



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

**January 28, 2026**

5:00 PM – 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><b>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</b></p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09</a></p> <p>Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,,,*606140#</p> <p>Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833</p> <p><b>Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898</b></p> <p><b>Passcode: 606140</b></p> <p><b>Spanish:</b> El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla</p>
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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](mailto: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

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**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 5:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

City Clerk and 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”

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Motion: To approve the agenda

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**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)  
Two (2) Potential Cases

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmember Virgen returned at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Deputy City Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No reportable action taken.

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:**

2. Nomination for the Position of Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa was nominated and appointed the Position of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion: To approve Councilmember Dr. Figueroa as the Mayor Pro Tem

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:**

3. Presentation of Sunline's Comprehensive Analysis
4. City of Coachella Home Enhancement Program
5. Presentation by Culturas Music & Arts

Mayor Hernandez stepped away and abstained from Item #5 at 6:35 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

**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. Alan Carvalho
2. Chris Christensen – Desert Healthcare District
3. Adan Rodriguez – CV Little Arabs

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

6. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 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 City Council Meeting Minutes of January 15, 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
8. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 Expenditures as of January 28, 2026, \$4,596,021.74
9. Investment Report – October 31, 2025
10. Quarterly Reports - Second Quarter (October - December) FY2025-2026
11. Construction Contract with Rudy's Electric in the Amount of \$72,500.00 Plus 10% Contingency for the Avenue 50 Median Light Rehab from Van Buren Street to Mariposa Pointe, City Project No.ST-93
12. Amendment Number Four to the Reimbursement Agreement with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and appropriate \$19,837 from General Fund for Avenue 48 Arts and Music Line Project, City Project ST-140.
13. Resolution No. 2026-07 Authorizing the Finance Director to Establish an Account with Time Value Investments, Inc/Cetera Wealth Management

14. Resolution No. 2026-08 Approving a Contract with The Baldwin Group to Conduct a Fiduciary Review of the City's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan
15. Award Amendment #1 to the Maintenance Agreement with BRC Construction for As Needed Block Wall and Wrought Iron Fence Repairs for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts Project No. 081122B
16. Award Amendment #1 to the Maintenance Agreement with BRC Construction for As Needed Miscellaneous Repair Work for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts Project No. 081122
17. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Aspen Rentals Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$125,000.00 for the Rental of a Belt-Press Dewatering Unit
18. Award Amendment No. 3 to Vintage Associates, Inc for Landscape Maintenance Services for Grapefruit Blvd Medians and Parkway Project No. 121421; increasing term of agreement by one-year and compensation by \$73,934.12.
19. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Coachella Valley Little Arabs in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support their Youth Football Program
20. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Green Room Theatre Company Coachella Valley in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support the "Newish" Shakespeare Festival
21. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Valle Del Sol Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support an Educational Field Trip for Students in TK-Kindergarten
22. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support the Housing Insecurity Prevention Program

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:15 p.m. during the Consent Calendar and returned at 7:29 p.m. while discussing item #25.

Councilmember Perez and Mayor Hernandez commented that they were abstaining from item #12 because their primary residence is near that area.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar noting Councilmember Perez and Mayor Hernandez abstaining from item #12

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Perez and Mayor Hernandez on item #12

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

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

23. Mayor's Appointments to Various Council Subcommittees, Coachella Valley Association of Government (CVAG) Committees, Other Agencies, etc.

Motion: To approve appointing Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa as member of CVAG and Councilmember Denise Delgado as Alternate and keep the other commission appointments the same.

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

24. Appoint one (1) Commissioner to the Coachella Youth Advisory Commission

Motion: To approve appointing Valeria Aguirre as Commissioner to the Youth Advisory Commissioner and appoint Brandon Antunez Lopez and Emily Samano Felix as Honorary members.

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

25. Resolution No. 2026-04 Approving a Contract for Consulting Services with Bell Burnett & Associates (BB&A) for the Development and Implementation of the Funding Program for Critical Electric Infrastructure in the City

Motion: To approve Items #25, #26 & #27

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

26. Resolution No. 2026-05 Approving an Underwriter Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler for Underwriting Debt Associated with the Establishment of the Coachella Electric Financing Authority

Motion: To approve Items #25, #26 & #27

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

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

27. Resolution No. 2026-06 Approving a Master Service Engagement Letter and a Supplemental Engagement Letter with Stradling for the Establishment of the Coachella Electric Financing Authority including acting as Bond and Disclosure Council

Motion: To approve Items #25, #26 & #27

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

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

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Subrecipient Agreements for the Development of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan with CivicWell (\$83,600), Raices Cultura (\$50,000), and Terra Nova (\$260,140)

Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa and Mayor Hernandez announced that they are abstaining from this item due to a conflict of interest because their primary residence is near this project.

The Council took a recess. Upon conclusion of the recess, Councilmember Virgen stated she also has a conflict due to her primary property being near the project. As a result, there are three conflicted Councilmembers on this item, being Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Hernandez and Mayor Pro Tem Figueroa. At least three members of the Council are required to constitute a quorum in order for action to be taken on the item. Under the rule of necessity, the three conflicted members of Council were asked to draw sticks at random in order to determine who would participate for this item. The Councilmember who selects the single long stick would be the Councilmember to participate in this item. Those who grab the short sticks would recuse themselves. Mayor Hernandez randomly selected the longest stick and participated under the rule of necessity. For the record, Mayor Hernandez' property is over 1,000 feet from the project site at issue.

Motion: To authorize the City Manager to Execute Subrecipient Agreements for the Development of the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the Cesar Chavez Street Corridor Transformation Plan with CivicWell (\$83,600), Raices Cultura (\$50,000), and Terra Nova (\$260,140)

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 3-0:

AYES: Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Virgen and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

ABSENT: None

29. Approve a Professional Services Agreement for Communications, Social Media and Website Management Services for Coachella Prospera with DeAztlan Consulting in the Amount of \$114,000 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement for Communications, Social Media and Website Management Services for Coachella Prospera with DeAztlan Consulting in the Amount of \$114,000 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

Made by: Councilmember Virgen

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

30. Authorize The City of Coachella’s Tacos, Tequila and Chavelas Festival Beer and Tequila Garden Operation on February 7, 2026 at Veterans Memorial Park from 4pm to 8pm and Appropriate \$55,000 From Unallocated General Fund Reserves

Motion: To authorize The City of Coachella’s Tacos, Tequila and Chavelas Festival Beer and Tequila Garden Operation on February 7, 2026 at Veterans Memorial Park from 4pm to 8pm and Appropriate \$55,000 From Unallocated General Fund Reserves and Appointing Councilmember Perez as the Judge for the best Taco.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

31. Authorize a One-Time Funding Allocation for the Coachella Branch Library in the Amount of \$25,000 to Support Programming

Motion: To authorize a One-Time Funding Allocation for the Coachella Branch Library in the Amount of \$25,000 to Support Programming

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 5-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

32. Extend the Façade Improvement Program Limits along Cesar Chavez Street to Encompass the Area Between Avenue 54 and Park Lane

Councilmembers Figueroa, Virgen and Mayor Hernandez announced a conflict of interest due to their primary residence being near the project site. As a result, there are three conflicted councilmembers on this item. At least three members of the Council are required to constitute a quorum in order for action to be taken by the Council. Under the rule of necessity, the three conflicted members of Council were asked to draw sticks at random in order to determine who would need to participate for this item. The Councilmember who selects the single long stick would be the Councilmember to participate in this item. Those Councilmembers who grab the

short sticks would recuse themselves. Mayor Hernandez randomly selected the longest stick and participated under the rule of necessity. For the record, Mayor Hernandez stated that his property is over 1,000 feet from the project site.

Motion: To Extend the Façade Improvement Program Limits along Cesar Chavez Street to Encompass the Area Between Avenue 54 and Park Lane

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 3-0:

AYES: Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa,

ABSENT: None

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

33. A Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No.2026-01, Resolution No.2026-02, and Resolution No.2026-03 of the City Council of the City of Coachella: Request for conditional approval for Tentative Tract Map No. 39051 for the subdivision of 39.98 acres of land (Assessor's Parcel Number 612-260-010) into 257 lots and request for conditional approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 390 for a 257-lot single-family home planned unit development subdivision with associated improvements located at the southwest corner of Calhoun Street and Avenue 49 and certifying that the projects Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration is in compliance with Section 15074 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Applicant: Rod Vandenburg, Pacific Modern Builders, LLC.

Councilmember Perez and Mayor Hernandez recused themselves from this item because the primary residence is near that project.

Motion: To approve a Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No.2026-01, Resolution No.2026-02, and Resolution No.2026-03 of the City Council of the City of Coachella: Request for conditional approval for Tentative Tract Map No. 39051 for the subdivision of 39.98 acres of land (Assessor's Parcel Number 612-260-010) into 257 lots and request for conditional approval of Conditional Use Permit No. 390 for a 257-lot single-family home planned unit development subdivision with associated improvements located at the southwest corner of Calhoun Street and Avenue 49 and certifying that the projects Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration is in compliance with Section 15074 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Applicant: Rod Vandenburg, Pacific Modern Builders, LLC.

Public Hearing opened at 8:34 p.m. and closed at 8:34 p.m.

Made by: Councilmember Virgen

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 3-0:

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

34. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of Ordinance No. 1228, amending Title 15 of the Coachella Municipal Code and adopting the 2025 California State Building Standards Code by Reference

Motion: To approve a Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of Ordinance No. 1228, amending Title 15 of the Coachella Municipal Code and adopting the 2025 California State Building Standards Code by Reference

Public Hearing opened at 8:47 p.m. and closed at 8:47 p.m.

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

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

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

City Manager's Comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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Angela Zepeda  
City Clerk