



City Hall Council Chamber
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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 28, 2024

5:00PM – 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.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Hernandez received notice from Councilmember Dr. Figueroa that he will be absent.

Present: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Virgen (arrived at 5:09 p.m.during Closed Session) and Mayor Hernandez
City Clerk Zepeda via Zoom, City Treasure Aviles via Zoom

Absent: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

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 Consent Calendar.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 3-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen (arrived at 5:09 p.m.) and Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

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:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Attorney Campos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Campos received direction from the Council on item No. 2.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Audit 2022-23 Presentation - The Pun Group LLP
4. Coachella Immigrant Families Recovery Program Update by Mission Asset Fund
5. Proclamation - Riverside County Arts and Culture Month
6. Discussion on Field Allocation and Community Field Use Program

The Council provided staff direction and to bring an item back to the Council.

Raul Vargas, Alma Aceves from CYSA and other league members commented on this item.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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 February 14, 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
8. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2023-24 Expenditures as of February 28, 2024, \$7,298,014.31
9. Provide Staff Direction on Sponsorship Request received from Culturamas Music-Arts for Their 11th Annual Women Rising Event in the amount of \$5,000
10. Approve Resolution 2024-06 adopting the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as Required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act 2000
11. Award Amendment No. 2 to construction agreement with WGJ Enterprises Inc. (dba PCI) for the FY 2023-26 On-Call Striping Contract Project No. 083122 to extend their term through June 30, 2024
12. Authorize the City of Coachella City Manager to Finalize and Execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Coachella and the Twenty Nine Palms Mission Indians For Improvements to Dillon Road and

Authorize \$1,658,329.99 fund transfer from the General Fund (Fund 101) to Road Maintenance -Dillon Road (Fund 108)

13. Award a Contract to Deckard Technologies, Inc., of San Diego, California, for Short Term Rental Monitoring, Compliance, Enforcement, and Tax Collection Services in the Amount of \$27,750
14. Authorize City Manager to approve Change Order No. 1 and approve Notice of Completion for City Project No. LL-01 & LL-05, accept project as complete and direct City Clerk to record the Notice of Completion.
15. Approve resolution 2024-07 authorizing application for Tropical Storm Hilary public assistance and designating agents to act on the City's behalf.
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Extra Work with Dudek for Total Compensation not to Exceed \$407,215.00 in Calendar Year 2024.
17. Authorize the City Manager to sign the "Software as a Service Agreement" with Tyler Technologies, Inc.
18. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Líderes Campesinas in the Amount of \$5,000 to Fund Travel Expenses to the State Capitol for Legislative Advocacy Efforts

The Mayor requested a briefing on item numbers 10 and 15 from staff.

Councilmember Galarza pulled item number 9 and requested for Oralia Ortiz to say a few words. Because she was having technical difficulties, Councilmember Galarza made the comment for her regarding Celina Jimenez.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

19. Provide staff direction on sponsorship request received from Celebration Nation Inc for the 2024 Farmchella event, in the amount of \$30,000.

The Council requested the continuance of this item.

Motion: To continue this item.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza
Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

20. Approve a Commercial Corridor Façade Improvement Grant Program in the Amount of One-Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the General Fund to Beautify and Revitalize Commercial Properties Along Cesar Chavez Street Between Avenue 52 and Sixth Street

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Galarza
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

21. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 Authorizing the City of Coachella to Make a Funding Commitment in Support of the Blue Zones Project Riverside County Initiative Sponsored by Riverside University Health System and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Funding Commitment Agreement in the Lump Sum Amount of \$200,000

Councilmember Galarza stepped away at 9:01 p.m. and returned at 9:04 p.m.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

22. Proposal for Coachella Sanitary District Headworks Screening Improvements for on-call Professional Services with Dudek in the amount of \$144,825.00.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

23. 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 (Continued from February 14, 2024)

Mayor Hernandez reopened the public hearing at 9:32 p.m.

Alejandro Meza Aguilar from the Inland Coalition for Justice, Omar and other speakers who did not identify themselves spoke to this item. The City Attorney had emails from Sofia Wrench and Luz Moreno in favor of this item.

Mayor Hernandez closed the public hearing at 9:40 p.m.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

City Attorney Campos read the ordinance into the record.

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.

None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Delgado requested from Selena, for the ICSC conference, to provide a list and target businesses to bring into city, specifically those with healthier options in regards to restaurants/food. She requested a Workforce Hub for licenses and certifications that the community can earn to find employment and afford a living wage. She requested more in the wellness hub. Requesting a presentation on finances for EPA for airport. In regards to Scholarships and CALSEL, she requested to fund soccer leagues so they can participate in higher level competitions and to afford travel expenses.

Councilmember Galarza announced Dia De los Ninos event and invited everyone to participate. He invited everyone to the State of the County table at Fantasy Springs March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Virgen attended the LAFCO meeting announced annexation of area and expansion and pocket 7 application was approved.


Mayor Hernandez challenges staff to initiate more neighborhood meetings to get more feedback. He would like to come back with discussion about improving communities and creating budgets for these projects for LMNDs. Mayor thanks staff and attendants.

City Manager's Comments.

Reminder that the final ADU workshop is Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Civic Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk