



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

September 13, 2023

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

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| <p>In-Person Meeting Location:</p> <p>Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA</p> | <p>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09 Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,,,*606140# Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833 Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898 Passcode: 606140</p> <p>Spanish: El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla</p> |
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 - **In Real Time:**

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

The Regular Meeting 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, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza, and Mayor Hernandez.

City Clerk Zepeda, City Treasure Aviles via Zoom

Absent: Councilmember Virgen

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: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

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 Manager

Title: City Attorney

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)

One (1) Potential Case

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

One (1) Potential Case

Councilmember Virgen arrived at 5:15 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: - 6:19 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Marnie Navarro led the pledge of allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council met in Closed Session on items 2 and 3, not 1, and direction was given, but no reportable action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Staff recommended moving Presentation 10, 5, and 8 to this section because some staff needed to return to work.

4. Proclamation Recognizing Staff for their Service and Dedication Safety of The City of Coachella
5. Proclamation Presented to Javier Figueroa
6. Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Month
7. Center for Employment Training (CET) Presentation of Services
8. Presentation by RAICES Cultura on All Children Thrive California - Youth Development and Policy Work in the City of Coachella
9. Bagdouma and Veterans Memorial Parks Amenity Recommendations
10. Presentation by Raftelis for the Utilities Departments

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

(Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 7:38 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m., Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m., Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:48 p.m. and returned at 7:52 pm, and Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 8:12 pm)

The Councilmember took a break at 8:40 p.m. and returned at 8:50 p.m.

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.)

11. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2023, 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, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
12. Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023, 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, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
13. Special Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2023, 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, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
14. Adopt Ordinance No. 1206 - City of Coachella Objective Design Standards for Multi-family Residential and Mixed-Use development - Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-04 is a Proposal to Amend Coachella Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning, Adopting Objective Design Standards for Multi-family Residential Development to apply to G-N General Neighborhood, U-N Urban Neighborhood, DT-PV Downtown Pueblo Viejo, DT-PV Transition, U-E Urban Employment and Neighborhood Commercial zones.(Second Reading)
15. Professional Service Agreement with Heptagon Seven to develop final Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimates for a Roundabout at Avenue 53 and Calle Empalme.
16. Addition Work Request (AWR) #1 for Engineering and Landscape Services associated with the Avenue 53 Tot Lot.
17. Investment Report for May and June, 2023
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Professional Services Agreements with Willdan, Interwest, and 4 Leaf, Inc. for Building Department Services
19. Award Amendment No. 1 to Construction Agreement with WGJ Enterprises Inc. (dba PCI) for the FY 2023-26 On-Call Striping Contract Project No. 083122, in the Amount not to Exceed \$150,000
20. Authorize the City of Coachella's Tacos, Tequila and Chavelas Festival Beer Garden Operation on October 21, 2023 at Veterans Memorial Park from 4 pm to 8 pm
21. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024 Expenditures as of September 13, 2023, \$8,506,206.42

Councilmember Delgado requested to pull items 15 and 18 for discussion.

Motion: To approve the consent calendar items

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hernandez for consent calendar item 14

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

22. Sponsorship of Run With Los Muertos Event:

a) Sponsorship request from Eventscape International, Inc. for \$35,000.00 for the 2023 Run With Los Muertos Event; and

b) Approval for operation of a beer garden on November 4, 2023 in Downton Sixth Street from 4:00 pm to midnight.

Motion: To approve New Business Run with Los Muertos Event

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

23. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Vintage Landscape to allow for Repair of Landscape Improvements at Rancho Las Flores Park Increasing Compensation of Agreement by an Additional \$150,000

Motion: To approve Landscape Improvements at Rancho Las Flores Park

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

24. Provide Staff Direction for the 2023 Hometown Heroes Honorees

Councilmembers provided direction and requested staff to bring back this item.

Mayor Hernandez requested that staff take this item to the public and bring back the agenda item.

25. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-62 Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Strategic Growth Council for the Community Resilience Centers Implementation Grant Program in the Amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) and Approve the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure, the Draft Partnership Agreement, and Execute All Related Grant Documents

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-62

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

(Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 9:40 p.m. and returned at 9:42 p.m.)

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

26. Resolution No. SA-2023-01, Approving the Last and Final Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (LFROPS)

Motion: To approve Resolution No. SA-2023-01

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

27. City of Coachella 6th Cycle Housing Element General Plan Amendment No. 21-02 and Environmental Assessment No. 22-03 for Consideration of the City of Coachella 6th Cycle Housing Element for 2021-2029. City-Initiated

Open Public Hearing at 9:45 p.m. and closed Public Hearing at 10:08 p.m.

Motion: To approve Amendment NO. 21-02

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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.

Public Comments were taken at 8:37 p.m., right after Proclamations/Presentations

Maria Elias, requested council direction on an issue regarding her special needs child with CVUSD.

Hector Prieto, requested help from the council regarding a shade structure permit.

Marla, Jesus Diaz, M. Delgado, and Angelina Calderon thanked all staff and councilmembers for the help of a quick emergency action after Hurricane Hillary.

Brad Anderson thanked the board for the decision regarding the license plate reader.

(Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m., and Mayor Hernandez stepped away at 9:47 p.m. and returned at 9:48 p.m.)

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa made a comment on mosquitos and informing neighbors. He attended all Valley Mayor Luncheon and CVAG Public Safety Committee Meeting. The City of Palm Desert banned Mylar balloons. He attended the state of CVUSD today.

Councilmember Delgado made a comment on the previous statement made to clarify any confusion. She has a subcommittee coming up tomorrow for the SCAG Energy Committee Meeting. Comments were towards the City Manager, not staff. She requested a policy on evaluating short-term rentals. Regarding the question about her, she brought up the evaluation of various policies and programs. She attended a joint policy committee meeting next week. She has a homelessness committee coming up. She is attending El Grito and the conference in Sacramento.

Councilmember Virgin said that most of them will be at the League of Cities in Sacramento next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Galarza enjoyed all the projects and programs he attended at the Valley Mayor Luncheon. He attended the State of CVUSD. He is attending El Grito. He is not attending the League of Cities Conference but is attending a NALEO Policy event.

Mayor Hernandez commended the staff for an outstanding job. He requested for staff to put together a schedule on the repaired streets and a schedule with the pass on Avenue 52. He attended the Mayor's Luncheon.

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 10:30 p.m.



Angela Zepeda
City Clerk