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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 10, 2021

5:00 PM Closed Session

6:00 PM Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: - 5:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez.

ROLL CALL:

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

City Treasurer Aviles, City Clerk Zepeda.

Absent: None.

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:

There were no modifications to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

Council adjourned into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: City Manager
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 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Pattison 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:

3. Special Meeting Minutes of a Coachella City Council Study Session held on February 24, 2021.
4. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021, 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 Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

5. Presentation on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts
6. Presentation from American Natural Farming on a Health Center and Job Training (*due to technicality difficulties, the presenter was unable to present*).
7. Presentation on COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment Assistance by Vaxie

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Letters and emails were received and read as the items came up for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

8. Voucher Listing — EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2020-21 Expenditures as of March 10, 2021, \$2,404,990.93.
9. *This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately. See page 4.*
10. *This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately. See page 4.*
11. *This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately. See page 4.*
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Grapefruit Urban Greening and Connectivity Project Change Order #4
13. Authorize the Purchase of Sedaru Asset & Operational Management Software Licensing and Managed Services Program for Calendar Years 2021-23
14. Professional Services Agreement with Egan Civil, Inc. for engineering services on the rehabilitation of the Bagdouma Park basketball courts and adjacent retention basin in the amount of \$24,900 (Project P-21)
15. Professional Services Agreement with BOTEC Analysis for the preparation of a Cannabis Social Equity Assessment Study in the amount of \$49,980
16. Amendment to Letter of Agreement with CannaBiz Consulting, LLC to assist with implementation of the City's Cannabis Social Equity Program in the amount of \$69,763.00 and authorize BCC Social Equity Grant funding for this Agreement.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 8 through 17, with the **exception of Items 9, 10 and 11**, which were voted upon separately (see below).

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.

The following items were pulled from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately (see page 2 and above):

9. Resolution No. 2021-16, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit An Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds to Build Central Park on Avenue 52 between La Ponderosa Drive and Hernandez Street
10. Resolution No. 2021-22, Authorizing the City Manager to Submit An Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds to Build Angel Park on Avenue 53 between Shady Lane and Tyler Street

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation (Items 9 and 10)

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem 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.

11. Resolution No. 2021-23, a Resolution Proclaiming Support for Proposed Immigration Changes in the United States Congress and Commitment to Immigrants that Live or Work in the City.

The following comments were made during the meeting via Zoom:

1. Luz Gallegos
2. Vanessa Moreno
3. Eric Lemus
4. Lyzette Mendoza
5. Lizbeth Albin
6. Jazmine Ibarra
7. Monica Galvez
8. Brenda (no last name provided)
9. Reyes J. Lopez

The following comment was made via voice mail message:

1. Daniel Flores - Support

The following emails were received, forwarded to the City Council, and are entered into the record:

1. Olga Flores 3/10/2021 2:13 PM – Support – Both Items 11 and 17

2. Lyzzeth Mendoza 3/10/2021 2:10 PM – Support
3. Yurema Arvizu 3/10/2021 2:59 PM – Support – Both Items 11 and 18
4. Héctor T. Plascencia 3/10/2021 3:14 PM – Support
5. Claudia Lopez 3/10/2021 4:04 PM – Support – Both Items 11 and 18)
6. Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice 3/10/2021 4:58 PM – Support (undersigned by 11 other agencies)

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

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):

17. HERO Pay:

- a) Agricultural Industry Impact Report
- b) Hero Fund Program
- c) Ordinance No. 1175, “Hero Pay” for Front-Line Agricultural, Grocery, Restaurant, and Retail Pharmacy Workers (*Second Reading*)

The following comments were made during the meeting via Zoom:

1. Chris Duggan
2. Aron Velarde
3. Reyes Lopez
4. Lesly Figueroa
5. Javier Hernandez
6. Frank Figueroa
7. Vanessa Moreno
8. Jazmine Ibarra
9. Stephanie Ambriz
10. Edwin Ramoran
11. Beverly Garcia
12. Jacqueline Aguilar

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13. Brenda (no last name provided)
14. Danny Torres
15. George Tudor
16. Monica Galvez
17. Blaine Carian
18. Mariella Magaña Ceballos
19. Olivia (no last name provided)
20. Natalia Cervantes
21. Rosemary Bautista

The following letters were received, forwarded to the City Council, and are entered into the record:

1. California Institute for Rural Studies 3/10/2021 4:45 PM – Support
2. California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. 3/10/2021 4:48 PM – Request to continue item
3. California Restaurant Association 3/8/2021 5:53 PM – Oppose
4. Hadley Date Garden 3/10/2021 12:07 PM – Oppose
5. Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice 3/10/2021 5:00 PM – Support
6. Ocean Mist 3/10/2021 3:13 PM – Oppose
7. Tudor Ranch, Inc. 3/10/2021 4:18 PM – Oppose
8. United Food and Commercial Workers Union 3/10/2021 3:53 PM – Support

The following emails were received, forwarded to the City Council, and entered into the record:

1. ACLU of Southern California 3/10/2021 5:00 PM – Support
2. Alejandra Alarcon Wed 3/10/2021 1:02 PM – Support
3. Anonymous 3/10/2021 1:18 PM – Support
4. April Alarcon 3/10/2021 5:16 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
5. Argo Labor Services 3/10/2021 1:16 PM – Oppose
6. Brenda Ortiz 3/10/2021 5:18 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxes)
7. Chris Benner 3/10/2021 2:37 PM – Support

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8. Claudia Lopez 3/10/2021 4:04 PM – Support (Both Item 11 and 18)
9. Cristhian Castro 3/10/2021 8:01 AM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxes)
10. Danny Torres 3/10/2021 5:23 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxes)
11. Eloisa Lopez 3/10/2021 4:30 PM – Support
12. Francisco Carrillo 3/10/2021 5:34 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
13. Gisell Arredondo 3/10/2021 8:01 AM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
14. Héctor T. Plascencia 3/10/2021 3:14 PM – Support
15. Jacqueline Aguilar 3/10/2021 3:43 PM – Support
16. June Mihalich 3/10/2021 4:15 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
17. Karen Rodriguez 3/10/2021 3:05 PM – Support
18. Marcos Magaña 3/10/2021 12:00 PM – Support
19. MJ Rodriguez 3/10/2021 3:46 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
20. Najayra Valdovinos Soto 3/9/2021 2:50 PM – Support
21. Nicole Arciga 3/10/2021 2:45 PM – Support
22. Odalys Beltran 3/10/2021 1:51 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
23. Olga Flores 3/10/2021 2:13 PM- Support – Both Items 11 and 18
24. Olivia Rodriguez 3/10/2021 5:29 PM – Support
25. Pablo Juan Hernandez 3/10/2021 3:05 PM – Support
26. Peter Rabbit Farms 3/9/2021 12:18 PM – Oppose
27. (No First Name) Ramirez 3/8/2021 11:29 PM - Oppose
28. Sarai Michelle 3/10/2021 4:56 PM – Support
29. Stephanie Ambriz 3/9/2021 5:44 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
30. Vanesa Gonzalez 3/10/2021 3:12 PM – Support
31. Vianey Holguin 3/10/2021 5:29 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)
32. Yurema Arvizu 3/9/2021 5:35 PM – Mixed Support (yes, but not from taxpayers' funds)

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Motion: To approve Ordinance No. 1175

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Substitute Motion: To move forward with Ordinance No. 1175, and the Hero Fund Program, with that fund to be set at \$750,000 to be taken out of the HERO's Act dollars that will be coming to the City of Coachella.

Made By: Mayor Hernandez

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

The question is on the motion to substitute. Shall the motion to move forward with Ordinance No. 1175 and the Hero Fund Program, with that fund to be set at \$750,000 to be taken out of the HERO's Act dollars that will be coming to the City of Coachella **replace** the motion to Approve Ordinance No. 1175?

Approved: 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto and Councilmember Delgado.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion to substitute is adopted.

Motion: To move forward with Ordinance No. 1175 and the Hero Fund Program, with that fund to be set at \$750,000 to be taken out of the HERO's Act dollars that will be coming to the City of Coachella.

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:

1. Erika Ramirez Mayoral – during the meeting via Zoom
2. Javier Hernandez – during the meeting via Zoom
3. Erik Lemus – during the meeting via Zoom
4. Inland Equity Partnership Board, via email 03/10/2021 2:48 PM
5. Marco Ramos, via email 03/10/2021 5:33 PM

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

18. Ordinance No. 1177 Establishing Campaign Contribution Limit for Local Candidates (AB 571) *(First Reading)*

Option to make no changes (not proceed with first reading): The \$4,900 statewide campaign contribution from one individual per calendar year would be imposed on those running for elective City office. The FPPC would take responsibility for enforcing the restriction.

Public Comment: Frank Figueroa, via Zoom
Stephanie Ambriz, via Zoom/email 03/10/2021 4:04 PM
Danny Torre, via email 3/10/2021 5:31 pm

Motion: To make no changes/match State's Campaign Contribution Limit

Made by: Councilmember Galarza
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

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

19. Resolution No. 2021-21, Approving Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
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.

20. Authorize City Manager to execute a letter agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for a special event pyrotechnic program for the City's 2021 Fourth of July program, in the amount of \$34,000.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, and hold the event on Saturday, July 3, 2021

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, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

21. Authorize award of purchase to Vintage Associates, Inc. for City Hall fountain bowl replacement, in the amount of \$21,249.16 and authorize appropriation of \$21,249.16 from undesignated general fund reserves for this purchase.

Motion: To **continue** item
Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem 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.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

22. 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.

Mayor Hernandez re-opened the Public Hearing

Public Comment: Marcos Magaña, via email 03/09/2021 8:47 PM

Motion: To **continue** item to April 14, 2021

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem 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.

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 7). There were no further comments at this time.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

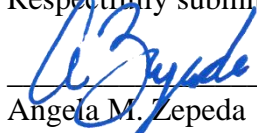
Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

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 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk