



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, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COACHELLA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AND COACHELLA PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION

August 26, 2026

5:00 PM – CLOSED SESSION

6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

In-Person Meeting Location: Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA	If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link: 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 Spanish: 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 **either in person, via email, or via Zoom.**
 - **In Person:**

Anyone wishing to speak in person during the public comment period or on a particular item is required to fill out a Request to Speak Form. In order to be recognized, a Request to Speak Form must be turned in to the City Clerk prior to the start of the public comment period or before the agenda item is taken up by Council on which you wish to provide a comment.
 - **In Real Time via Zoom:**

If participating in real time via Zoom, during the public comment period, participants must be visible on camera and use the “**raise hand**” function on Zoom.
 - **In Writing via Email:**

If providing a written comment by email, you may submit your public comment to the City Council by emailing cityclerk@coachella.org. To comment by email, submit your comments no later than 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting by emailing your name, agenda item (if applicable), and your comment. Any correspondence received by the deadline will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration before action is taken on the matter, during the meeting and upon request one (1) hard copy of the written

public comments will be available for the public's view, and written comments will be retained for the official records. Written comments will not be read aloud at City Council meetings.

- 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: - 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Dr. Figueroa called the City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the City of Coachella to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Delgado (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Absent: City Treasurer

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"

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification of postponing item #3 and item #10 to the 9/21/2026 Council meeting

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

1. Francisco S. Molina

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Govt. Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: City Attorney

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One (1) or More Potential Cases

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

James Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS) (LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES. IF ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, THEY WILL BE HEARD AFTER. PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR):

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. Jose Esparza
2. Francisco S. Molina
3. James Rodriguez
4. Ash B.
5. Karla Rocha (Zoom)

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Proclamations Presented to Coachella Boxing Club Boxers

Item #3 postponed to 9/21/2026 Council Meeting

4. Coachella Valley Lakers Sponsorship Opportunity Presentation

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Ayleen Ortiz
2. Consuelo Marquez

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

5. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2026, 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
6. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella
7. Receive and File the City of Coachella Fiscal Year 2026-27 Adopted Annual Budget Document
8. Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Connect Coachella Project, City Project ST-138.
9. Amendment #2 Agreement with IDS Group to Provide Additional Design Services for the Library Annex Project, City Project F-33 in an amount not to Exceed \$28,951.00

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar except item #6

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment Item #6:

1. Francisco S. Molina
2. Ash B.
3. James Rodriguez
4. Karla (Zoom)

Motion: To approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1231 Adding Chapter 17.92 to Title XVII of the Coachella Municipal Code to Prohibit Data Center Uses Within the City of Coachella

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

10. Authorize Resolution No. 2026-50 Approving the City of Coachella's Application for Climate Bond Grant Funds for the Urban Greening Program

Item #10 postponed to 9/21/2026 Council Meeting

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Waterworks Engineers, LLC for Engineering Services for the Design of Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Plants at Seven Well Sites in an amount not to exceed \$4,581,756.00 and Approve Additional Expenditures for a Total Request of \$4,810,843.80.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez

Motion: To authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Waterworks Engineers, LLC for Engineering Services for the Design of Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Plants at Seven Well Sites in an amount not to exceed \$4,581,756.00 and Approve Additional Expenditures for a Total Request of \$4,810,843.80.

Made by: Councilmember Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

12. Citywide Short-Term Vacation Rental Calls for Service Report

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Karla (Zoom)

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

NONE

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Department Director Reports

- Economic Development – Overview of Senior Center Services
- Public Works – City Hall Building Maintenance Update
 - Rancho Las Flores Update & Closed Fields
- Development Services – Coachella Business Corridor Transformation Plan (CBCTP) Update

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk