



City Hall Council Chamber  
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# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL 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, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**January 13, 2021**  
6:00 PM

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

City Treasurer Aviles and City Clerk Zepeda.

**Absent:** None.

**Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 pertaining to the coronavirus/COVID-19, this meeting was conducted entirely by teleconference/electronically with no in-person public access to the meeting location.**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Manager Bill Pattison asked Council to add to the agenda by 4/5 vote as Item 5a and 5b, two urgency items that came to staff's attention after the posting of the agenda.

**Motion:** To add to the agenda by 4/5 votes Items 5a and 5b.

**Made by:** Councilmember Galarza

**Seconded by:** Councilmember Gonzalez

**Approved:** 5-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

There were no further modifications to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda as **amended**.  
Made by: Mayor Hernandez  
Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Manager Pattison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2020, of the City Council, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
2. Special Meeting Minutes of January 1, 2021, of the City Council, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

3. Presentation on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Emails were received and read as the items came up for discussion.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

4. Voucher Listings — EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2020-21 Expenditures as of January 13, 2021, \$1,751,628.80.
5. Agreement with Nationwide Power Group LLC Regarding the Construction and Operation of an Electrical Substation and Other Facilities to Serve the City's Economic Development Zone

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 4 and 5.  
Made by: Councilmember Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza  
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

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

5a. Request the City Attorney to draft an urgency ordinance or resolution for consideration at a future City Council meeting to restore “Hero Pay” hazard pay to front-line grocery workers at a rate of \$4 per hour, to sunset 120 days after the approval of the ordinance or resolution.

Public Comments: Luz Gallegos (*via Zoom*)  
Karina Rodriguez (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Fabiola Valenzuela (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Nydia De La Cruz (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Monika Galvez (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Nicole Arciga (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Azalia Gomez (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Alma Perez (*via email at 3:45 p.m. on 01-13-2021*)  
Aron Velarde (*via Zoom*)  
Yesenia Gonzalez (*via Zoom*)  
Amelia Arcos (*via Zoom*)  
Emmanuel Martinez (*via Zoom*)

*City Clerk Zepeda noted we received approximately 50 voice mail messages in support. Many of the messages did not leave a name.*

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto  
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez  
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

- 5b. Authorize staff to receive invoices from the Coachella Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) for infill infrastructure work being performed on 7th Street in the Pueblo Viejo Downtown district. The total reimbursable work shall not exceed Ninety Thousand (\$90,000) dollars and shall be reimbursed from funds allocated to the Pueblo Viejo Sustainable Transportation Project ST-130.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Gonzalez

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

6. Resolution No. WA-2021-01, a Resolution Extending the Temporary Suspension of Service Turnoffs During the COVID-19 State of Emergency Through March 31, 2021.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

None.

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY:**

7. Resolution No. SA-2021-01, Approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) 21-22.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Chair Hernandez

Seconded by: Agency Member Gonzalez

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Agency Member Beaman Jacinto, Agency Member Delgado, Agency Member Galarza, Chair Gonzalez, and Chair Hernandez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

- Vanessa Moreno (*via Telephone*)
- Eric Lemus (*via Zoom*)

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

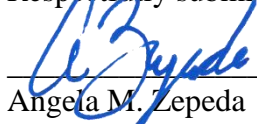
Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

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 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Angela M. Lepeda  
City Clerk