



City Hall Council Chamber
1515 Sixth Street, Coachella, California
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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

July 08, 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
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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 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 Delgado Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Absent: 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”

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification of pulling Item #11 from the Consent Calendar and hearing it on its own.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

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)

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

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Section 54957(b)(1))

Title: City Manager

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Gustavo Romo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

Councilmember Virgen will recuse herself from Item #10 and the item will be taken out of the Consent Calendar to be discussed separately.

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. 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. Jesus A. Gonzalez
2. Vicente Zamora
3. Maria Hernandez
4. Chelito Godwin
5. Ramona Negrete
6. Gabriel Hernandez
7. Graciela Sanchez
8. Edgar Gomez
9. Ash B.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

4. Run With Los Muertos 2026

Public Comment:

1. Chelito Godwin
5. Riverside County Sheriff's Office Presentation - Opportunity to Participate in the East County Real Time Crime Center

Public Comment:

1. Ash B.
2. Roman Lopez
3. Carla (Zoom)
4. Ruth (Zoom)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claudia Lopez
2. Rocio Gonzalez
3. Alexandra Lizama
4. Samantha Venegas
5. James Saavedra – non-municipal utility ... record
6. Stephanie Cadra
7. Lindsey Cabrera
8. Sergio Reyes
9. Kamryn Chew
10. Jon Becerra
11. Nereida Felix
12. Lori Ortiz
13. Jennifer Rima
14. Andrea Payne
15. Alejandra Bautista
16. Peter Downey
17. Kimberly Daigle
18. Diane Beebe
19. Milee Hernandez
20. Diana Elias
21. Pat Flynn
22. Michelle Skamstad
23. Lupe Torres-Hilario
24. Elena Pineda
25. Susie Gutowitz
26. Tony Gregg
27. David Pence
28. Cheryl Sumulong

29. Mark Reynolds
30. Jacky Orozco
31. Edith Perez
32. Martha Ochoa
33. Victor Ochoa
34. Yadira Armenta Alcantar
35. Janet Wertman
36. Gabrielle Navarro
37. Sunny Snider
38. Ruben Martinez
39. Tiffany Bravo
40. Isabel M. Moreno
41. Adriana Walker
42. Coryn La Rue
43. Alison Eccleston
44. Meadow Englund
45. Alma Gomez
46. Gabriela Montes
47. Ursula Barrett
48. Leigh Tomasko
49. Ronja Cloud
50. Patricia Sullivan
51. Claudia Lopez
52. Mariena Diaz
53. Octavio Leyva
54. Tyler Peterson
55. Odalys Beltran
56. Edith Cebberos
57. Ashley Hernandez
58. Nancy Rosas
59. Loretta Perez
60. Camilla Iribe
61. Maria Luisa Rodriguez

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 June 24, 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
7. Amendment No. 2 to Vintage Associates, Inc for Landscape Maintenance Services for City Medians and Downtown 6th Street in the Amount of \$83,932.20

8. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Desert Arc in the Amount of \$1,000 to support Adult Day Program Communication Equipment
9. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Palm Springs Art Museum in the Amount of \$1,000 to support the Art in the Library Program and Transportation Services
10. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-43 Authorizing the City of Coachella's Participation in the County of Riverside's Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2027-28, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Westbound Communications in the Amount not to Exceed \$58,575.00 for Proposition 218 Public Outreach and Communications Support
12. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Expenditures as of July 8, 2026, \$4,217,561.52.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items #10 and #11

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Westbound Communications in the Amount not to Exceed \$58,575.00 for Proposition 218 Public Outreach and Communications Support

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-43 Authorizing the City of Coachella's Participation in the County of Riverside's Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2027-28, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 4-1

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

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

13. Coachella Prospera Displacement Avoidance Plan (DAP) Presentation

Mayor Pro Tem stepped away at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:37 p.m.

Councilmember Martinez stepped away 7:36 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m.

14. Receive and File the Youth Advisory Commission's Youth Leadership Conference Presentation

15. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with a Contract Option for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Public Comment:

1. Carla (Zoom)

Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with a Contract Option for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with Option #3 with the removal of Coachella Publication (Annual) and bring back at a later date with more information

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

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

16. Approval of a Three-Year Master Services Agreement with Neumo Group, LLC for Business License Administration and Short-Term Rental Compliance Services, Procured Under the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with a modification of a Two-Year Term with and option of a Third-Year and a 15% Contingency Plan for Spanish Translation

Public Comment:

1. Frida Escatell
2. Carla (Zoom)

Motion: Approval of a Three-Year Master Services Agreement with Neumo Group, LLC for Business License Administration and Short-Term Rental Compliance Services, Procured Under the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Council took a recess at 9:22 p.m. and returned at 9:31 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

17. A Public Hearing to Consider an Urgency Ordinance Extending the Temporary Moratorium on Data Center Development for 10 Months and 15 Days and Issuance of Written Report Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858

Public Hearing opened at 9:35 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Krystal Otalorth
2. Ash B.
3. Cecelia Lemus
4. Beverly Garcia – no show
5. America Noriega
6. Jesus Nunez
7. Ruby Olvera
8. Rene Rivera
9. Eduardo Ortega
10. Cherie Cabral
11. Olivia Rodriguez
12. Francisco Molina (Zoom)
13. Jasmine Ibarra (Zoom)
14. Ruth (Zoom)
15. Carla (Zoom)
16. Loretta Perez (Zoom)

17. James Rodriguez

Public Hearing closed at 10:20 p.m.

Motion: To approve an Urgency Ordinance Extending the Temporary Moratorium on Data Center Development for 10 Months and 15 Days and Issuance of Written Report Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Department Director Reports

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk