

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

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AGENDA TITLE:
2021 Summer Recess Update

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Council Summer Recess, between June 24 and September 9, 2021, was productive. This Study Session will outline that progress and provide the Council and public an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments to department heads. This item is informational only.

BACKGROUND:

1. The IT Department made significant progress and completed previous initiatives, including Email recovery and stabilization. It also upgraded Office 365 to be compliant with Government regulations and transition to the Cloud. It also started a new initiative to assess and strengthen the organization from cyber attacks;
2. The Public Works staff responded to a heavy monsoon season with extremely high winds, downing 41 trees, requiring 150 miles of street cleaning, removal of 151 tons of debris, realigning traffic signal heads and repairing 15 signs;
3. Staff worked together, headed by the legal team, on a number of Short-Term Rental proposed code changes focused on Public Safety Protections, Penalties and Prosecution. The Community Development Department and Clerks office are working on listing publicly available emergency contact numbers for neighbors to contact hosts and managers in the event of an emergency. The entire package will be coming to Council for its first review on September 23, 2021;
4. Police Department worked with procurement to select one photo enforcement firm for Council consideration in September and October;
5. Community Development staff reviewed and processed applications, permits and inspections over the summer and gained valuable public input from the public and planning commission for the General Plan Update;

6. HR worked to hire several staff this summer, including an interim CFO, four PD staff and a Public Works staff due to retirements and current vacancies. Five recruitments are currently underway as well;
7. A Town and Business partnership was initiated this summer with the resorts and El Chorro to hire a noise consultant to recommend ways to reduce noise impacts on PV neighborhoods; and
8. Five Star and the Town Settlement Agreement was implemented over the summer.

NEXT STEPS:

Informational only

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Staff Report
- B. Presentation