

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## October 16, 2025



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** Finance Department  
**Prepared by:** Kevin McCarthy, Finance Director  
**Subject:** **Golf Advisory Committee Project Requests**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the Golf Advisory Committee Project Requests; and

**FINDS** the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

### BACKGROUND:

The City Council recently revised the resolution governing the Golf Resort Advisory Committee to clarify its purpose, functions, and scope of authority. The update reinforces the Committee's role in providing advisory input to the City Council while maintaining clear lines of decision-making authority. Key points include:

- The Committee provides commentary, feedback, and recommendations on matters related to the Indian Wells Golf Resort, assisting the Council in evaluating opportunities, programs, and initiatives.
- The Committee holds advisory authority only; all final decisions, approvals, and actions remain under the sole discretion of the City Council.
- The revision strengthens accountability and transparency, ensuring that while the Committee contributes valuable insight, Council retains full control over strategic and financial decisions.

Following the recent resolution update, the Golf Resort Advisory Committee is prepared to begin advisory work on proposed projects. Staff will present all project recommendations to the City Council for review and approval. Any projects that require the allocation of unbudgeted funds will then return to the Council for final approval.

At the most recent Golf Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee and Troon collaborated on the following projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Next Steps / Advisory Role</b>
Resident Golf Tournament	Form an ad hoc committee with resident members and Troon to plan a 2026 tournament	Consider opportunities and submit a recommendation to the Council for final approval.
Hole #18 Camera	Install a camera to capture player finishes for Kestrel engagement	Consider opportunities and submit a recommendation to the Council for final approval.
Caddy Program	Explore the feasibility of the caddy program on select days	Consider opportunities and submit a recommendation to the Council for final approval.

## **OPTIONS:**

The City Council may consider the following:

1. Deny the request and take no further action.
2. Approve the Golf Advisory Committee's request (recommended).
3. Provide an alternative direction to the Committee or staff.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action; all projects remain in the advisory stage. Any future projects requiring unbudgeted funding will return to the Council for formal approval.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):**

This action has been reviewed per the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State and local CEQA Guidelines, and the City's environmental regulations. The City, acting as the Lead Agency, determined that the ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment as there is no possibility that the action would result in a significant environmental impact, and because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.