



City Hall Council Chamber  
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# MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF COACHELLA

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AND 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, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**March 22, 2023**

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

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Mayor Hernandez.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Manager Martin asked Council to add Item 2.a Public Safety to the Agenda.

Motion: To approve Agenda as amended

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Frank Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

No Public Comments.

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Conference with labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:  
City Labor Negotiator: City Manager Gabriel Martin; Interim Finance Director William Pattison  
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 1932 Representing Miscellaneous/Sanitary Employees

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

The City Council reconvened into the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a known member in the audience. Audio could not distinguish name.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

City Attorney Campos stated that Council met in Closed Session, and direction was given, but no reportable action was taken.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2a. Public Safety
2. Park Engagements Report

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

3. Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2023, of the City Council, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
4. Resolution No. 2023-18 Adopting a policy regarding electronic signatures and electronic records.
5. Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for City Project No. W-37, Castro Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project.
6. Authorize the Purchase of 800 (¾") and 65 (1") Master Meters for an amount not to exceed \$221,846.55
7. Investment Report – November 2022, December 2022, and January 2023.
8. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Permit Refunds/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2022-23 Expenditures as of March 22, 2023, \$1,706,119.62.
9. Approve a Community Based Grant to Peter Pendleton Elementary School in the Amount of \$1,000.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 3-9

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0, unanimous voice vote

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

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

*Mayor Hernandez recused himself from Item 10 & Item 13 and asked Councilmember Delgado to lead the discussion.*

10. Professional Service Agreement with California Waters Development, Inc. to provide Design/Build Construction Services in an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for the design phase and authorize appropriation of \$46,000 from General Fund for the Veteran’s Park Splash Pad Project, City Project P-26.

Motion: To Table Item 10 until May 10, 2023

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 3-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Approve an Art in Public Places Mural by Michelle Guerrero in the Amount of \$16,000.

Motion: To approve per staff’s recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 3-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

*Mayor Hernandez returned to Chambers.*

11. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-17 Stating the Intention to Annex Property into City of Coachella Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services) and Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Within Annexation Area No. 33 (Placita Dolores Huerta– Phase 1 Parcel Map No. 37833).

Motion: To approve per staff’s recommendation

Made by: Mayor Hernandez  
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa  
Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission under its FY 23/24 SB 821 Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Biennial Call for Projects Program to Restripe Bicycle Lanes along Grapefruit Boulevard between Avenue 48 to Park Lane and Cesar Chavez Street between Grapefruit Boulevard and Avenue 54.

Motion: To approve per staff's recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa  
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen  
Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

14. Approve the Government Pathways Development Internship Program with One Future Coachella Valley.

Motion: To approve per staff's recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen  
Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

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

None

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

None

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Zepeda  
City Clerk

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