



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

**December 09, 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 5:06 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto. Councilmember Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, and Mayor Hernandez.

City Treasurer Aviles and City Clerk Zepeda.

Absent: Councilmember Bautista.

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

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

City Manager Pattison asked Council to remove presentation Item 11 from the agenda and postpone it to January 27, 2021, due to a conflict on the presenter's calendar; add New Business Item 20a (later renumbered to 21a); and open Public Hearing Items 22 and 23, and then continue to January 27, 2021.

Motion: To approve the agenda as **amended**.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

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

None.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Council adjourned into Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: City Manager
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Title: City Manager
3. 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 6:16 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Clerk Angela Zepeda 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:**

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 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.
5. Special Meeting Minutes of October 23, 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.

6. Special Meeting Minutes of November 18, 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: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bautista.

**CANVASS OF BALLOTS:**

7. Resolution No. 2020-72, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held in said City of Coachella on the 3rd day of November 2020, declaring the result thereof and such other matters as are provided by law

Motion: To approve.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bautista.

**RECOGNITION:**

8. Recognition of Outgoing Elected Officials:

- Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez
- Councilmember Philip Bautista (absent)

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

9. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officials:

- **City Clerk Angela Zepeda**, who announced her Oath was performed by City Attorney Campos prior to the meeting;
- **City Treasurer Arturo Aviles**, performed by City Clerk Zepeda, who announced she performed this Oath prior to the meeting;
- **Councilmember Denise Delgado**, ceremoniously performed by her daughter Abril Sanchez, and officially performed prior to the meeting by City Clerk Zepeda;
- **Councilmember Neftali Galarza**, performed by City Clerk Zepeda;
- **Mayor Steven A. Hernandez**, performed by City Clerk Zepeda.

**COUNCIL ORGANIZATION:**

10. Nomination for the Position of Mayor Pro Tem:

Motion: To nominate **Megan Beaman Jacinto** as **Mayor Pro Tem**

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

**Failed:** 2-3, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto and Councilmember Delgado.

NOES: Councilmember Galarza, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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Motion: To nominate **Josie Gonzalez** as **Mayor Pro Tem**

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

**Approved:** 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

11. *(Removed from the agenda and continued during the Approval of the Agenda.)*

12. Presentation on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts by Kim Saruwatari, director of the Riverside University Health System - Public Health.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

One email was received and read during Item 21.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

13. Voucher Listings — EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2020-21 Expenditures as of December 9, 2020, \$2,319,685.35.
14. Ordinance No. 1169 approving Change of Zone approving Change of Zone (CZ 20-02) for the Cairo Casitas Project from C-G (General Commercial) and R-M (Multiple-Family Residential) to CN-PD (Neighborhood Commercial-Planned Development Overlay) and RM-PD (Multiple-Family Residential – Planned Development Overlay) zones on 0.489 acres located at 51-704 Cesar Chavez Street (APN: 778-150-001). Tomer Tzadok (Applicant). (*Second Reading*)
15. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-73 Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) in the amount of \$11,897
16. Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) in an amount of \$1,475,709 to fund professional engineering services and right-of-way acquisition for the Avenue 50/Whitewater Crossing (ST-69).
17. Amendment No. 1 to the Sub-Reimbursement Agreement by and between Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), City of Coachella and Riverside County (County) for the Avenue 48 Widening Project between Van Buren and Dillon Road, City Project ST-131.
18. Investment Reports – July, August, September & October 2020

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 13 through 18.

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

19. Mayor's Appointments to Various Council Subcommittees, Coachella Valley Association of Government (CVAG) Committees, Other Agencies, etc.

Motion: To approve the Mayor's appointments

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Gonzalez

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

20. Resolution No. 2020-78: Authorizing Additional Coronavirus Relief Funds for Round 3 of the Small Business Assistance Program

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

*Public Comments were moved up to this portion of the meeting being after the 8:00 hour:*

a) Maribel Nunez (via Zoom)

b) Randy Florence (via Zoom)

*(After Public Comments, the City Council returned to the regular agenda at this point.)*

21. Desert X 2021 – Sponsorship Request for \$30,000 to Install Public Art Exhibition in the City of Coachella

Public Comment: Marcos Magaña (via email at 5:01 p.m. on 12/09/2021)

Action: **None/item tabled**

21a Letter to California Governor Newsom and California Health and Human Services agency Secretary Dr. Ghaly requesting COVID-19 vaccination prioritization for our essential farmworkers.

Motion: To approve the letter with a modification to add language with reference and specific percentage that farmworkers are affected greater than other industries

Made by: Councilmember Galarza  
Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

22. Community Facilities District (CFD 2005-01) – Annexation No. 32 CV Apartments by Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC) located at 84-900 Bagdad Avenue.

- a) Resolution No. 2020-75 Determining the Validity of Prior Proceedings relating to Annexation of Property (Annexation No. 32) in the City of Coachella CFD No. 2005-01 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services).
- b) Resolution No. 2020-76 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Calling a Special Election within Annexation Area No. 32 (Parcel Map 37833).
- c) Resolution No. 2020-77 Canvassing The Results of The Election Held Within CFD No. 2005-01 (Area No. 32)
- d) Ordinance No.1170 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within Annexation Area No. 32 Annexed to Said District (*First Reading*)

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing for Item 22 at 9:03 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: To **continue** to the City Council Meeting of **January 27, 2021**

Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

23. Appeal of Planning Commission’s Revocation of Conditional Use Permit (CUP 312) that allowed a 3,250 sq. ft. Retail Cannabis Microbusiness on 20,000 square feet of land located at 84-161 Avenue 48 for “The Coachella Lighthouse, LLC”. City- Initiated Revocation.

Public Hearing Item Remains Open.

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*(Item 23 continued from previous page.)*

Public Comment:       None.

Motion:                To **continue** to the City Council Meeting of **January 27, 2021**

Made by:               Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by:        Councilmember Delgado

Approved:             5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

*With the time being after the 8:00 hour and per Resolution No. 2019-34, Public Comments were moved up (see page 6). There were no further comments at this time.*

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

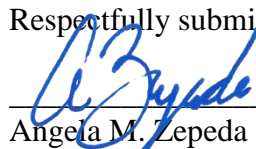
Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

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 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angela M. Lepeda  
City Clerk