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

June 10, 2026
5:00 PM – CLOSED SESSION
6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

In-Person Meeting Location: Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA	**If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:** **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** **Spanish:** El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla

- Public comments may be received **either in person, via email, or via Zoom.**
  - **In Person:**

    Anyone wishing to speak in person during the public comment period or on a particular item is required to fill out a Request to Speak Form. In order to be recognized, a Request to Speak Form must be turned in to the City Clerk prior to the start of the public comment period or before the agenda item is taken up by Council on which you wish to provide a comment.
  - **In Real Time via Zoom:**

    If participating in real time via Zoom, during the public comment period, participants must be visible on camera and use the **"raise hand"** function on Zoom.
  - **In Writing via Email:**

    If providing a written comment by email, you may submit your public comment to the City Council by emailing cityclerk@coachella.org. To comment by email, submit your comments no later than 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing your name, agenda item (if applicable), and your comment. Any correspondence received by the deadline will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration before action is taken on the matter, during the meeting and upon request one (1) hard copy of the written

public comments will be available for the public's view, and written comments will be retained for the official records. Written comments will not be read aloud at City Council meetings.

- The **live stream** of the meeting may be **viewed online** by accessing the city's website at **www.coachella.org**, and clicking on the "**Watch Council Meetings**" tab located on the home page, and then clicking on the "live" button.

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

Mayor Dr. Figueroa called the City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the City of Coachella to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), Councilmember Virgen, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

City Clerk

City Treasurer

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 Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Perez
Approved: 4-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One (1) or More Potential Cases

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
   Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
   Two (2) or More Potential Cases

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: - 6:00 P.M.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

Councilmember Perez recused herself from Item #7

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS) (LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES. IF ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, THEY WILL BE HEARD AFTER ITEM NO. 15. PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR):

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.

1. Joseph Huesca
2. Maria Arcos
3. Graciela Sanchez
4. Maria Hernandez
5. Ramona Negrete
6. Flerida Rodriguez
7. Gabriel Hernandez
8. Jesus Ahkin Gonzalez
9. Vicente Zamora
10. Judian N. Simon
11. Loretta Perez
12. Lorraine Salas
13. JoAnne Lamas
14. James Rodriguez
15. Ash B

16. Gloria Ornelas
17. Angela Zepeda

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Introduce the New Fire Chief, Robert Fisher

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Emily Lopez
2. Stephanie Ambriz
3. Odayls Beltran
4. Lilian Todd

CONSENT CALENDAR:

(It is recommended that Consent Items be acted upon simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Council Member.)

4. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2026, 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

5. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 Expenditures as of June 10, 2026, $5,598,689.45

6. Annual Investment Policy Update – Fiscal Year 2026-27

7. Resolution No. 2026-36 A Resolution of the City of Coachella Authorizing the County of Riverside to Provide Specified Services to the City of Coachella and Agreeing to Hear Future Resolutions of Necessity for the Jackson Street and Avenue 50 Intersection Improvements Project

8. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-28 Authorizing the Establishment of an Annual Special Tax for City of Coachella Community Facilities District No. 2005-01 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services) and Annexation Areas Thereto for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

9. Receive and File Fiscal Year 2024-25 “Clean” Single Audit Report with No Findings

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Martinez
Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Perez recused herself from Item #7
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

10. Design/Build Contract with Bergman Construction in the amount of $4,896,981 plus $816,188 for contingency for the Design and Construction of the Bagdouma Wellness Center Project, City Project No. F-37.

Public Comment:

1. Loretta Perez

Motion: To approve Design/Build Contract with Bergman Construction in the amount of $4,896,981 plus $816,188 for contingency for the Design and Construction of the Bagdouma Wellness Center Project, City Project No. F-37 and modify the Liquidated Damages to $3,000

Made by: Councilmember Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Perez
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

11. Consideration to Fill the Planning Commission Alternate Vacancy

Public Comment:

1. Ash B.
2. James Rodriguez
3. Lorraine Salas
4. Shaida Hernandez
5. Karla (Zoom)

Motion: Mayor Dr. Figueroa nominated Stephanie Ambriz and was appointed as the Planning Commissioner Alternate

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-1

AYES: Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

NOES: Councilmember Martinez
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Council took recess at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

12. Discussion whether to Issue a Request for Qualifications for City Attorney Legal Services

Public Comment:

1. Lorretta Perez
2. James Rodriguez
3. Ash B.
4. Francisco S. Molina
5. Stephanie Ambriz

Motion: To authorize to Issue a Request for Qualifications for City Attorney Legal Services

Made by: Councilmember Virgen
Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

13. Request for City Council feedback and Direction regarding City Anniversary Campaigns

Public Comment:

1. Stephanie Ambriz
2. Lorretta Perez

Direction given to wait until the permanent City Manager starts so he may evaluate and provide recommendation to move forward. Direction was also given to reach out to The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce marketing department to see if they are interested in partnering. Council moves forward with Alternative #3

14. Request for City Council feedback and Direction Regarding a Drafted Social Media Policy

Public Comment:

1. JoAnne Lamas
2. Ash B.
3. Loretta Perez

4. James Rodriguez
5. Stephanie Ambriz
6. Karla F. (Zoom)

Direction to move forward with Social Media Policy with modification of 7.2 to allow comments to be turned on.

15. Public Hearing and Reporting on Vacancies, Recruitment and Retention Efforts

16. Review of City Manager Purchasing Authority – Proposed Ordinance Amendment

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Ash B.
2. James Rodriguez
3. Loretta Perez
4. JoAnne Lamas
5. Stephanie Ambriz
6. Karla F. (Zoom)

Councilmember Martinez stepped away at 9:24 p.m. and returned at 9:26 p.m.

Council gave direction to move forward with Option B and to look into centralizing purchasing process through the Finance Department.

17. Second Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget Study Session

Mayor Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 9:33 p.m. and returned at 9:35 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Ash B.
2. James Rodriguez
3. Karla F.

Councilmember Perez stepped away at 10:02 p.m. and returned at 10:05 p.m.

Councilmember Martin stepped away at 10:02 p.m. and returned at 10:04 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

18. A Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No. 2026-29: Request for conditional approval of Entertainment Permit No. 26-02 to allow limited entertainment events in a 1,625 square foot commercial tenant space for the Clamatosdel43 Sport Bar located at 49915 Cesar Chavez Street (APN 603-281-044); and determining that the proposed project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Applicant: Salvador Islas

Public Hearing opened at 10:17 p.m. and closed at 10:18 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Stephanie Ambriz

Public Hearing reopened at 10:21 p.m. and closed at 10:22 p.m.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2026-29: Request for conditional approval of Entertainment Permit No. 26-02 to allow limited entertainment events in a 1,625 square foot commercial tenant space for the Clamatosdel43 Sport Bar located at 49915 Cesar Chavez Street (APN 603-281-044); and determining that the proposed project is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Applicant: Salvador Islas

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
Seconded by: Councilmember Perez
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

19. Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan, 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Resolution No. WA-2026-02

Mayor Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 10:30 p.m. and returned at 10:31 p.m.

Public Hearing opened at 10:39 p.m. and closed at 10:45 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Ash B.

Motion: To adopt the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan, 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Resolution No. WA-2026-02

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

20. A Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No. 2026-34 of the City Council of the City of Coachella for the Recommendation of Conditional Approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 38943 for Condominium Purposes to Allow the Sale of Individual Storage Units for the Coachella Vault Project Located on an Approximately 11-Acre Parcel at APN: 603-290-005. Applicant: Steve Myers, Coachella Vault LLC

Public Hearing opened at 11:10 p.m. and closed at 11:11 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Nicole Vahn

Motion: To adopt the 2025 Coachella Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan, 2025 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and Resolution No. WA-2026-02

Made by: Councilmember Perez
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 11:35 p.m. and returned at 11:37 p.m.

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Department Director Reports

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 11:49 p.m.

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Angela Zepeda
City Clerk