



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

September 10, 2025

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
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- 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 Hernandez 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 Perez, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Delgado (arrived at 5:01 p.m.), and Mayor Hernandez

City Treasurer

Absent: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa and City Clerk

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: Councilmember Virgen

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

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)/(e)(1)

One (1) Potential Case

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:

2. Proclamation Honoring Maria Serrano
3. Find Food Bank Presentation on Hunger Action Month 2025

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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. Ophelia Hernandez
2. Sabrina Rosas Glenn
3. Silvia Montenegro

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. Special City Council Meeting Study Session Minutes of April 15, 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
5. Special City Council Meeting Study Session Minutes of February 24, 2025, 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

6. Special Meeting Study Session Minutes of July 30, 2025, 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
7. Special Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2025, 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 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 Expenditures as of September 10, 2025, \$4,972,517.92
9. Investment Report – July 31, 2025
10. Receipts, Disbursements, and Net Cash Flows
11. Adoption of Ordinance No. 1225 (Second Reading) Amending Sections 17.16.020, 17.18.020, 17.18.030, 17.24.020 and 17.24.030 of Title 17 ("Zoning") of the Coachella Municipal Code to Permit Certain Affordable Housing Developments by Right and to Amend Certain Height and Density Standards for Affordable Housing Development in Order to Bring the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element into Compliance With State Law. City-Initiated
12. Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for City Project No. ST-93 Avenue 50 Street and Median Improvements-Phase 1
13. Authorize the Public Works Director/City Engineer Execute the Supplemental Agreement between Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Coachella for the Arts and Music Line Project, City Project ST-140.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

14. Designate a Voting Delegate and Alternates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo.

Motion: To designate Councilmember Dr. Figueroa as Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Delgado as the Alternate to the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo.

Made by: Councilmember Perez
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 4-0:

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

15. Adopt Resolution No. SD – 2025 – 05 of the Coachella Sanitary District Adopting the Updated Sanitary Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. SD – 2025 – 05 of the Coachella Sanitary District Adopting the Updated Sanitary Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ.

Made by: Councilmember Perez
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-0:

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

16. Review the 2026 Coachella Resident Engagement Academy Plan and Provide Feedback

Motion: To approve the 2026 Coachella Resident Engagement Academy Plan with the modification to allow the Council to be part of the City Manager's presentation

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-0:

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

17. Approve Agreement for Animal Control Field and Shelter Services Between the City of Coachella and the County of Riverside Department of Animal Services

Motion: To approve Agreement for Animal Control Field and Shelter Services Between the City of Coachella and the County of Riverside Department of Animal Services

Made by: Councilmember Virgen

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

18. Approve a Sponsorship Request for COFEM in the Amount of \$50,000 to Provide Immigration Services and Mobile Immigration Clinics in the city of Coachella

Motion: To continue this item

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

19. Approve a Sponsorship Request for KUNA Telemundo in the Amount of \$20,000 to Support its Hispanic Heritage Campaign Beginning in September 2025 through March 2026

Motion: To approve a Sponsorship Request for KUNA Telemundo in the modified Amount of \$25,000 to Support its Hispanic Heritage Campaign Beginning in September 2025 through March 2026

Councilmember Perez stepped away at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez stepped away at 8:53 p.m. and returned at 8:54 p.m.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 3-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez and Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

20. Appoint Ten (10) Commissioners to the Coachella Youth Advisory Commission

Motion: To appoint, Sehwa Meza, Xmelia Pasillas, Meraly Rodriguez, Joshua Pulido, Isabel Martinez, Kayla Castillo-Cabrera, Kenia Avalos, Jade Meza, Valeria Romero and Amanda Flores-Rojas as Commissioners; and Daila Juarez-Andrade Yamileth Cabrera-Gutierrez, and Yarely Morales-Hinojosa as Alternates to the Coachella Youth Advisory Commission

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

21. Adopt Resolution 2025-48 to Grant Another Designated Period for Two Years Additional Service Credit; Certification of Governing Body's Action

Motion: To bring back item to the next Council meeting

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

NONE

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

City Manager's Comments.

Councilmember Virgen stepped away 9:49 p.m. and returned at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk