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MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION AND 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

April 26, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The Closed Session of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

City Clerk Zepeda absent for the Closed Session and arrived in person for the Regular Meeting
City Treasurer Aviles via zoom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Manager Martin requested closed session Item 1 & 2 language to strike Public Works Director and add City Engineer and to add an additional Item 3a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6:

Mayor Hernandez requested to add an additional named Item 5. City Manager Evaluation

Motion: To approve Agenda with modifications

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 768-160-001 Agency Negotiator: City Manager and Public Works Director
Negotiating Parties: RMM Inv Capital Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 768-163-001 City Negotiator: City Manager and Public Works Director
Negotiating Parties: Javier Botello and Virginia Botello Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6:
City Labor Negotiator: City Manager Gabriel Martin; Interim Finance Director William Pattison
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 1932 Representing Miscellaneous/Sanitary Employees
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation Case No.: U.S.D.C. Case No. 1:17-CV-2804 Court: United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Judge Dan Aaron Polster

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

The City Council reconvened into the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Caballero.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Campos stated that Council met in Closed Session, and direction was given, but no reportable action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

5. Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce - Enda Rodriguez
6. Coachella Valley Unified School District Proclamation Recipients: Alberto Rodriguez, Jonathan Marquez-Leal, Judith Ortiz, Mario Gallo, Matias Villanueva, Natalie Araujo, Omar Garcia, Richard Yanez, Victor Flores-Munoz
7. CVAG's CV Housing First Program
8. Audit Report Presentation (Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.)
9. Grants Presentation

10. Mid-Year Budget Review (Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Manager Martin requested that Item 19 be pulled from the Consent Calendar due to vendor being unable to perform job at original quoted cost.

11. Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2023, of the City Council, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency
12. Special Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023 of the City Council, Coachella Sanitary District, Coachella Fire Protection District, Coachella Financing Authority, Coachella Educational and Governmental Access Cable Corporation, Coachella Water Authority, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency
13. Maintenance of Effort Certification Statements Fiscal Year 2023/2024, the Local Streets and Roads Revenue Projections, as well as the Projected Five Year Measure A Capital Improvement Plans Budget for Measure A Funding
14. Authorize a Community-Based Grant to Elder Love USA in the Amount of \$1,000 to Support its In-Home Caregiving Program for Older Adults
15. 2022 Coachella Parks and Recreation Foundation activity update.
16. Building Activity Report Q1 2023
Code, Graffiti, Animal Control Report Q1 2023
Engineering Report Q1 2023
Licensee Report Q1 2023
Utilities Report Q1 2023
17. Modify construction contract budget with Desert Concepts and modify total project budget for the Pueblo Viejo Sustainable Transportation Project, City Project ST-130.
18. Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with The Pun Group, LLP for Professional Auditing Services.

19. Authorize execution of Amendment No. 1 between the City of Coachella and Conserve Landcare LLC for Project No. 032921.
20. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2022-23 Expenditures as of April 26, 2023, \$5,624,124.04.
21. Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Pedestrian Roadway and Safety Improvements, City Project ST-134.
22. Amendment No. 2 to the Sub-Reimbursement Agreement by and between Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), City of Coachella and Riverside County (County) for the Avenue 48 Widening Project between Van Buren and Dillon Road, City Project ST-131.
23. Investment Report – February 2023

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as printed with the removal of Item 19

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

(Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 8:16 p.m. and returned at 8:19 p.m.)

24. Professional Service Agreement with Michael Baker International to develop an updated Pavement Management System (PMS) Report.

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

25. Recommend updating park user fee schedule to reflect collection at 50% of the approved rates starting on July 1, 2023 and collection at 100% of the approved rates on January 1, 2024; recommend continuance of Public Field Use Days with Bagdouma Park Field 3 modification.

Motion: To one-year continuance on Park User Fees with exception of approval of staff recommendation on Field 3.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

26. Appointments to the Coachella Parks and Recreation Commission, five new Commissioners and one Alternate Commissioner.

Mayor Hernandez elected Andrew Gallegos, Councilmember Dr. Figueroa elected Karen Hernandez, Councilmember Virgen elected Marcos Granados Jr., Councilmember Delgado elected Robert Antonio Caballero, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza elected Rosalio Avila, and Mayor Hernandez elected J. Carlos Ayala for Alternate Commissioner.

Motion: To approve five new Commissioners and one Alternate Commissioners to the Coachella Parks and Recreation Commission

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

27. Community Facilities District (CFD No. 2005-01) Annexation 32 – (Placita Dolores Huerta– Phase 1 Parcel Map No. 37833)

a) Resolution No. 2023-20 Determining the Validity of Prior Proceedings relating to Annexation of Property (Annexation No. 32) in the City of Coachella CFD No. 2005-01 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services).

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Frank Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

- b) Resolution No. 2023-21 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Calling a Special Election within Annexation Area No. 32 (Placita Dolores Huerta– Phase 1 Parcel Map No. 37833).

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

- c) Resolution No. 2023-22 Canvassing The Results of The Election Held Within CFD No. 2005-01 (Area No. 32)

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

- d) Ordinance No. 1202 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within Annexation Area No. 32 Annexed to Said District (1st Reading)

Motion: To approve per staff recommendation

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 4-0, by a unanimous voice vote

AYES: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa, Councilmember Virgen, Councilmember Delgado, Mayor Hernandez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

(Public Hearing opened at 9:14 p.m. and closed at 9:14 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

1. Robert Caballero

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees:

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa:

1. Requested that city website be updated and more interactive. Information is buried and hard to find.
2. Wants all meeting videos posted for transparency.

Councilmember Virgen:

1. Farmchella – Would like to know the number of families served that day.
2. Requested that staff add language to agenda advising if there would be a “Fiscal Impact”, “General Fund”, and/or “Budget Impact”.

Councilmember Delgado:

1. Agreed with Councilmember Dr. Figueroa that website needed to be updated and user friendly.
2. Requested City Manager Martin present on PIO and list of current projects.
3. Keys to the City – wants to learn how we evaluate, what is the criteria and would like to participate in the selections.
4. ARPA Funding – would like to see a presentation regarding the two items remaining and what else has been added from the study session.
5. Disagrees with council regarding cancellations of Council Meeting.
6. Dog Neutering – What is the fee? Do dogs have to be registered?

Mayor Hernandez:

1. Wants to look into mandating alternate transportation. Master Plan to implement charging stations as current stations are not sufficient.
2. CV Link will break ground this year. Have it on your radar.

City Manager’s Comments:

1. LAFCO – 60 days draft report. Will need council’s comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Zepada
City Clerk
City of Coachella