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MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
THE COUNCIL SITTING AS THE COACHELLA SANITARY DISTRICT,
COACHELLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COACHELLA FINANCING AUTHORITY,
COACHELLA EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL CORPORATION,
COACHELLA WATER AUTHORITY, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

February 14, 2024

5:00PM – CLOSED SESSION
6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

<p>In-Person Meeting Location:</p> <p>Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA</p>	<p>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09 Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,, *606140# Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833 Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898 Passcode: 606140</p> <p>Spanish: El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla</p>
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CALL TO ORDER: - 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Hernandez received notice from Councilmember Galarza that he will not be attending Closed Session.

Present: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado (arrived at 5:02 p.m.), Councilmember Galarza (arrived at 6:00 p.m), and Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk Zepeda, City Treasure Aviles via Zoom

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“At this time the Council/ Board/Corporation/Authority may announce any items being pulled from the Agenda or continued to another date or request the moving of an item on the agenda”

City Manager Martin requested moving item #4 RCTC Presentation to the March 27, 2024 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1) (1) Title: City Attorney
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) One (1) Potential Case

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: - 6:00 P.M.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Campos made the announcement regarding item 2 in Closed Session. The City Council approved and gave direction to initiate litigation, the specifics were disclosed.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Project Update: Pavement Management Systems

The Council provided staff direction.

4. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Traffic Relief Plan Presentation

This item was moved to the March 27, 2024 City Council meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

City Clerk Zepeda said that she had written comments for item #13 and under Public Comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

(It is recommended that Consent Items be acted upon simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Council Member or member of the audience.)

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2024, of the City of Coachella, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency and Coachella Parks and Recreation
6. Investment Report – November 30, 2023
7. Professional Service Agreement with MIG to provide the City with an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) for \$84,093.
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Cooperative Agreement with Riverside County Transportation Commission For the Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study
9. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Letter Agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for a Special Event Pyrotechnic Program for the City's 2024 Fourth of July Program in the Amount not to Exceed \$50,000.
10. Approve a Budget Allocation of \$10,000, to add a New Special Event to the 2024 Event Calendar to Recognize Migrant Farmworkers in Recognition of Cesar Chavez Day
11. Authorize Operation of a Beer Garden on Saturday, March 23, 2024 From 5pm-9pm at Veterans Memorial Park for the 2024 Coachella Mariachi Festival
12. Authorize the Purchase of 200 (3/4" x 7-1/2") Master Meters for an Amount not to Exceed \$56,850.00
13. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 Authorizing State of California Cannabis Equity Act Grant Funding
14. Ordinance No. 1207 Increasing City Council Compensation Pursuant to Senate Bill 329 (Second Reading)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

15. Approve a Budget Allocation of \$25,000 to add a new Special Event for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year on March 30, 2024; the 2024 Coachella Women's Summit

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Letter Purchase Agreements for Eighteen (18) Model Y Teslas, for \$1,064,264.10 and Tesla Wall Connector License Agreement for Four Wall-Charging Units

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

17. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the County of Riverside for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement Funds in the Amount of \$267,405 for the City of Coachella Home Enhancement Program

Mayor Hernandez opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. and closed it at 6:39 p. m. with no public comment.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

18. Adopt Ordinance No. 1209 "Sidewalk Vendor Regulations" and Resolution No. 2024-02 "Sidewalk Vendor Application Fee" – Proposed Amendments to Sections 5.04.380, 8.040.010, and 12.04.030 of the Coachella Municipal Code and Adding Chapter 12.50 to the Coachella Municipal Code Amendments regarding sidewalk Vending Regulations in Compliance with Senate Bill 946. City-Initiated

Mayor Hernandez thanked everyone who participated in the process as well as the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hernandez opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m and the public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

City Clerk Zepeda mentioned that she received two emailed public comments from Alejandro Meza Aguilar and Ellen Reese that came in on February 13, 2024 in favor of this item.

Alejandro Meza Aguilar, Bryan Lopez (Taco Titan) via Zoom, Manuel Montano, Ignacio Velasquez, provided public comments on this item

Motion: To continue this item.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

The public may address the City Council/Board/Corporation/ Authority on any item of interest to the public that is not on the agenda but is in the subject matter jurisdiction thereof. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.

Manuel Montano (CVSL President), Ignacio Velasquez, Porfirio Burgoin, Marco Zamudio (CVSL VP) who put a petition together and collected 489 parent signatures, Pedro Sanchez, Julian Plascencia, made comments regarding the fields at Rancho Las Flores.

City Clerk Zepeda mentioned that she had one more written public comment sent on January 24, 2024 from Francis Fernandez, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Media Coordinator from South Coast Air Quality. Because it is under the 240 words, she read the comment for the record she also attached a flier.

Mayor Hernandez closed the public comment.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Figueroa had his Mosquito Vector Control meeting this week. He reminded people that with all the rain they had, make sure to toss out any water because mosquitoes do breed. He recommending for the City Manager to set up a tour at the Mosquito Vector Control office to see how the City can partner with them. He toured the Legacy Borrego DAP Health Clinic today and he want to make sure how they can emphasize the usage of that clinic. He attended the CVAG Public Safety meeting week. He took a tour of the Indio Public Safety Campus. He has some items for Mayor Pro Tem Virgen about the Women's Conference and he will email them to her.

Councilmember Delgado mentioned that back to the small business policy or ordinance, she requested for the City Manager Martin to bring this back to the Council. She has been asking for three years. There is \$500,000 to support the small business community. She would like to put together how they can distribute it. Like Councilmember Virgen, she has spent a lot of time on it. There are some folks here who participated in the small business community meeting. Some businesses were hit hard during the pandemic. These are serious issues that were affected. Councilmember was part of this discussion too. She would like to meet with City Manager Martin. She made comments regarding the soccer league.

Councilmember Galarza made comments regarding the soccer leagues. He requested a comparison between the two leagues and noticed that there was no equality. He reviewed the information with the public. He requested

further discussion prior to implementing taking away Saturdays from CVSL. He would like discussion at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Virgen expressed her concern and said that the council wants to collaborate with the leagues and bring back the policy. She thanked the leagues for attending the meeting and talking with the Council. She welcomed them to meet with the Council at another time regarding this topic or other topics. She requested two items for placement on an agenda (not necessarily in March). 1. See where there is City land and find how the City can partner with different agencies and organizations about utilizing some of that land for an early childhood education center. 2. For staff or Council to participate to put a list of priorities i.e. identifying housing or parks or economic development projects. She will follow up with City Manager Martin

Mayor Hernandez thanked everyone present. He shared the history of the leagues. It is important for there to be fairness and equality between the two leagues. The Council needs to be fair across the board. They also need to consider the well-maintained fields. The fields need to take a break from being used. He wished everyone Happy Valentines.

City Manager's Comments.

ADU workshop on March 7, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk