



City Hall Council Chamber  
1515 Sixth Street, Coachella, California  
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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, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
AND COACHELLA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

**March 12, 2025**

6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

In-Person Meeting Location:  Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA	<b>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</b>  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoOmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoOmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09</a> Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,,,*606140# Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833 <b>Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898</b> <b>Passcode: 606140</b>  <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 by 3:00 P.M. **either in person, via email, telephonically, or via Zoom** with a limit of **250 words, or three minutes**:
  - In Real Time:**  
If participating in real time via Zoom or phone, during the Public Comment Period, use the “**raise hand**” function on your computer, or when using a phone, participants can raise their hand by pressing \*9 on the keypad.
  - In Writing:**  
Written comments may be submitted to the City Council electronically via email to [cityclerk@coachella.org](mailto:cityclerk@coachella.org). Transmittal **prior to the start** of the meeting is required. All written comments received will be forwarded to the City Council and entered into the record.
  - If you wish, you may leave a message at (760) 262-6240 before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- 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: - 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Hernandez called the City Council Regular Meeting of the City of Coachella to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Delgado (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), and Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk

City Treasurer

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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”

Clerical correction to item #18 which is appoint one commissioner and one alternate.

Written Communications will be taken with the Public Comments.

Agenda was approved by a 4-0, roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:**

1. Proclamation Recognizing Diana Ramirez, Jason Hernandez and Ruben Gonzalez for their Service on the Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado arrived at 6:04 p.m.

2. Mid-Year 2024/2025 Budget Update

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:04 p.m.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Written Communications be taken with Public Comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

3. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 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
4. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2024-25 Expenditures as of March 12, 2025, \$4,314,891.89
5. Authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to Execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Certificate of Compliance for the Acquisition of Real Property (APN 778-170-005) for the Bridge Over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69
6. Authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to Execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Certificate of Compliance for the Acquisition of Real Property (APN 778-170-009) for the Bridge Over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69
7. Authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to Execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Certificate of Compliance for the Acquisition of Real Property (APN 778-180-004, 778-170-011, 778-170-012) for the Bridge Over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69
8. Authorize Staff to Receive Invoices from Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley, Inc. for the Removal and Reconstruction of 380 Linear Feet of Exterior Garden Wall Along Sunset Blvd in an Amount not to Exceed \$74, 058.43 Including 20% Contingency;

Authorize Appropriations from Street DIF (Fund 127) in an Amount of \$74,058.43 for the Reimbursements to Habitat of Humanity, City Project ST-128

9. Authorize the Operation of a Beer Garden on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 5pm-9pm at Veterans Memorial Park for the 2025 Coachella Mariachi Festival
10. Approve Vehicle Leases for FY 2024/25 with Enterprise Fleet Management Inc.

Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Lease Rate Quotes from Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the Following units: (1) 2025 Ford Lightning Flash EV truck 8500, (1) 2025 Ford Transit Van, (2) 2025 Ford F150 XL 4x4 SuperCab and (2) 2025 Ford F250 XL 4x4 SuperCab

11. Award Amendment No. 2 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 \$71,780.70

12. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 Authorizing the Mayor, or their Designee(s), to Submit an Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding Under the Home Investment Partnerships Program; and if Selected, the Execution of a Standard Agreement, Any Amendments Thereto, and of Any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the Home Investment Partnerships Program
13. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Shay's Warriors Life After Cancer in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support its CONNECTION Series Program
14. Adopt Ordinance No. 1222 Amending Chapter 5.80 ("Regulation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations") of the Coachella Municipal Code to Amend and Update the City's Regulations of Short-Term Vacation Rentals (Second Reading)
15. Investment Report – January 31, 2025

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

16. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 Setting the Amount of Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit Application Fees, Pursuant to Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 5.80

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 Setting the Amount of Short-Term Vacation Rental Permit Application Fees, Pursuant to Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 5.80 with the consideration to not exceed \$800 in a year

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

17. Consider and Provide Direction on Updates to Written Public Comment Procedures

Direction was given

18. Provide Direction and Approve One Appointment to the City's Culture and Arts Commission

Motion: To approve appointments of Irene N. Rodriguez and Javier Figueroa as an alternate to the City's Coachella Cultural and Arts Commission

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

NONE

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

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. Lorraine Salas
2. Josie Gonzalez
3. Jose Garduño
4. Maribel Nuñez
5. Jovani

Written Public Communications

1. Stephanie Ambriz
2. Karina Villalpando
3. Jose Pedro Morales
4. Alma Bautista
5. Megan Beaman-Jacinto
6. Tanya Miranda
7. Jessica Jimenez
8. Maggie Fregoso
9. Lelei Tago
10. Brianna Ramirez

11. Mily Trevino-Sauceda
12. Sara Lopez Jimenez
13. Eduardo Vargas
14. Jesus Olivares
15. Lizeth Olivares
16. Zach R. Rios
17. Ricky Perez
18. Rick Per
19. Mateo del Rio
20. Alyssa Ruiz
21. Matthew Delgado
22. Branden Dungan
23. Lupita Perez
24. Lorena Gomez
25. Marcos Caballero
26. Anay Lopez Jimenez
27. Mariela Castellanos
28. La De Coachella
29. Jackie Serrano
30. Cambium-Avowed
31. Mari Fernandez
32. Martha Perez
33. James Dungan
34. Matt Perez
35. Laura Estrada
36. Mike Velarde
37. Miriam Cruz
38. Yesenia Martinez
39. Sobeida Perez
40. Alfredo Castellanos
41. Marisa Aceves

**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 8:42 p.m.

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Angela Zepeda  
City Clerk