Village Charter Section 3.07(d)(1)

Section 3.07. - Vacancies; forfeiture of office; hearings; filling of vacancies.

- (a) *Vacancies.* The office of a councilmember shall become vacant upon death, disability, resignation or removal from office in any manner authorized by law or by forfeiture of office.
- (b) *Forfeiture of office.* A councilmember shall forfeit his/her office if he/she:
- (1) Lacks, at any time during the term of office, any qualifications for the office prescribed by this Charter or by law; or
 - (2) Violates any standard of conduct or code of ethics established by law for public officials; or
 - (3) Misses three consecutive regular meetings in any one-year period, unless the absence is excused by the council.
- (c) *Forfeiture hearings.* Except as otherwise provided by law, a member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of office shall be entitled to request a hearing, if so requested within ten business days after the village clerk determines that grounds for forfeiture of office exist and the official is so notified, before the village council at the next regular meeting.
- (d) *Filling of vacancies.*
- (1) A vacancy on the council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the council for the period of time until the next election, when a council member shall be elected for the remainder of the term vacated.
 - (2) If there is more than six months remaining in the unexpired term and a majority of the remaining councilmembers cannot reach a decision within 60 days after a vacancy occurs, then the vacancy shall be filled at a special election.
 - (3) Notwithstanding any quorum requirements established herein, if at any time the membership of the council is reduced to less than a quorum, the remaining members may, by majority vote, appoint additional members.
- (e) *Extraordinary vacancies.* In the event that all members of the council are removed by death, disability or forfeiture of office, the governor shall appoint an interim council which shall thereupon call a special election to be held. If at any time the membership of the council is reduced to less than a quorum, the remaining members may, by majority vote, appoint additional members pursuant to subsection (d)(3).

(Ord. No. 2015-39, § 4, 12-10-2015)