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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

July 26, 2023

5:00PM – 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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CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen (*arrived at 5:08 pm*) Councilmember Figueroa, Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk Zepeda

ABSENT: City Treasurer Aviles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Manager Martin asked Council to continue Item #2 from closed session to the next council meeting to review the new information received. Mayor Pro Tem Galarza requested to table Item #26 due to the ambiguity and staff will work on acquiring the information being requested.

Motion: To approve continuance of Item #2 and table Item #26

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 2-2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

NOES: Councilmember Delgado, and Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

The motion failed. The item will come back when they have a full council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b)(1)

1) Title: City Manager

2) Title: City Attorney

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

Councilmember Virgen arrived at 5:10 pm during closed session.

The Council went back to the Approval of the Agenda item once there was a full council

The City Manager suggested taking out item 2 from the closed session calendar and Mayor Pro Tem Galarza requested tabling item 26. There was a roll call that did not pass.

Motion: To approve the agenda with continuance of Item #2 and table Item #26

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Galarza, and Councilmember Virgen

NOES: Councilmember Delgado, and Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella was reconvened at 6:04 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Dr. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Attorney Campos stated that Council met in Closed Session to discuss item 1 only, and direction was given, but no reportable action was taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. Presentation by Kounkuey Design Initiative on the City of Coachella Displacement Avoidance Plan

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

City Clerk Zepeda stated that “We received two letters were received from Lift To Rise via email, July 25th, 2023, in support of items #27 and #28.”

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.)\

Mayor Hernandez asked to pull item #8 and item #15 for discussion, approved with consent calendar.

(Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 6:33pm and returned at 6:34pm)

4. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2023, 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, and Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency.
5. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 Expenditures as of July 26, 2023 for \$6,516,659.46
6. Department Quarterly Reports - 4th Quarter
7. Authorize Execution of Master Lease Equity Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the Purchase of a 2024 Ford F550 in the amount of \$155,847
8. Authorize Award of Central Park Architectural and Engineering Design Services Project No. P-31 in the amount of \$838,888.00 to Albert A. Webb Associates
9. Reject IRC Backflow's bid as "Non-Responsive", and Approve Awarding a Contract for the Replacement of 600 Domestic Consumption Meters to the Van Dyke Corporation in the amount of \$80,400.00 plus 10% contingency
10. Authorize Awarding a Stipend to City of Coachella Resident Engagement Academy Participants in the Amount of \$250 to Each Participant for a Total of \$6,250
11. Resolution No. 2023-58 approving a Part Time Public Works Parks Maintenance Worker, in the Parks Division, and Defunding a Part Time Parks Ranger position in the Parks and Recreation Division
12. Approve Updated Cooperative Agreement for El Grito Event between: the City of Coachella, Telemundo and Mexican Consulate in San Bernardino and Approve Operation of a Beer Garden at Rancho Las Flores Park for the 2023 El Grito Event
13. Award Construction Agreement to Superb Engineering for Las Luna & Calle Bouganvilia Retention Basin Landscape Improvements City Project No. LL-01 & LL-05 for \$177,039
14. Authorize Award of a Professional Services Agreement to Rhythm Tech Productions LLC in the amount of \$32,799.81 for the 2023 El Grito event
15. Authorize Execution of Rideshare Services Agreement with Latino Equity Advocacy Policy Institute and Authorize the City Manager to sign the Master Lease Equity Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the purchase of seventeen (17) Model Y Teslas in the amount of \$1,029,010
16. Coachella Valley 1 Apartments– Subordination Agreement

Motion: To approve consent calendar.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

17. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference & Expo

Motion: To nominate Councilmembers Virgen and Dr. Figueroa as voting delates for League of Cities Conference.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

18. Resolution No. 2023-30 Approving the Ratification of a Four Year Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the City of Coachella and Teamsters Local 1932, representing the Confidential Mid-Management Employees Bargaining Unit

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

19. Appointments to the Cultural and Arts Commission

The Council made the following nominations:

1. Armando Lerma by Mayor Hernandez
2. Clara Nieblas by Councilmember Virgen
3. Irene N. Rodrigues by Councilmember Delgado
4. Juan Ponce Ramos by Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

5. Oralia “Yaya” Ortiz by Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Alternate: Javier Figueroa

Motion: To approve appointments to the Cultural and Arts Commission.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

20. Making Findings on an Energy Services Contract and Facility Financing for an Energy Efficiency Project Required Under California Government Code Section 4217.10 et. seq. and Authorizing an Energy Services Contract

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:11 pm and returned at 7:12 pm.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

21. Execution of the Eleventh Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coachella and Sports Leagues.

(Mayor Hernandez stepped away at 7:31pm and returned at 7:31pm. Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 7:31pm and returned at 7:32pm.)

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

22. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-55 Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept and Execute all Related Documents for Grant Funds in an Amount of Twenty-Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$29,500,000) Dollars from the State’s Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program, administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and the Department of Conservation for Projects Within the Coachella Prospera Proposed Project area Authorizing the Execution of a Public Safety CFD Deferral Agreement, Partnership Agreement and all Other Required Documents

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

23. Authorize the Use and Purchase Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology

(Karina Quintanilla spoke in favor for this item.)

Motion: To oppose the item and not bring this item back.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 3-2, by the following roll call vote:

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

24. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-57 Authorizing the City of Coachella’s Participation in the County of Riverside’s Urban County Program for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027

(Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 9:14pm and returned at 9:16pm.)

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Hernandez
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

25. Authorize the Awarded Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Funds that were Originally Intended to be Reimbursed to the City for the Land Acquisition Costs of the Transit Hub Site to be Used for the Construction of the Transit Hub; and

Appropriate \$497,556 from General Fund Reserves to Fund the Shortfall for the Transit Hub Project

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

26. Discussion Regarding City Council Meeting Schedule

Tabled

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

27. Introduce Ordinance No. 1206 City of Coachella Objective Design Standards for Multi-family Residential and Mixed-use Development - Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-04 is a Proposal to Amend Coachella Municipal Code Title 17, Zoning, Adopting Objective Design Standards for Multi-family Residential Development to apply to G-N General Neighborhood, U-N Urban Neighborhood, DT-PV Downtown Pueblo Viejo, DT-PV Transition, U-E Urban Employment and Neighborhood Commercial zones (First Reading)

(Mayor Hernandez recused himself from item #27)

(Councilmember Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 9:26pm and returned at 9:27pm)

(Mayor Pro Tem Galarza stepped away at 9:27pm and returned at 9:28pm)

Open To Public Comment 9:54 P.M and Closed 9:57 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hernandez

ABSENT: None

28. City of Coachella Zoning Consistency Update General Plan Amendment No. 23-02, Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 22-03, and Change of Zone No. 23-01 a proposed update of the Official Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance for Consistency with the Coachella General Plan and Amendments to the General Plan 2035 and Official General Plan Map (City-Initiated)

(Mayor Hernandez recused himself from item #28)

Open To Public Comment 9:59 P.M and Closed 10:00 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hernandez

ABSENT: None

29. General Plan Amendment No. 23-03 and Environmental Assessment No. 23-03 “General Plan Addendum Project” Establishment of General Plan Land use Designations for Three Areas That Were Evaluated as Part of the City of Coachella General Plan Planning Area in the Certified 2015 Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) but for Which no General Plan land use Designation was Identified. Areas Include: (1) Generally Bounded by Dillon Road to the west, Fargo Canyon to the North, Parcel Boundaries to the east, and East Side Dike to the Southeast (Northern Project Area); (2) Generally bounded by Jackson Street on the west, approximately 0.25 mile north of 51st Avenue on the north, Calhoun Street on the east, and 52nd Avenue on the south (Western Project Area); and (3) Generally bounded by State Route 86 (SR-86) to the west, Avenue 60 to the north, Lincoln Street to the east, and 62nd Avenue to the south (Southern Project Area) (Applicant: City-Initiated)

(Councilmember Delgado recused herself from this item.)

Open To Public Comment 10:09P.M and Closed 10:09 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez

Approved: 4-1, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Delgado

ABSENT: None

30. Public Hearing for Resolution No. 2023-52 Confirming the Assessment and Diagram and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the City of Coachella Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 through 40 for Fiscal Year 2032/2024

Open To Public Comment 10:14P.M and Closed 10:15 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

31. Adopt Resolution No. SD-2023-04 Authorizing the Collection of Residential Sanitary Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Through the County of Riverside Tax Roll

Open To Public Comment 10:16 P.M and Closed 10:16 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza

Seconded by: Councilmember Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

32. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-48 Authorizing the Establishment of an Annual Special tax for City of Coachella Community Facilities District No. 2005-01 (Law Enforcement, Fire and Paramedic Services) and Annexation Areas Thereto for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Open To Public Comment 10:17 P.M and Closed 10:17 P.M.

No Public Comments.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Galarza
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

33. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-51 Approving a 36-Month Renewal of Entertainment Permit No. 22-02 for the Rancho Escondido Event Venue, an Outdoor Entertainment Venue Located on an 8.6-acre Site at 85321 Avenue 44 (APN# 696-520-014). Applicant: Leonel Lopez and Margarita Lopez

Open To Public Comment 10:21 P.M and Closed 10:33 P.M.

Bill Collins opposed this item.

Debra Schuster opposed this item.

Thomas Aguilar opposed this item.

Margarita Lopez supported this item.

Motion: To approve staff recommendation.

Made by: Councilmember Delgado
Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	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.

None.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Councilmember Dr. Figueroa - Attended the Coachella Prospera, shout out to Celina Jimenez, staff and all the partners. He attended the small businesses event and it was very informative.

Councilmember Virgen- Attended the Coachella Prospera and congratulated Celina Jimenez as well. She spoke about her experiences and encounters in the NALEO conference. She attended the Strategic Growth with the City and staff and the Council attended. She was invited to Assembly member Eduardo Garcia's office yesterday and she spoke to some of their interns. She said they reminded her of the City's interns. She requested an update on Youth Advisory Commission and an update on interns; more specifically, who they work with, what they are working on, and a small report.

Councilmember Delgado – She gave an update on SCAG approved \$11,888,000 to RCTC. The Airport Commission is allowing sponsorships advertisement opportunities. They have a new CEO that starts in September. She attended the small celebration for a senior (Prospero Montes Perez) and stated her parents knew who he was. She was disappointed that they were unable to talk about the City Council meetings this evening because it is important that they are not canceling meetings and continue having meeting at the set dates or rescheduling the meetings. She spoke on the importance of public safety conversations for the City.

Councilmember Galarza – He attended the Coachella Prospera event and the National Association of Latino Elected Official Conference as a first timer. It was very informative and he got to meet other elected officials. The conference was very educational. He requested that staff shorten item presentations.

Mayor Hernandez- He made some contact with the Bureau of Reclamation with the water department to get a \$1.5 million grant for the replacement of meters. His requests are that this Council to take seriously the Heat Action Plan that it is more than just planting trees or shade equity. He recommended that staff look into this new economy and the transition from carbon based machines to electric, Look into a workforce plan, focus on arts and music and provide a good avenue for employment as they have plenty of good talent, for the Public Works Director and City Engineer start the road work plan, a profile on the interns of the City; videos on the interns. He also recommended that the Public Works Department replace the sand in the volleyball courts with beach sand. The entry point monuments could be better

City Manager's Comments.

The City Manager invited the Council to the Bagdouma Basketball Courts Ribbon Cutting and thanked staff participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Zepeda
City Clerk