



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

September 09, 2020
5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM Regular Meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Mayor Hernandez announced that he would be leaving the meeting after Closed Session due to a commitment and asked Mayor Pro Tem Martinez to preside over the meeting upon reconvening the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto. Councilmember Gonzalez (*arrived at 5:10 p.m.*), Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and Mayor Hernandez.

City Treasurer Aviles and City Clerk Zepeda.

Absent: None.

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:

(Action on the approval of the agenda took place after reconvening the regular meeting. See Page 2.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council convened into Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)
Three (3) potential cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Two (2) potential cases
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: City Manager

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:29 p.m. (*Mayor Hernandez left the meeting after Closed Session. See Page 1, Call to Order.*)

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 AGENDA:

(Action on the approval of the agenda took place after reconvening the regular meeting.)

City Manager Pattison asked Council to remove from the agenda Item 18 and continue it to the next regular meeting.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2020, 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: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

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

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

4. Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2020, 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: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

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

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

5. Presentation on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts by Kim Saruwatari, director of the Riverside University Health System - Public Health.

Public Comments: Maribel Nunez (*via telephone*)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Written communications were received via email regarding Items 25, 26 and 27, which will be read aloud during those items. One Item regarding Item 26 exceeded the 250 words, so that was not read and instead the email was forwarded to Council. An additional written communication was received for a non-agenda item that was distributed to Council on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 11:14 p.m. from Maribel Nunez jointly representing the Inland Equity Partnership, Coachella Valley Immigrant Dignity Coalition, and the Catholic Charities.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

7. Voucher Listings — EFT's/Manual Checks/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2019-20 and 2020-21 Expenditures as of September 9, 2020, \$7,921,034.36.
8. Resolution No. 2020-49 Approving the Funding for a Full-Time Code Compliance Manager Position
9. Resolution No. 2020-50, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Approving Final Parcel Map No. 37209-1
10. Investment Report – May 2020
11. Investment Report – June 2020
12. Approve a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support Its College Scholarship Program
13. Finding of Public Convenience and Necessity for “LA Mango” to re-establish an on-sale Beer License at the existing Snack Shop located at 51-704 Cesar Chavez Street.
14. Authorization to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MSA Consulting Group, Inc. for City-Initiated Rezoning of property for the Coachella 5th Cycle Housing Element in the amount of \$53,310.
15. Authorization for the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to agreement with CV Pipeline for storm drain maintenance services citywide, increasing the current agreement compensation by \$45,000.
16. Approval of award of Letter Agreement to Airwave Communications for Emergency Light Bar Installation on twelve (12) city vehicles, in the amount of \$34,212.96.
17. Professional Services Agreement with NRO Engineering Amendment #6 in the amount of \$75,000 for Engineering Plan Check Services

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation, Consent Calendar Items 7 through 17.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista

Approved: 3-0-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

18. *(Removed during Approval of the Agenda.)*

19. Resolution No. 2020-52, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Adopting California Department of Public Health Interim Guidance Related to Youth Sports During COVID-19 State of Emergency.

Action: None; direction provided.

20. Resolution No. 2020-53, Adopting the City of Coachella 2020 Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

21. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo.

Motion: To appoint **Josie Gonzalez** as the Voting Delegate; and
Appoint **Megan Beaman Jacinto** as the Alternate Voting Delegate.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

22. Consideration to allow an exception to the City’s Noise Regulations for allowable “construction activity” for a concrete pour to begin between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. at the Borrego Health Medical Facility located at 49-869 Calhoun Street.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Seconded by: Councilmember Gonzalez

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

Public Comments were moved up to this portion of the meeting being after the 8:00 hour:

a) Tina Esmeralda (*via telephone*)

(After Public Comments, the City Council returned to the regular agenda at this point.)

23. 2020 Pavement Improvement Project, City Project ST-119, authorizing the City Manager to authorize:

a) Amendment 1 by and between the City of Coachella and Matich Corporation;

b) Transfer of funds from the Road Maintenance Fund (108) to the City’s CIP Fund (182) in the amount of \$66,500.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Beaman Jacinto

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

24. Recommendation to Co-fund the Purchase of Replacement Ladder Truck in an amount of \$350,000.00, reflecting a cost share of 25%, with half to be allocated in this fiscal year and half to be allocated in next year’s budget.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Gonzalez

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

25. Ordinance No. 1168 Amending Change of Zone No. 18-10 by adding a minimum residential density of 20 units per acre in the RM (General) and RM (Urban) zoning district designators for approximately 72.6 acres of vacant agricultural land generally located south of Avenue 50, west of Tyler Street, approximately ¼ mile north of Avenue 52. City-Initiated. (*First Reading*)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opened the Public Hearing for Item 25 at 8:38 p.m.

Public Comment: James Rodriguez (*via email dated September 8, 2020, at 10:29 p.m.*)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez closed the Public Hearing for Item 25 at 8:38 p.m.

Motion: To introduce by title only and pass to second reading.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

26. 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 Pro Tem Martinez re-opened the Public Hearing for Item 26 at 8:41 p.m.

Public Comment: James Rodriguez (*via email dated September 8, 2020, at 10:29 p.m.*)
Marcos Magaña (*via email dated September 9, 2020, at 3:10 p.m. – exceeding the 250-word count limit to read out loud; email forwarded to Council.*)

Motion: To **continue** to the City Council Meeting of October 14, 2020

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

27. Coachella Travel Centre Project

- a) Environmental Assessment (EA 18-05) adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the development of the Coachella Travel Centre project.
- b) Ordinance No. 1148 approving Change of Zone (CZ 18-11) from A-R (Agricultural Reserve) to C-G (General Commercial).
- c) Conditional Use Permits (CUP 310 and 311) for drive-thru restaurant, car wash and truck wash facilities.
- d) Variance (VAR 18-09) to allow a four-story hotel building in excess of 50 feet in height, in the C-G (General Commercial) zone.
- e) Architectural Review (AR 18-09) to allow a new 3,800 sq. ft. convenience store with service station, 1,200 sq. ft. drive-thru restaurant, 5,555 sq. ft. restaurant, 2,677 sq. ft. car wash tunnel, 4,754 sq. ft. truck washing facility, and 11, 259 sq. ft. 4-story hotel with related infrastructure on 14.1 acres of vacant land located on the south side of Avenue 50 between the Whitewater Channel and the State Route 86 Expressway.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez re-opened the Public Hearing for Item 27 at 8:44 p.m.

Public Comment: James Rodriguez (*via email dated September 8, 2020, at 10:29 p.m.*)

Motion: To **continue** to the City Council Meeting of November 11, 2020

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

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

28. Resolution No. 2020-54 Authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the California Department of Transportation Under its Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Cycle 5 Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez opened the Public Hearing for Item 28 at 8:57 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

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(Item Resolution No. 2020-54, ATP Grant Application, continued from previous page.)

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez closed the Public Hearing for Item 28 at 8:57 p.m.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

Seconded by: Councilmember Bautista

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Bautista, Councilmember Beaman Jacinto, Councilmember Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

With the time being after the 8:00 hour and per Resolution No. 2019-34, Public Comments were moved up (see page 6). There were no further comments at this time.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

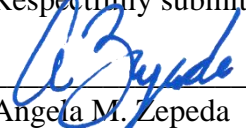
Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela M. Zepeda
City Clerk