



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, AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**April 14, 2021**

5:00 PM Closed Session

6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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### **CALL TO ORDER: - 5:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Delgado (*Arrived at 5:10 p.m.*), Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

City Treasurer Aviles, City Clerk Zepeda.

Absent: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

It was announced that Council Member Beaman Jacinto would be absent, and Councilmember Delgado would be a few minutes late.

**Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 pertaining to the coronavirus/COVID-19, this meeting was conducted entirely by teleconference/electronically with no in-person public access to the meeting location.**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza

Approved: 3-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

None.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Council adjourned into Closed Session at 5:07 p.m.

*(Councilmember Delgado arrived at 5:10 p.m. during Closed Session.)*

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: City Manager
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Western Growers Association, et al. v. City of Coachella, et al.  
Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2101162
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
One (1) potential case

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

City Manager Pattison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021, 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.
5. Special Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2021, 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.

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.  
Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Councilmember Galarza  
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

6. Presentation on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Written communication was received regarding Item 12, and will be announced when that item comes up for discussion.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

7. Voucher Listing — EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2020-21 Expenditures as of April 14, 2021, \$993,598.28.
8. Authorize the City Manager to execute Grapefruit Blvd Urban Greening and Connectivity Project Change Order #10, City Project ST-123.
9. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-28 receiving and filing 2020 AB 1600 Report pursuant to Government Code Sections 66000-66008 relating to the Development Impact Fees Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
10. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Riverside County Fire Explorers (Coachella Post) in the Amount of \$1,000 to Assist with Training Program Costs

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 7 through 10

Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez  
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

11. Ordinance No. 1179 Amending Section 16.12.110, Subsection B, of the Coachella Municipal Code to Require that Subdividers Post On-Site Notices of Public Hearing and to Provide Uniform Posting Standards. City-Initiated. (*First Reading*)

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

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

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

12. Ordinance No.1180 Amending Coachella Municipal Code Chapter 4.46 Regarding the Public Arts Fee, Fund and Program (*First Reading*)

Written Communication: Marnie L Navarro, Raices Cultura, via email 4/14/2021 3:01 PM – Opposed

Motion: To approve continue to April 28, 2021

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

13. Resolution No. 2021-26, Denouncing Violent Crimes Against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders Across the Country

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez

Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

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

14. Ordinance No. 1176 Amending Sections 16.12.110 and 17.70.050 of the Municipal Code Regarding Notices of Public Hearing Related to Tentative Subdivision Maps and the Processing of Applications on Planning and Zoning Matters. City – Initiated. (*First Reading*)

Mayor Hernandez opened the Public Hearing for Item 14 at 6:17 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Hernandez closed the Public Hearing for Item 14 at 6:18 p.m.

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*(Item 14, Ordinance No. 1176 – continued from previous page)*

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, and to read title only and pass to second reading.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez  
Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado  
Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

#### 15. Coachella Canna Club Project

- a) Resolution No. 2021-24 approving Conditional Use Permit No. 330 that proposes to establish a 7170 square foot retail cannabis business and consumption lounge within the existing building located at 46156 Dillon Road; and Conditional Use Permit No. 331 that proposes to modify the interior of the existing building to create a commercial kitchen and take-out window with outside seating (Chick Next Door) located at 46156 Dillon Road; and
- b) Ordinance No. 1178 approving Change of Zone No. 20-04 that proposes to add the Retail Cannabis Overlay zone (R-C) to the existing C-G (General Commercial) Zone on the project site.

Mayor Hernandez re-opened the Public Hearing for Item 15 at 6:19 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Motion: To continue item to April 28, 2021

Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez  
Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

#### 16. Appeal of Planning Commission's Revocation of Conditional Use Permit (CUP 312) that allowed a 3,250 sq. ft. Retail Cannabis Microbusiness on 20,000 square feet of land located at 84-161 Avenue 48 for "The Coachella Lighthouse, LLC". City- Initiated Revocation.

Mayor Hernandez re-opened the Public Hearing for Item 16 at 6:20 p.m.

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*(Item 16, Revocation of Conditional Use Permit 312 – continued from previous page)*

Public Comment: None.

Motion: To continue item to May 12, 2021

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Galarza, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzalez, and Mayor Hernandez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto.

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

- a) Erick Lemus *(via Zoom)*
- b) Luz Moncada, Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District *(via Zoom)*

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

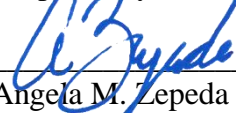
Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

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 6:42 p.m. in the memory of former City of Coachella employee Monica Diaz, who passed away this morning.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Angela M. Zepeda  
City Clerk