



City Hall Council Chamber  
1515 Sixth Street, Coachella, California  
(760) 398-3502 ♦ [www.coachella.org](http://www.coachella.org)

# MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE

CITY OF COACHELLA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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

**March 08, 2023**

6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

---

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmember Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza, Mayor Hernandez

Absent: None

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Gabriel Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*City Manager Martin requested to add Item 3.b Emergency Approval for the Color Schemes for the Coachella Fire Station.*

Motion: To approve the agenda with modifications  
Made by: Councilmember Figueroa  
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation for Brook Sibrian
2. Coachella Immigrant Families Recovery Program Presentation
3. Ollin Strategies Quarterly Update

*At this time, Mayor Hernandez recused himself from 3.b*

***3.b Emergency Council Review for the Color Scheme of Coachella Fire Station.***

*After discussion of 3.b Mayor Hernandez returned*

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

4. Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023, 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. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-14, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coachella, California, Authorizing the Extension of the Service Fee Collected on behalf of the Riverside County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority until May 2034.
6. Approve the purchase of a mobile/portable livestream audio video teleconferencing system.
7. Coachella Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Inventory and Status Update.
8. Professional Service Agreement with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to provide Environmental Services related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Connect Coachella Project, City Project ST-138.
9. Approve a budget allocation of \$10,000, to add a new special event to the 2023 event calendar to recognize migrant farmworkers in recognition of Cesar Chavez Day.

*Councilmember Figueroa confirmed the budget allocation was not to exceed \$10,000*

10. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2022-23 Expenditures as of March 8, 2023, \$3,303,640.39.

11. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc. to complete the City of Coachella - 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update to the General Plan, for \$44,825.00 and authorize an appropriation of \$35,825 from the General Fund.
12. Authorize purchase of a 2024 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$43,092.

Motion: To approve consent items 4-12 per staff recommendations

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza  
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

13. Consideration to fill Five Planning Commission Vacancies

Mayor Pro Tem Galarza nominated Jason Hernandez, Councilmember Virgen nominated Isela Murillo, Councilmember Figueroa nominated Yuremi Arvizu, Mayor Hernandez nominated Oscar Fonseca for Alternate

Motion: To approve Five Planning Commission Vacancies

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza  
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez  
Yays: Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza, Mayor Hernandez  
No: Councilmember Figueroa, Councilmember Delgado  
Approved: 3-2 approved voice vote

14. Seeking City Council direction on continuing to allow zoom for public participation and presentations after Governor Gavin Newsom's proclamation terminating the state COVID-19 State of Emergency.

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

15. Taco Shop 760 – Alcohol Sales and Entertainment Establishment Permit

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 360 (Modification) to change the hours of operations related to the on-sale, service and consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits (Type 47) and Entertainment Permit No. 23-01 to permit limited entertainment within a 2,756 square-foot restaurant located at 48975 Grapefruit Blvd, Suite #3. Applicant: Alejandra Barcelo

Open To Public Comment 7:45 P.M. and Closed 7:45 P.M.

Motion: To approve Item 15 CUP No. 360  
Made by: Councilmember Delgado  
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

16. Tripoli Mixed-Use Project Proposed Revisions

*Mayor Hernandez went on record that he is 1000 ft from this property and can vote*

Second proposed amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 351 and Architectural Review (AR) 22-04 for the PUD (Planned Unit Development) Overlay Zone guidelines, design revisions and modifications to conditions of approval for a mixed-use development consisting of 108 apartment units and four retail units on 2.8 acres of vacant C-G (General Commercial) zoned property at the northeast corner of Cesar Chavez Street and Bagdad Avenue (APN# 778-081-003 and -001) Applicant: Chelsea Investment Corporation

Open To Public Comment 7:46 P.M. Closed 7:46 P.M.

Motion: To approve with the condition to work with staff  
Made by: Councilmember Figueroa  
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen  
Approved: 5-0, by a unanimous voice vote

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:28 P.M.

Complete Agenda Packets are available for public inspection at the  
City Clerk's Office at 53-462 Enterprise Way, Coachella, California, and on the  
City's website [www.coachella.org](http://www.coachella.org).

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES