

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AMENDING THE MEETING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN THE RULES AND POLICIES HANDBOOK TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PLACEMENT OF THE CLOSED SESSION CALENDAR ON THE AGENDA

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2008-71 adopting the Rules and Policies Handbook in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the City Council appointed a Policy & Procedures City Council Subcommittee to meet with the former City Manager to prepare, review and revise the "City of Desert Hot Springs City Council and Commissions Meeting Guidelines and Procedures" ("Guidelines and Procedures"); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines and Procedures address a variety of issues regarding subjects such as, but not limited to: (1) Open and Public Meetings; (2) Location of Council Meetings; (3) Dates and Times of all Council Meetings; (4) Agenda Preparation; (5) Role of the Presiding Officers; (6) Appointments; (7) Closed Sessions; (8) Media Relations; (9) Communications; (10) City Council Salaries and Travel; (11) Conflicts of Interest; and (12) Decorum and Order; and

WHEREAS, portions of the Guidelines and Procedures were approved by the City Council in early 2013; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested by the Mayor and a Council Member that the time of regular City Council meetings commence at 6:00 p.m. with the closed session calendar placed at the end of agenda following the open session part of the meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals.

That the Recitals set forth above are true and correct.

Section 2. Approval.

That the "City of Desert Hot Springs City Council and Commissions Meeting Guidelines and Procedures" shall be amended to reflect that the regular City Council meetings shall commence at 6:00 p.m. with the closed session calendar placed at the end of the agenda following the open session part of the meeting.

Section 3. Severability.

That should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.

That all the provisions heretofore adopted by the City Council that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Certification.

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

Section 6. Effective Date.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the Desert Hot Springs at a Regular meeting held on this third day of December, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk

Adam Sanchez, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla, City Attorney