



City Hall Council Chamber  
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# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA

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

**March 25, 2020**

5:00 PM Closed Session

6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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#### **CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:19 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Councilmember Bautista (*via teleconference*), Councilmember Gonzalez (*via teleconference*), Councilmember Beaman Jacinto (*in-person*), Mayor Pro Tem Martinez (*via teleconference*) and Mayor Hernandez (*in person; arrived at 5:21 p.m.*).

**Absent:** None.

**Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 pertaining to the coronavirus/COVID-19, this meeting may be conducted by teleconference with no in-person public access to the meeting location.**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

To add to the agenda by four-fifths vote one emergency item under New Business as 8b.

**Motion:** **To add to the agenda by 4/5 vote Item 8b.**  
**Made by:** Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Gonzalez  
**Approved:** 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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There were no further modifications to the agenda.

**Motion:** **To approve agenda as modified.**  
**Made by:** Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
**Seconded by:** Mayor Pro Tem Martinez  
**Approved:** 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):**

None.

*(Mayor Hernandez arrived at 5:21 p.m.)*

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

The City Council convened into Closed Session at 5:21 p.m. to discuss the following item:

1. 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 6:23 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Assistant Chief of Police Andres Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Attorney Campos stated that direction was given in Closed Session, but no reportable action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2. Special Meeting Minutes of a Coachella City Council Study Session held on March 11, 2020.
3. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020, of the City Council, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Councilmember Gonzalez

Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

4. Mid-Year Budget Review

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

5. Voucher Listings — Manual Checks/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2019-20 Expenditures as of March 25, 2020, \$3,120,675.47.
6. Construction Contract with Universal Concrete Construction in the amount of \$202,850.00 and an amount of \$7,628 for contingency for the construction of Araby Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Phase II Project, CDBG Project No. 4.CO.21-19, City Project ST-117.
7. Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments for Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project Design
8. Authorize Sponsorship Support to the Riverside County Fire Explorer Program at Station 79 Coachella Post in the Amount of \$2,500.00

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 5 through 8.

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Mayor Hernandez  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):**

- 8b. Existence of Local Emergency, Adopting:
  - a) Resolution No. 2020-18, ratifying the Director of Emergency Services' Proclamation of the existence of local emergency; and
  - b) Resolution WA-2020-04 establishing a moratorium for water service disconnections through May 31, 2020 for all retail water accounts.

Public Comments: Lesly Figueroa (*via email at 4:16 p.m. with letter*)  
Gabriela and Claudia Armenta (*via email at 4:47 p.m.*)

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*(Existence of Local Emergency, Resolution No. 2020-18 and WA-2020-04, continued from previous page.)*

*Public Comments:* Allen Partono *(via email via email on 3/24/2020, at 11:52 p.m.)*  
*(continued):* Vanessa Moreno *(via email at 5:54 p.m.)*

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez  
Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Mayor Hernandez  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):**

9. Public Information regarding the Weight Limit Restrictions for the Dillon Road Bridge over the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel.

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing for Item 9 at 9:06 p.m.

Public Comment: Brad Anderson *(via email at 12:07 p.m.)*

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Hearing for Item 9 at 9:09 p.m.

Motion: To introduce by title only and pass to second reading.

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Mayor Hernandez  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

- a. Edwin Ramoran *(via phone)*
- b. Eric Lemus *(via phone)*
- c. Luz Gallegos *(via phone)*
- d. Elvira Herrera *(via phone)*
- e. Elvira Barragan *(via email at 9:41 a.m.)*

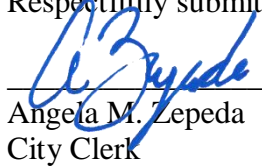
**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.  
City Manager's Comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Angela M. Lepeda  
City Clerk