



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

July 22, 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 5:08 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”

Staff requested removing item #8 from the Consent Calendar and continuing to the September 9, 2026 Council meeting.

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification of moving Item #8 from the Consent Calendar to the September 9, 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):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: City Attorney
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One (1) or More Potential Cases

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmember Delgado returned at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Lee Espinoza 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.

The Mayor announced that there is a Special Meeting agenda that the Council will go to at a later time.

1. James Brownyard
2. James Rodriguez
3. Francisco S. Molina
4. Lee Espinosa

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Proclamation of Commendation Presented to Coachella Fire Department

Council took a recess of the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m. to go into the special meeting and returned at 7:19 p.m.

Council took recess at 7:19 and returned at 7:30 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Adriana Garcia
2. Daniela Montes
3. Thonacxy Audoma
4. MzG G
5. Gabriel Pereyra
6. Kim Harth
7. Michael Cook

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

4. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 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
5. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Expenditures as of July 22, 2026, \$2,624,197.22
6. Quarterly Reports - Fourth Quarter (April - June) FY2025-2026
7. Authorize the annual renewal of Granicus Avior 75 Meeting and Video Production Service
8. Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Development Impact Fee Annual Report Prepared Pursuant to Government Code Section 66006 (Mitigation Fee Act / AB 1600)
9. Construction Contract with Jones Brothers Construction Company in the amount of \$298,016.00 plus 10% contingency for the Construction of the Avenue 50 Irrigation Lateral Abandonments and Tile-Drain Relocations, City Project No.ST-69.
10. Resolution No. 2026-47, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Approving Final Parcel Map No. 38557
11. Resolution No. 2026-46, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Approving Final Parcel Map No. 38429
12. Amendments to the FY 2026-27 Authorized Position Listing and Related Appropriation of Funds
13. Amendment #2 to the Reimbursement Agreement with Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the Airport Blvd Bridge Replacement Project, City Project ST-141.
14. Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for City Project No. ST-93, Avenue 50 Median Light Rehabilitation Improvements from Van Buren Street to Mariposa Pointe

15. Approve a Sponsorship Request from the Codex Creation Committee for the 2026 Run With Los Muertos Event in the Amount of \$45,000 and Authorize the Operation of a Beer Garden on November 7, 2026 in Downtown Sixth Street from 4:00 PM to 12:00 PM.

16. Approving Resolution No. 2026-49 Amending Section 6.10 of the City of Coachella Personnel Rules and Regulations Regarding Anti-Nepotism

Councilmember Martinez requested pulling item #16 because he had some comments.

Mayor Dr. Figueroa requested pulling item #12 because he had some questions.

Public Comment:

1. Francisco S. Molina
2. Karla Flores (Zoom)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item #8 that will be moved to the September 9, 2026 Council meeting

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

17. Approve a Sponsorship Request for Raices Cultura for their 2026 Dia de los Muertos Celebration in the Amount of \$20,000 and appropriate \$20,000 from unallocated general fund reserves

Public Comment:

1. Karla Flores (Zoom)

Motion: To approve a Sponsorship Request for Raices Cultura for their 2026 Dia de los Muertos Celebration in the Amount of \$20,000 and appropriate \$20,000 from unallocated general fund reserves

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

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
ABSENT: None

18. Establishment of an Ad Hoc City Council Committee to Update the Community Health and Wellness Element of the City of Coachella General Plan

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Karla Flores (Zoom)

Motion: To establishment of an Ad Hoc City Council Committee to Update the Community Health and Wellness Element of the City of Coachella General Plan and appoint Councilmember Delgado and Councilmember Martinez to the Committee

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
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
ABSENT: None

19. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-45 Declaring its Intention to Annex Property into City of Coachella Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services) and to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Within Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna).

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-45 Declaring its Intention to Annex Property into City of Coachella Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services) and to Authorize the Levy of a Special Tax Within Annexation Area No. 37 (Casa Sienna)

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
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

ABSENT: None

20. Provide Discussion and Direction for the 2026/2027 Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:29 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Francisco S. Molina

Councilmember Martinez stepped away at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

3. Karla Flores (Zoom)

Council took a recess at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 9:04 p.m.

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 9:42 p.m. and returned at 9:44 p.m.

21. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Financial Services for a Comprehensive Development Impact Fee Study (Not-To-Exceed \$96,000), and Approve the Associated Best Interest of the City Justification

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez

Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement with Willdan Financial Services for a Comprehensive Development Impact Fee Study (Not-To-Exceed \$96,000), and Approve the Associated Best Interest of the City Justification

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

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

ABSENT: None

22. Approval of a Three-Year Professional Services Agreement/Order Form with Granicus, Inc. for Migration of the City's Website to the OpenCities Platform to Achieve ADA/WCAG 2.1 Level AA Accessibility Compliance (Total Not-To-Exceed \$122,981.12), Utilizing the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Public Comment:

1. Francisco S. Molina
2. James Rodriguez
3. Karla Flores (Zoom)

Mayor Pro Tem Perez stepped away at 9:58 p.m. and returned at 9:59 p.m.

Motion: To approve a Three-Year Professional Services Agreement/Order Form with Granicus, Inc. for Migration of the City's Website to the OpenCities Platform to Achieve ADA/WCAG 2.1 Level AA Accessibility Compliance (Total Not-To-Exceed \$122,981.12), Utilizing the OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

23. Software License and Professional Services Agreement with PayIt, LLC for a Cloud-Based Government Payment Platform, Procured Under the OMNIA Partners/Region 14 Education Service Center Cooperative Contract; and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Convenience and Processing Fees Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6159(h)(1)

Public Comment:

1. Francisco S. Molina
2. James Rodriguez

Motion: To approve Software License and Professional Services Agreement with PayIt, LLC for a Cloud-Based Government Payment Platform, Procured Under the OMNIA Partners/Region 14 Education Service Center Cooperative Contract; and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Convenience and Processing Fees Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6159(h)(1)

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

24. Authorize the City Staff to Collect Field Use Fees and Field Lighting Use Fees for Community Use Days At All Sports Fields for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez
2. Francisco S. Molina

Motion: To approve Software License and Professional Services Agreement with PayIt, LLC for a Cloud-Based Government Payment Platform, Procured Under the OMNIA Partners/Region 14 Education Service Center Cooperative Contract; and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Convenience and Processing Fees Pursuant to California Government Code Section 6159(h)(1)

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
Approved: 5-0

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

25. July 2026 Legislative Update

Receive and file.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

26. Adopt Resolution No. SD-2026-03 Authorizing the Collection of Residential Sanitary Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Through the County of Riverside Tax Roll

Public Hearing opened at 11:25 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez

Public Hearing closed at 11:27 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. SD-2026-03 Authorizing the Collection of Residential Sanitary Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Through the County of Riverside Tax Roll

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
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
ABSENT: None

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Department Director Reports

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk