



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

June 24, 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 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Delgado (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

City Clerk (arrived at 8:40 p.m.)

City Treasurer

Absent: Councilmember Virgen

Motion: Excused Absence for Councilmember Virgen

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 3-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Delgado and Councilmember Virgen

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”

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification of continuing Item #25 to next Council meeting on 7/8/2026 and continue Item #26 to a future Council meeting

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 3-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Two (2) or More Potential Cases
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One (1) or More Potential Cases
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Agency Designated Representative: City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee: Former Interim City Manager
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Desert Valley Builders Association v. The City of Coachella, et al.
Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC1900832

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Gustavo Romo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE:

5. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed City Manager

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.

1. Alan Carvalho
2. James Rodriguez
3. Cecelia (Zoom)

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION:

6. Nomination for the Position of Mayor Pro Tem

Motion: Councilmember Perez was nominated by Mayor Dr. Figueroa and was appointed Mayor Pro Tem

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claudia Serrano
2. Cecilia A. Lemus
3. Claudia Escobar/Coachella Valley Soccer League
4. Cecilia Lemus

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

7. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 4, 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

8. Special City Council Meeting Minutes of June 5, 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
9. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 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
10. Receipts, Disbursements, and Net Cash Flows
11. Investment Report May 31, 2026
12. Establish the Appropriations Limits for Fiscal Year 2026-27
 - a) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-37, establishing the appropriations limit for the City of Coachella for the fiscal year 2026-27;
 - b) Adopt Resolution No. SD-2026-02, establishing the appropriations limit for the Coachella Sanitary District for the fiscal year 2026-27;
 - c) Adopt Resolution No. FD-2026-01, establishing the appropriations limit for the Coachella Fire Protection District for the fiscal year 2026-27.
13. Request for Permit Fee Waiver – Walk the Spectrum: Shine All Year (United for Autism & Abilities Foundation)
14. Ratification of Professional Services Agreement with Civic Calling Corporation DBA Holly for Classification, Compensation, and Labor Relations Platform Services; and Authorization of Multi-Year Renewal Options
15. Maintenance Services Agreement with Vintage Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$157,500 for Landscape Maintenance Services of Rancho Las Flores Park Project No. PW 2026-01.
16. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 Expenditures as of June 24, 2026, \$4,096,831.87
17. Maintenance Services Agreement with Vintage Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$390,600.00 for Landscape Maintenance Services of Bagdouma Park Project No. PW 2026-02.
18. Maintenance Services Agreement with Vintage Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$329,550.00 for Landscape Maintenance Services of City Parks and Facilities Project No. PW 2026-03.
19. Maintenance Services Agreement with Southwest Landscape & Maintenance Inc. in the amount of \$2,080,929.87 for Landscape Maintenance Services Landscape, Lighting and Maintenance Districts 1-40 Project LLMD 2026-01.

20. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-40, Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026
21. Storm Drain Maintenance Services Agreement with Tri-Star Contracting II, in the amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 for Storm Drain Maintenance Services for Streets, Parks, Facilities, and Outlets, Project No. PW 2026-04.
22. Storm Drain Maintenance Services Agreement with CV Pipeline Corp. in the amount not to exceed \$579,900 for Storm Drain Maintenance Services for Landscape and Lighting Management Districts (LLMD) Project No. LLMD 2026-02.
23. Authorization to Execute a Software Subscription Agreement with Edwin Technologies Inc. for the Edwin Core Platform
24. Direct Staff to Conduct the Biennial Review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code (Form 700 Filers)

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items #15, #17, #18, #19 and #23

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

Motion: To approve Items #15, #17, #18, #19 and #23

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

25. Approve a Professional Services Agreement and a Contract Option for the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Item #25 continued to next Council meeting on 7/8/2026

26. Consideration of Cannabis Business Tax Rate Adjustment – Prospective Reduction of Cultivation Tax Rate from Three Percent (3%) of Gross Receipts to Ten Dollars (\$10) per Square Foot of Cultivation Space, Effective July 1, 2026

Item #26 continued to a future Council meeting

27. Approval of a Software License and Professional Services Agreement with ClearGov, Inc. for Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Transparency Solutions

Motion: To approve of a Software License and Professional Services Agreement with ClearGov, Inc. for Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Transparency Solutions

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

28. Mayor's Appointments to Vacancies of Various Council Committees, Subcommittees, Commissions, Other Agencies, Etc.

Motion: To appoint City Manager, Gustavo Romo, to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the Coachella Redevelopment Agency. Mayor Dr. Figueroa appoints Councilmember Martinez to the CVAG Transportation Committee, Coachella/Indio Waste Transfer Station Joint Powers Authority, Waste Management Contract Amendment – Ad Hoc Committee, Joint Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting, and the Sister City Sub-Committee. Mayor Dr. Figueroa appoints Councilmember Delgado to Senior Citizen Advisory Sub-Committee and JPA/Coachella Valley Conservation Commission.

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Delgado

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

29. Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues, and establish field use fees for the 26/27 sports season.

Public Comment:

1. Alma Rosa Aceves
2. Lorette Perez
3. Rogelia Mejia
4. Fabian Briceno
5. Antonio Juarez
6. Jorge Sanchez
7. Ricardo Valencia
8. Manuel R. Montano
9. Yoatzin Aguilar
10. Daisy Castaneda

Mayor Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Perez stepped away at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:26 p.m.

Motion: To authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Fourteenth Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Coachella and the Sports Leagues, and establish field use fees for the 26/27 sports season with modification to Section 8.3 relative to the financial audit to be in compliance with the scoring rubric, modification to Section 9.2 regarding league responsibilities to require them to provide notification if they witness offenses, modification to Section 2 to add in the language for community field use days, and modification to Section 7 to indicate a 0% fee for year one, a 25% fee for year two, a 50 % fee for year three, and to modify Section 10 to have the term be a three year term with a possibility of a two year extension, and to include Section 19 a nondiscrimination clause and not sub-lease fields to a for profit club.

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

30. A Disruption Policy Pursuant to Senate Bill 707

Motion: To approve Disruption Policy Pursuant to Senate Bill 707

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

31. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-38 Confirming the Assessment and Diagram and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the City of Coachella Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 through 40 for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Public Hearing opened at 8:33 p.m. and closed at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-38 Confirming the Assessment and Diagram and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the City of Coachella Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 through 40 for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez

Approved: 4-0

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Virgen

32. Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-39 Affirming the Solid Waste Rates for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Authorizing the Collection of Residential Solid Waste Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 on the County of Riverside's Property Tax Roll.

Public Hearing opened at 8:36 p.m. and closed at 8:37 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-39 Affirming the Solid Waste Rates for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Authorizing the Collection of Residential Solid Waste Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 on the County of Riverside's Property Tax Roll.

Made by: Councilmember Martinez

Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0

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

33. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget (Resolution 2026-41) and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Budget (Resolution 2026-42)

Public Hearing opened at 8:55 p.m. and closed at 8:58 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. James Rodriguez

Motion: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget (Resolution 2026-41) and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Budget (Resolution 2026-42)

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 4-0

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

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 9:32 p.m.



Angela Zepeda
City Clerk