



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
226 CYPRESS LANE  
PALM SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 21, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bev Smith called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Bev Smith, Vice Mayor Kim Schmitz, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Ready, and Council Member Patti Waller

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Michael Bornstein, Village Attorney Christy Goddeau, Village Clerk Kimberly M. Wynn, Police Chief Tom Ceccarelli, Sergeant-In-Arms, Planning, Zoning, and Building Director Iramis Cabrera, Utilities Director Jimmie Johnson, Assistant Utilities Director Paul Ward, Public Works Director Felipe Lofaso, Assistant Public Works Director Timothy Crespo, Finance Director Mara Frederiksen, Procurement Manager Sylvia Ward, Deputy Village Clerk Jane Worth, Records Clerk Andrea Medero, Project Manager Andrew Klausner, and Human Resources Director Ashley Sainglus.

**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

**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.

Mayor Smith presented this item. She explained that Council Member Joni

Brinkman resigned from the District #4 Council seat on July 23, 2025, creating a vacancy. The Village advertised the vacancy widely. On August 5, 2025, Mr. Johnnie Tieche submitted his application and letter of interest to fill the District #4 seat until the Municipal Election in March 2027.

Mayor Smith commented on Mr. Tieche's credentials. He is a longtime resident, with his family, in the Village and an active member of the community. He has served on the boards in Palm Springs, Florida, as Chairman of both the Planning and Zoning Board and the Property Improvement Program (PIP) matching grant program. He has participated in and attended multiple events in the Village.

The Council commented on Mr. Tieche's experience, background, and community service.

They were pleased to welcome him to the Council.

Mayor Smith offered the public an opportunity to speak. There were no further comments from the public.

Vice Mayor Schmitz motioned for the approval to appoint Mr. Johnnie Tieche to fill an unexpired term for District #4, Council seat, until March 2027. Council Member Waller seconded the motion. The said motion carried 4-0.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no direct fiscal impact on the Village as a result of the vacant District #4 Council seat.

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

**SUMMARY:** Newly appointed Council Member will be sworn into office for District #4, to serve an unexpired term until March 2027.

The Village Clerk, Ms. Wynn, swore in the newly appointed Council Member Johnnie Tieche.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact to the Village.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM

The undersigned is the Village Clerk of Palm Springs, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on **August 21, 2025**. The minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Village Council on **September 11, 2025**.

*Kimberly M. Wynn*

Village Clerk