



City Hall Council Chamber
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MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE

CITY OF COACHELLA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

October 25, 2023

6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

<p>In-Person Meeting Location:</p> <p>Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA</p>	<p>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Spanish: El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla</p>
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- Public comments may be received **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. 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 5:30 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, and clicking on the "**Watch Council Meetings**" tab located on the home page, and then clicking on the "live" button.

CALL TO ORDER: - 6:46 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City of Coachella was called to order at 6:46 P.M. by Mayor Hernandez

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza, and Mayor Hernandez

Absent: City Clerk Zepeda and City Treasure Aviles

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”

The City Manager requested to move item 6 to item 1 due to staff waiting and to continue items 10 and 17 from the agenda until further research.

Motion: To approve the Agenda with the modification

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Gabriel Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week
2. Joint Presentation by South Coast Air Quality Management District and Community Steering Committee Regarding Eastern Coachella Valley AB 617 EJ Air Quality Improvement Program
3. Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Annual Update

Mayor Hernandez would like Jeremy Whittie to come and present at the community event that the city puts on once a year to inform the community about Mosquito prevention.

4. Holiday Parade
5. Presentation on Parks
6. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Presentation

The council requested staff bring back The American Rescue Plan Act with recommendations on allocating funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.
Councilmember Delgado stepped away at 7:44 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m.
Councilmember Virgin stepped away at 8:07 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 8:13 p.m. and returned at 8:20 p.m.
Mayor Hernandez stepped away at 8:22 p. m. and returned at 8:23 p.m.
Councilmember Virgin stepped away at 8:29 p.m. and returned at 8:37 p.m.
Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 8:45 p.m. and returned at 8:49 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

7. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023, 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. Department Quarterly Reports
9. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2023-24 Expenditures as of October 25, 2023, \$1,915,216.45.
10. Approve a New Lease Between the City of Coachella and Sunline Transit Agency for the Forthcoming New Transit Center on Fourth Street, Authorizing the City Attorney to Make Minor Non-Substantive Changes

The City Manager requested to continue item 10 from the agenda until further research.

11. Amendment No. 3 to the Sub-Reimbursement Agreement by and between Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), City of Coachella, and Riverside County (County) for the Avenue 48 Widening Project between Van Buren and Dillon Road, City Project ST-131
12. Purchase of Office Furniture from Total Plan in an Amount of \$40,499.59 for the Fire Station #79 Rehabilitation and Expansion, City Project F-7

13. Award Construction Contract with Allied Paving Co. in the amount of \$122,335 plus 15% contingency for pavement rehabilitation in Lewis Homes, which is a portion of the Street Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 19 – City Project ST-118
14. Authorize a Community Sponsorship to Animal Action League in the Amount of \$16,000 to Support Public Spay/Neuter Clinic Events
15. Sponsorship of Raices Cultura for the 2023 Dia de los Muertos Celebration in the Amount of \$15,000
16. Resolution No. 2023-70 Adopting Standard Conditions of Approval for Monopole Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

The City Manager requested moving item 16 from the New Business Calendar to the Consent Calendar

Motion: To approve the consent calendar items except item 10 to be continued and moving item 16 to New Business.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hernandez from item 11

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

17. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-66 to Support the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and expansion of Joshua Tree National Park

The City Manager requested to continue item 17 from the agenda until further research.

18. Provide staff direction for 2023 Hometown Heroes Honorees

Mayor Hernandez nominated Laura Garcia, Councilmember Dr. Figueroa nominated Araceli De La Torre, Mayor Pro Tem nominated Oralia Ortiz and Ruben Gonzalez, and Councilmember Delgado nominated Susie Del Toro.

Motion: To approve the nominations for the Hometown Heroes Honorees.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

Mayor Hernandez would like to see a plaque for Susie Del Toro on the Veterans Wall put next to her husband's plaque to honor her hard work and dedication to the Veterans.

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.

Public Comments taken at 8:02 p.m., in between Proclamations/Presentations 5 and 6

France Fernandez from South Coast Air Quality Management District talked about the “Check Before You Burn” season that is right around the corner from November to the end of February. Residents are asked to check before burning wood in their fireplaces. They can find more information on their “Check Before You Burn” page at AQMD.gov.\CVYB. They are also taking nominations for clean air awards.

Armando Martinez was a no show.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa attended the DAP check signing and is looking forward to the Halloween carnival tomorrow.

Councilmember Virgen attended CVAC, and the SCAG Energy Committee meeting topic was on Mylar balloons. Cities are starting to ban them because of the damage they cause. She is concerned about the impact it will have if Coachella bans Mylar balloons. She complimented staff on how well Tacos, Tequila, and Chavelas event tuned out, but will not judge next year due to the amount of food.

Councilmember Delgado has been added to the California League of City Riverside County Division Executive Committee. She accepted to attend the Naleo Policy Institute on Health Creating Pathways towards Latinos well-being. She attended the Tacos, Tequila, and Chavelas event and saw fewer attendees this year. She requested reconsideration of charging for the event promotion. She attended El Grito event and it was great. She would like considering changing the time it ends next year. SCAG will be holding an elected official workshop in Palm Desert on November 6 and would like councilmembers to participate. The police office and Public

Safety Awards 25th annual is coming up, and she would like a calendar reminder. Councilmember Delgado wants to see a Public outreach regarding the park on Ave 52. She would like the public to hear from the City other than sharing the news. She is looking forward to the breakfast with the Veterans and Synergy event and Dia De Los Muertos Run.

Mayor Pro Tem Galarza is looking forward to all the fall events that are coming up in the City of Coachella. He attended the State Budget event signing with Assemblymember Garcia. He applauded for the money received for the community.

Mayor Hernandez would like staff to pay attention to the lighting on the street. He would like an update on a road system of what is coming up next. He requested an update on the Blue Zone program and an update on the number of seniors expelled or suspended from the Senior Center and staff hours.

City Manager's Comments.

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk