



City Hall Council Chamber  
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# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AND  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA

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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, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
AND COACHELLA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

**March 27, 2024**

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

In-Person Meeting  
Location:

Coachella City Hall  
Council Chamber  
1515 Sixth Street  
Coachella, CA

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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 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

City Treasure Aviles via Zoom

Absent: City Clerk Zepeda

**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”

Motion: To approve the Agenda

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

**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 - EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
City of Coachella v. City of Indio, et al.,  
Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVRI 2401130

Direction given, no reportable action taken.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Eden, a Boy Scout joined the City Attorney Campos lead the Pledge of Allegiance

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No reportable action.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:**

3. Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Traffic Relief Plan Presentation
4. Quarterly Report by Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Councilmember Galarza stepped away at 6:25 pm and returned at 6:28 pm.
5. Bagdouma Park Maintenance Updates
6. Coachella's Youth Advisory Council Presentation

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Hernandez introduced Eden, a Boy Scout from Pack 50 representing Coachella who shared his accomplishment. The Council shared their role as representatives of the community and spoke about several important issues.

**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.)

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 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 Foundation
8. Investment Report – December 31, 2023
9. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2023-24 Expenditures as of March 27, 2024, \$1,774,274.15
10. Authorize the Purchase of an Axis Corporate Yard Video Camera Server for the amount of \$30,344.60
11. Authorize the Purchase of Three New Host Replication Servers from Computer Consultants for the Amount of \$32,458.61

12. Authorize the Purchase of 5 Dell Precision Workstations and 1 Dell Aurora R16 Workstation for the Amount of \$9,150.34
13. Authorize the Purchase and Installation of a Dual Language HD Swagit Camera and Streaming System for the City of Coachella Council Chamber for the Amount of \$81,444.25
14. Authorize the Purchase and Installation of a Digital Signage System from AVIR Technologies for the Amount of 19,485.00
15. Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Youth Baseball and Softball Association in the Amount of \$1,000
16. Amendment #1 to the Professional Service Agreement with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. in the Amount of \$41,785.00, and Authorize Appropriation of \$82,010.00 from Fund 101 (General Fund) for Professional Engineering Services for the Connect Coachella Project, City Project ST-138
17. Award Professional Services Agreement to HR Green Pacific, Inc. for the Development of the Broadband Master Plan for the City of Coachella in the Amount of \$214,690
18. Approve City Manager to Process Sponsorship Request Received from Celebration Nation Inc. for the 2024 Farmchella event in the amount of \$12,000
19. Authorize the City of Coachella to Sponsor Alianza Coachella Valley's The Hue Music and Arts Festival in the Amount of \$3,000
20. Authorize the City of Coachella to Sponsor The Mobius Conference in the Amount of \$2,500
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$36,600 to conduct a Utility Operations Salary Study
22. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-10 Accepting the City of Coachella Annual Progress Report (APR) and Direct Staff to Submit to the California Department of Housing Community Development

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:16 pm and returned at 7:17 pm.

Galarza requesting to pull item No. 20 and proposed to increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Motion: To approve item 20 with increase from \$2,500 to \$5,000

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

23. Approval of the 2024 City Council Meetings Calendar

No motion required as no changes were made.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Conduct a Comprehensive User Fee Study and Cost Allocation Plan and Appropriate \$38,210 from General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance

Motion: To approve staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

**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.

Daryl Terrell made a comment about thieves in possession of a catalytic converter that need to be prosecuted regardless of the victim being identified. He requested support from the City of Coachella by adopting an ordinance as have other cities.

Kirk Geiger founder of the non-profit Animal Rescue Center of California is raising funds. He needs a conditional use permit in a non-residential area in Coachella for a facility. He is looking for support from the City of Coachella and requested to be placed on a future agenda to bring more aspects of the program.

David Catanzarite, Executive Director of the Green Room Theater Company mentioned touring production bilingual play Maggie Magalita about immigration and family dynamics. He invited the council and staff to the show. He gave the council an update on the program.

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa went to the high school on career day talk on Tuesday. The impact when talking to students about college and it is better to speak with them in person. He looks forward to Eggstravaganza on Saturday at Bagdouma Park.

Councilmember Delgado completely supports funding Kirk's effort to give better animal services. She is looking forward to seeing the ARPA funds come back. She is looking forward on what they are pitching to the EPA and what the ask is and what they are considering. She attended, County Supervisor event and Mariachi festival. She thanked RSO team for the career day at her high school.

Councilmember Galarza is looking forward to the study session on the CVSL. He reminded the team that the council gave direction to allow CVSL the continuance use of Las Flores Park on Saturdays.

Mayor Pro Tem Virgen attended Rancho Los Flores expansion and it was very well attended. She also attended the ribbon cutting at Vistas Escondida Community Park. A lot of families were super excited and grateful. This Saturday is the Women's Summit at 8:00 am.

Councilmember Galarza stepped away at 7:53 pm and returned at 7:57 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Virgen stepped away at 7:55 pm and returned at 7:58 pm

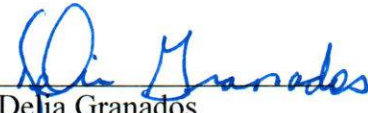
Mayor Hernandez apologized for not being able to attend the ribbon cutting of the Vistas Escondida Community Park but he was happy that it is done as it took years. There is an idea to put a trail behind to link to the development on Avenue 54 into downtown. Follow up with Kirk on animal control is bothering him on euthanasia on the cat population that is high, The City needs to adopt a policy to catch spay/neuter and release to adopt. Educating people and building infrastructure. He asked Renee to look into how to build this. He met with the City Manager and the Chief of Police and Lieutenant on how to augment police services for the city. The engineering department identified areas of flooding due to the amount of rain and giving out sand bags. He would like for staff to educate the community as to why they are giving sand bags to certain communities.

City Manager's Comments.

The City Manager announced all events happening: Orientation for workshop and accept application for the sidewalk vendor passed at the library, the Women's Summit, Eggs-Travaganza; Steve Chase Humanitarian Awards event. Councilmember Dr. Figueroa will be accepting the 2024 award.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

  
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Delia Granados  
Deputy City Clerk