



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 09, 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 (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

City Clerk and 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

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

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):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Govt. Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: City Attorney

2. 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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa recuses himself from item #3

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. James Rodriguez
2. Francisco Molina
3. Jesus Gonzalez
4. Vicente Zamora
5. Ash
6. Karla (Zoom)

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Presentation by Friends of the Children I Coachella Valley

Mayor Dr. Figueroa recused himself from item #3 at 6:19 pm and returned at 6:39 pm.

4. Find Food Bank Presentation on Hunger Action Month 2026
5. Animal Samaritans Proposal for Pet Spay/Neuter Services
6. TCC Coachella Prospera: GRID Alternatives Energy for All Program

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

The City Clerk has written communications for item #19 and those names will be listed at that time.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

7. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 26, 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 and FY 2026-27 Expenditures as of September 9, 2026, \$7,272,592.56
9. Resolution 2026-52, Authorizing the City Manager to act as the authorized agent to file and execute all related project application documents for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG).
10. Letter Agreement with Pacific Energy Concepts (PEC) in the amount of \$31,644.82 for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and appropriate \$31,644.82 from unallocated general fund reserves, Project No. PW 2026-05
11. Professional Service Agreement with Albert A. Webb Associates, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,325,000, to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Connect Coachella ATP Project, City Project ST-138.
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Precision Backflow for Backflow Testing Services in an Amount not to Exceed \$21,560.00 and Authorize a 10% Contingency
13. Letter Agreement with Segura Home Solutions Corp. in the amount of \$80,440 for the City Hall and Library Painting Project, Project No. PW 2026-06.

Public Comment:

1. 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):

14. Addition of Anti-Nepotism Language to City Commissions Applications

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Jesus Gonzalez
3. Francisco Molina
4. Karla (Zoom)

Motion: To approve the addition of Anti-Nepotism Language to City Commissions Applications

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

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

15. Construction Contract with JB Bostick, LLC. in the amount of \$224,681.00 plus 10% contingency for the Construction of the Avenida de Platina Neighborhood Paving Rehabilitation, City Project No.ST-135.

Motion: To approve Construction Contract with JB Bostick, LLC. in the amount of \$224,681.00 plus 10% contingency for the Construction of the Avenida de Platina Neighborhood Paving Rehabilitation, City Project No.ST-135

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

Mayor Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

16. Authorize the direct purchase of Skatepark equipment from American Ramp Company, in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000 for the Dateland Skatepark, City Project P-27.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez

Motion: To authorize the direct purchase of Skatepark equipment from American Ramp Company, in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000 for the Dateland Skatepark, City Project P-27

Made by: Councilmember Virgen

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

17. Approve Sponsorship and In-kind Services Request for the 2026 Synergy Zine and Live Art Festival by Culturas Music and Arts in the Amount of \$25,000

Public Comment:

1. Ian
2. Javier Galvez, Danzantes Del Sol
3. Francisco Molina

Councilmember Martinez stepped away at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:17 p.m.

Motion: To approve Sponsorship and In-kind Services Request for the 2026 Synergy Zine and Live Art Festival by Culturas Music and Arts in the Amount of \$25,000

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

Councilmember Virgen excused herself at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez stepped away at 8:30 p.m. and returned at 8:33 p.m.

18. Approve a Professional Services Agreement and a Contract Option for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Support Services for Fiscal Year 2026-27

Public Comment:

1. Francisco Molina
2. James Rodriguez
3. Karla (Zoom)
4. Myra Perez

Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement and a Contract Option for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Support Services for Fiscal Year 2026-27 moving forward with Option A

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

Item #20 moved up before Item #19

20. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Paul Hindrichsen
3. Bob Heinbaugh
4. Francisco Molina
5. Joseph Huesca
6. Citlali Cervantes Gonzalez
7. Fernanda Ramirez
8. Brandon Antunez
9. Michelle Duarte

Motion: To approve Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

19. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1232, Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products

Public Hearing opened at 9:50 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Stephen McIntosh
2. Matthew McHolland
3. Francisco Molina
4. James Rodriguez
5. Michael Fasano (Zoom)

Councilmember Martinez stepped away at 9:59 p.m. and returned at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez stepped away at 10:02 p.m. and returned at 10:04 p.m.

6. Michael Fasano (Zoom)
7. Jennifer Gillis (Zoom)
8. Misty Brown (Zoom)
9. Lora Romney (Zoom)
10. Yavonne Zapata (Zoom)
11. Shannon Lee (Zoom)

For the record, the City Clerk received 20 emails for item #19 in support of regulating natural leaf Kratom:

1. Misty Brown
2. Kameron Bishop
3. Lauren Parish
4. Liam Reagan
5. Christopher Deaney
6. Drea Powers

7. David Woolf
8. Chad Corral
9. Stephanie Salsman
10. Karin Noble
11. Jeremy DeLuca
12. Ashley Davidson
13. Sheila Palos
14. Matthew McHolland
15. Miriam Campillo Macedonio
16. Stephanie McIntosh
17. Lora Romney
18. Jenifer Martin
19. Austin
20. Shannon Hareld

Public Hearing closed at 10:15 p.m.

Motion: To approve Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1232, Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

20. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 (“Smoke-Free Areas”) to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment.

Item #20 moved up before Item #19

21. Community Facilities District (CFD No. 2005-01) Annexation Area No. 37 – (Casa Sienna)

- a) Resolution No. 2026-53 Determining the Validity of Prior Proceedings relating to Annexation of Property (Annexation No. 37) in the City of Coachella CFD No. 2005-01 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services).
- b) Resolution No. 2026-55 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Calling a Special Election within Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna).
- c) Resolution No. 2026-54 Canvassing The Results of The Election Held Within CFD No. 2005-01 Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna).

- d) Ordinance No. 1236 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within Annexation Area No. 37 Annexed to Said District (1st Reading)

Public Hearing opened at 10:17 p.m.

Councilmember Delgado stepped away at 10:19 p.m. and returned at 10:22 p.m.

Item A was removed as it was not necessary for this proceeding

Public Comment:

1. Francisco Molina

Public Hearing closed at 10:23 p.m.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2026-55 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Calling a Special Election within Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna).

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

At this time the City Clerk opened the ballot, conducted and canvassed the special election, all votes cast are in favor of the ballot measure and, therefore, the ballot measure passes.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2026-54 Canvassing The Results of The Election Held Within CFD No. 2005-01 Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna).

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

Motion: To approve Ordinance No. 1236 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within Annexation Area No. 37 Annexed to Said District (1st Reading)

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

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 10:48 p.m.

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk