



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

February 26, 2025

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

<p>In-Person Meeting Location:</p> <p>Coachella City Hall Council Chamber 1515 Sixth Street Coachella, CA</p>	<p>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Spanish: El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla</p>
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- Public comments may be received by 3:00 P.M. **either in person, via email, telephonically, or via Zoom** with a limit of **250 words, or three minutes:**
 - **In Real Time:**

If participating in real time via Zoom or phone, during the Public Comment Period, use the “**raise hand**” function on your computer, or when using a phone, participants can raise their hand by pressing *9 on the keypad.
 - **In Writing:**

Written comments may be submitted to the City Council electronically via email to cityclerk@coachella.org. Transmittal **prior to the start** of the meeting is required. All written comments received will be forwarded to the City Council and entered into the record.
 - If you wish, you may leave a message at (760) 262-6240 before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- 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 Hernandez called the City Council Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the City of Coachella to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Delgado, and Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk

City Treasurer

Absent: Councilmember Perez

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”

The Interim City Manager requested to remove item #21. Staff will bring it back in May.

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 3-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, and Mayor Hernandez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez and Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado arrived at 5:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None

Mayor Pro Tem Delgado arrived at 5:11 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: APN 763-330-018
Agency Negotiator(s): Castulo Estrada, Utilities Director
Negotiating Parties: Empire Airport LLC, Owner
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for a 44,981 sq. ft. Five-Year Temporary Construction Easement
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)
One (1) Potential Case

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The City Attorney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:

3. Proclamation Recognizing March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
4. 9th Street Park Improvements by Chelsea Investment Corporation
5. Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study Update and Station Evaluation Results
6. Soccer Sports League Request For Proposals Update

Public Comment:

1. Juan Alvarado
 2. Manuel Hurtado
 3. Claudia Lua Alvarado
 4. Rosalio Avila
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7. Community Based Grant Program Presentation

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:22 p.m. returned at 7:24 p.m.

Written Communications:

1. Anny Moss

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Anny Moss

CONSENT CALENDAR:

(IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CONSENT ITEMS BE ACTED UPON SIMULTANEOUSLY UNLESS SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION IS REQUESTED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER.)

8. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025, 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
9. Investment Report – November 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024
10. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2024-25 Expenditures as of February 26, 2025, \$1,126,574.85.
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Albert A. Webb Associates for an Amount of \$174,490 to Provide Design Services for Rancho Las Flores Park Expansion – City Project P-31
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, Inc. for an Amount of \$47,657 to Provide Grant Writing Services for the Improvements of Avenue 50 from Calhoun Street to Cesar Chavez Street – City Project ST-93
13. Utility Relocation and Reimbursement Agreement with Imperial Irrigation District (IID) to relocate IID facilities as a result of the Construction of a new Bridge over Whitewater Channel at Avenue 50, City Project ST-69.
14. Service Agreement between the County of Riverside and the City of Coachella for the 54th Avenue Slurry Seal Improvements, City Project ST-128.
15. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Theresa A. Mike Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support its College Scholarship Program
16. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to the Friends of the Children – Coachella Valley in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support its Youth Program for Meals
17. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Sub-Recipient Agreement Between the City of Coachella and the Coachella Prospera Partners Listed in the Executed TCC Grant Agreement Dated February 10, 2025
18. Ordinance No. 1220 (Second Reading) Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 24-02 – Streamline Code Amendments - Phase 2 to amend Coachella Municipal Code Title 17 regarding zoning district permitted uses, development standards and development review process in the City. City-Initiated.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa as to item 16

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

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

None

The Council took a short recess at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

19. Provide direction and approve appointments to the City's Coachella Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Culture and Arts Commission.

Appointments of Alyssa Marie Torres, Alma Fregoso, Armando Lerma, and Oralia Ortiz to the City's Coachella Culture and Arts Commission was approved by a 4-0 roll call vote.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

Motion: To approve appointments of Victor Alcantara, Rosalio Avila, and Jesus Nunez to the City's Coachella Parks and Recreation Commission

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

Motion: To approve appointments of Oscar Fonseca, Eva Lara, Margarita Lopez, and Robert Caballero as an alternate to the City's Coachella Planning Commission

Made by: Mayor Hernandez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

20. Mayor's Appointments to Various Council Subcommittees, Coachella Valley Association of Government (CVAG) Committees, Other Agencies, etc.

Motion: To approve Mayor's Appointments with modifications as noted

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

21. Authorize the Façade Improvement Grant Program Award Recommendations in the Amount of \$553,000 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Grant Agreements with Property Owners Participating in the Program

The Interim City Manager requested to remove item #21. Staff will bring it back in May.

22. Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1221 Amending Chapter 5.80 ("Regulation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations") of the Coachella Municipal Code to Amend and Update the City's Regulations of Short-Term Vacation Rentals, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof and Introduce Ordinance No. 1222 Amending Chapter 5.80 ("Regulation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations") of the Coachella Municipal Code to Amend and Update the City's Regulations of Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Motion: Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1221 Amending Chapter 5.80 ("Regulation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations") of the Coachella Municipal Code to Amend and Update the City's Regulations of Short-Term Vacation Rentals, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof and Introduce Ordinance No. 1222 Amending Chapter 5.80 ("Regulation of Short-Term Vacation Rentals") of Title 5 ("Business Licenses and Regulations")

of the Coachella Municipal Code to Amend and Update the City's Regulations of Short-Term Vacation Rentals

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

Public Comment:

1. Jose A.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant Program in the Amount Not-to-Exceed Fifteen Million (\$15,000,000) Dollars to Supplement the Rancho Las Flores Park Project

Motion: Authorize the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Grant Program in the Amount Not-to-Exceed Fifteen Million (\$15,000,000) Dollars to Supplement the Rancho Las Flores Park Project

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Perez

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

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.

With the time being after the 8:00 p.m. hour and per Resolution No. 2019-34, Public Comments were moved up after Consent Calendar (see page 5). 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 Delgado adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk