



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

**August 12, 2026**

5:00 PM – CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

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| In-Person Meeting Location:<br><br>Coachella City Hall<br>Council Chamber<br>1515 Sixth Street<br>Coachella, CA | <b>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</b><br><br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09</a><br>Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,, *606140#<br>Or Telephone:<br>US: +1 669 900 6833<br><b>Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898</b><br><b>Passcode: 606140</b><br><br><b>Spanish:</b> 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](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

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](http://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 (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez (via Zoom), and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Absent: 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 Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):**

1. Francisco Molina
2. James Rodriguez (Zoom)

**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) Potential Case

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Desert Valley Builders Association v. The City of Coachella, et al.  
Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC1900832
3. 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 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Treasurer Myra Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No reportable action taken.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:**

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. 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. Loretta Perez
2. Alan Carvalho
3. James Rodriguez
4. Ash B
5. Francisco Molina
6. Karla Flores (Zoom)

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

NONE

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Sheila Taylor
2. Oziel Cassian
3. Michael Reed

4. Nathen Hendricks
5. Lillian Gusman
6. Brian Wilcox
7. Krystal Otworth
8. Zaid Ahmed
9. Niki Goade
10. Ronald Finlay – general public comment
11. Ayleen Ortiz
12. Loretta Perez
13. Georgina Villanueva
14. Maria Ruiz
15. Kaylyn Bernal
16. Caitlin Womack
17. Odalys Rangel
18. Alma Bautista
19. Roman Lopez
20. Lorraine Salas
21. Ramses Bautista Paredes
22. Judith and Daniel Tamburrino
23. Athens Marron
24. Sandra Andrade
25. Polette Zavala
26. Alec Sandoval
27. Grace Faxas
28. America Noriega
29. Alexis Ambriz
30. Jackie Lopez
31. Christian Limon
32. Joseph Garcia
33. Richard Rubalcava
34. Jose (Andy) Ambriz
35. Victoria Rendon-Santiago
36. Jessica Cardenas-Maldonado
37. Carla Rocha
38. Sierra Santillan
39. Payton Thomas
40. Rhoda Coscetti
41. Celeste Villanueva
42. Emily Lopez
43. Joseph Martinez
44. Ivanna Uriarte
45. Elizabeth Lemus
46. Andy
47. Edith Cebreros
48. Alma Bautista
49. Jazmin Ibarra
50. Krystal Otworth

51. Jennifer Rojo-Perez
52. Joanne Lamas
53. Consuelo Vargas
54. M Ramos
55. fria
56. Camilla
57. Guillermo Rojo Jr.
58. Hugo Morales
59. Jessica Rojo-Perez
60. Samuel Gonzalez
61. Ana Rosa
62. Gabriela Yaocihuatl Armenta
63. Douglas Calderon
64. Maria Luisa Rodriguez
65. Miguel Rodriguez
66. Laura Juarez
67. Brenda Ortiz
68. Rebecca Zaragoza
69. Karina Villalpando
70. Claudia Armenta
71. Maria Indalia Rojo
72. Charlotte Hecht
73. Lizette Zendejas
74. Jocelyn Reyes
75. Patrick Lucero
76. Celeste Tapia
77. Kaylee De Anda
78. Guadalupe Manriquez
79. Gerardo G.
80. Cecilia Lemus
81. Adrianna Rivera
82. Reyes Rivera
83. Olivia Rodriguez
84. Vanezza Hernandez
85. Angie Chua
86. Vanessa Moreno
87. CJ White
88. Ruth Garcia

**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 July 22, 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. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 22, 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
6. Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for City Project No. W - 46, Well 20 Drilling and Construction Phase 1
7. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Carreón Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Provide Post-Secondary Scholarship Support to Underserved Students in the City of Coachella
8. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Hoop Coachella Valley Mobile Basketball Trailer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Recreational, Educational, Mentoring, and Leadership Opportunities for Youth in the City of Coachella
9. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Coachella Valley High School (CVHS) Athletics Booster Club, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support the CVHS Football Spirit Pack Program
10. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Gear It Forward in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Adaptive Sports Programming.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Loretta Perez
3. Francisco Molina

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

NONE

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

11. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella

Public Hearing opened at 6:42 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Mariela Luera
2. Krystal Otworth
3. Consuelo Marquez
4. Claudia Lamas
5. Ash B
6. Francisco Molina
7. James Rodriguez
8. Juan David DeLara
9. Victoria Rendon Santiago
10. Martin Posada Espinosa
11. Kiki
12. Luz Gallegos (Zoom)
13. Jonathan Becerra (Zoom)
14. Loretta Perez (Zoom)
15. Carla Rocha (Zoom)
16. Cecelia (Zoom)
17. Karla Flores (Zoom)
18. American Noriega (Zoom)

Councilmember Martinez stepped away at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7: 27 p.m.

19. Celia Sanchez

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Motion: Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

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 8:09 p.m.

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Delia Granados  
Deputy City Clerk