



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

**March 13, 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.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

City Clerk Zepeda

Absent: Delgado (arrived at 6:24 p. m.), Treasurer Aviles

**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”

The City Manager requested adding item 4a. Legislative Update by Oracio Gonzalez, Lobbyist.

The Council requested continuing items 11 and 12 and requested a study session with these two items for March 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Hernandez added that any type of direction given at the previous meeting still stands.

Motion: To include item 4a and table items 11 and 12

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

**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
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Property: APN No. 763-131-078  
Agency Negotiator: Dr. Gabriel Martin, City Manager Negotiating  
Parties: Industrial Way Properties  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Imperial Irrigation District Government Affairs, Antonio Ortega lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No reportable action.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:**

4. Presentation - Imperial Irrigation District - Transmission Line Upgrade Project
- 4.a Legislative Update – Oracio Gonzalez, Lobbyist
5. Arbor Day Presentation – April 6, 2024 at Rancho Las Flores
6. Presentation - Tot Lot Project - Conceptual Design Update

Councilmember Delgado arrived at 6:24 p.m., stepped away at 6:30 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

On March 11, 2024 received email from South Coast Air Quality Management District, Anetha, Community Steering Committee Member Regarding Residential Air Filtration Incentives. The application process opened this month, first come, first serve.

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 6:38 p.m. and returned at 6:40 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.)

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 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 March 13, 2024, \$3,836,198.00
9. Adopt Ordinance No. 1209 (Second Reading) "Sidewalk Vendor Regulations" – 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
10. Resolution No. 2024-09 Approving Final Tract Map 38557-1 (Sevilla II).
11. Approve Recommended Adjustments to the Community Field Use Program
12. Execution of the Twelfth Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coachella and Sports Leagues.

As a reminder, items 11 and 12 were continued to a study session

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Neftali Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa abstained as to item 7 only.

ABSENT: None

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

NONE

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

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.

Brad Anderson was present to hear the IDD proposal, commended city council for taking care of the people in their community.

Anetha Lue, representative from South Coast AQ Management District Eastern, also a part of Coachella Valley AB 617 Environmental Justice Group. Announced that pre-residential air filters will be available on website AQMD.GOV/RAF at first come first serve basis. Residents need to fill application.

Frankie Morales has an issue with code enforcement, he received a notice of violation because he had his toy hauler/trailer parked, was charged for parking and storage of commercial motor vehicle code 17.45-010 (M). He argues that his toy hauler is not considered a vehicle.

Daniel Wong community liaison with South Coast AQMD 617 echoed Anetha Lue's comments regarding AB617 residential air filtration program.

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Dr Figueroa announced he had the Mosquito Vector Control meeting this week and he invited the council and staff to attend the tour of the facilities. He attended a tour LGBTQ Legislative Caucus and toured with Palm Springs GP Health Clinic. Next week is the Rancho Las Flores public outreach and Vist Escondido grand opening.

Councilmember Delgado had no comments.

Councilmember Galarza confirmed that residents can apply online at AQMD.GOV/RAF. Sidewalks need a lot of landscaping on Ave 52 and 53, he is concerned of grass growing and that wheelchairs/strollers can't access them.

Councilmember Virgen wants to bring back item about looking for land to potentially find partners and bring an early childhood education center, to create a list to identify specific projects to do community benefit. She requested staff update on ARPA funding and allocation of monies as deadlines are coming up so they can have an idea where to allocate funds.

Mayor Hernandez requested staff update on the Dillon and Van Buren project and schedule. He also requested an update on the replacement of shade structures and tree replacements in Bagdouma Park.

City Manager's Comments.

City Manager announced Suavecito Sunday at Veterans Park on Sunday at 4:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> District State of the County on Monday at 7:30 at Fantasy Springs, commended Code Enforcement and entered CVAG has placed 5 unsheltered residents of Coachella into the program. Shout out to the Planning Department and Building & Safety for the successful ADU workshop. Lift to Rise asked the City to join their panel for the 2024 Planning Association California State conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk