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

October 14, 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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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 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), and Mayor Dr. Figueroa

City Treasurer

Absent: City Clerk

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 add Resolution No. 2026-62 Declaring a Local Emergency Related to the "El Niño Weather Event" as item #23 under New Business

Made by: Councilmember Virgen
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 4-0

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

Motion: To approve the agenda with the modification to continue item #29 to the Council meeting on November 25, 2026 and item #7 will be taken after item #9

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 4-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

1. Francisco Molina

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Govt. Code Section 54957(b)(1))
   Title: City Attorney

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION
   Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
   Two (2) Potential Cases

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
   Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
   Elsa Corona v. City of Coachella
   Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2407888

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
   Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
   Coalition for Clean Air v. City of Coachella (EV Charging)
   Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2607430

5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
   Government Code Section 54956.8
   Property: Assessor's Parcel No. 763-412-040
   Agency Negotiator: City Manager Gustavo J. Romo
   Negotiating Parties: Silvia Paz, Alianza Coachella Valley
   Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

CITY COUNCIL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

Councilmember Virgen recuses herself from item #22

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. Francisco Molina
2. James Rodriguez

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

6. Presentation of Proclamation to Lideres Campesinas Youth Group

7. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

8. Proclamation Presented to Chuckwalla National Monument

9. Proclamation Presented to Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) and East Coachella Valley Pride

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Consuelo Marquez
2. Ashley Davidson – Ordinance 1232 Regulating Kratom
3. Francisco Molina – Non Agenda - Political Sign Enforcement
4. Francisco Molina – Item #23 – CV Lakers Sponsorship
5. Francisco Molina – Item #27 Water and Wastewater Rates
6. Francisco Molina – Item #28 Coachella Airport Business Park
7. Armando Valles – Non Agenda Item
8. Hayley Uno – Coachella Airport Business Park item #28 – refrain from approving until EIR is revised
9. Dana Avedisian – Ordinance 1232 Kratom item #13 in support with reasonable regulation
10. Team Mom aka Margaret Webb (2)

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

10. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of September 21, 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

11. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2026-27 Expenditures as of October 14, 2026, $2,871,462.53

12. Investment Report June 30, 2026

13. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1232, Regulating the Sale and Distribution of Kratom Products with the City of Coachella

14. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1233, adding Chapter 8.65 ("Smoke-Free Areas") to Title VIII of the Coachella Municipal Code to establish smoke-free areas intended to protect public health and the environment

15. Ordinance No. 1236 on Behalf of CFD No. 2005-01 Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax within Annexation Area No. 37 Annexed to Said District (2nd Reading)

16. Authorize a Sponsorship Agreement with the Animal Samaritans in the Amount of $20,000 for Free Pet Sterilization Services for City of Coachella Residents

17. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-61 Authorizing the City of Coachella Community Development Department to Access Cannabis State-Level Summary Criminal History Information

18. Approve Resolution 2026-57 Forgiving Certain General Fund and Debt Service Fund (Fund 4000) Interfund Loans to the Library Facilities Impact Fee Fund (Fund 2206) and the General Government Facilities Impact Fee Fund (Fund 2200), Effective Retroactive to June 30, 2026

19. Receive and File the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Development Impact Fee Annual Report Prepared Pursuant to Government Code Section 66006 (Mitigation Fee Act / AB 1600)

20. Resolution No. 2026-60 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2026/27 Salary Adjustments for Water & Sanitation/Utilities Employees

21. Determine the Dateland Park Skatepark Project, City Project P-27 to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and authorize City Staff to File a Notice of Exemption

22. Approve a Sponsorship Request from the County of Riverside District 4 in the Amount of $4,000 to Support the 35th Annual Senior Inspiration Awards Ceremony and Approve the Nomination of Ms. Ramona Negrete as the City of Coachella Honoree

Public Comment:

1. Michelle Duarte on item #14
2. Brandon Antunez on item #14

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar

Made by: Councilmember Martinez
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
Approved: 5-0

AYES: Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Delgado, Councilmember Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Perez, and Mayor Dr. Figueroa
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Virgen on item #22
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

23. Resolution No. 2026-62 Declaring a Local Emergency Related to the "El Niño Weather Event"

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2026-62 Declaring a Local Emergency Related to the "El Niño Weather Event

Made by: Councilmember Virgen
Seconded by: Councilmember Martinez
Approved: 5-0

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

24. Approval of Three-Year Sponsorship Agreement with the SoCal Arena Company, LLC, in Connection with the Coachella Valley Lakers, with a Base Sponsorship Fee of $46,824

Motion: To approve a Three-Year Sponsorship Agreement with the SoCal Arena Company, LLC, in Connection with the Coachella Valley Lakers, with a Base Sponsorship Fee of $46,824

Made by: Councilmember Martinez
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 5-0

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

25. Approval of the Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Amending the Purpose and Powers of the Joint Powers Authority for Visit Greater Palm Springs

Motion: To approve of the Third Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Amending the Purpose and Powers of the Joint Powers Authority for Visit Greater Palm Springs

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Virgen
Approved: 5-0

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

26. Discussion of Proposed Social and Mental Health Care Coordination Services with Care Solace, Inc. Utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds

Councilmember Virgen stepped away at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

Councilmember Delgado stepped away at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:38 p.m.

Direction was given to bring this item back with an agreement.

27. Urgency Ordinance No. 1239 Establishing Expedited Permitting Procedures for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Motion: To approve Urgency Ordinance No. 1239 Establishing Expedited Permitting Procedures for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
Seconded by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0

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

28. Receive and File the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service and Rate Study Prepared by NewGen Strategies & Solutions and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Proposition 218 Notice and Public Hearing Process for Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031

Motion: To approve Receive and File the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service and Rate Study Prepared by NewGen Strategies & Solutions and Authorize Staff to Initiate the Proposition 218 Notice and Public Hearing Process for Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031

Made by: Mayor Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Perez
Approved: 5-0

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

29. A Public Hearing to Consider Resolution No. 2026-59 of the City Council of the City of Coachella: Request for conditional approval of Tentative Parcel Map 39721; CUP 324 to allow commercial cannabis uses; CUP 325 to allow drive through restaurant; CUP 326 to allow service station and mini-mart; and AR 20-04 to approve site design, architecture and signage (billboard); and introduction and first reading of Ordinance No. 1237 for Change of Zone, CZ 20-01, modifying the Zoning Map from MH to MS and CG and Ordinance 1238 for DA 25-02 to approve a Development Agreement; for 43± acres of land located at the northwest corner of Airport Boulevard and SR 86 (APNs 763-330-013, 763-330-018, and 763-330-029); and Resolution No. 2026-58 certifying the Coachella Airport Business Park Development Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2023040106), adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Applicant: Empire Airport LLC.

Item #29 was continued to Council meeting on November 25, 2026

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

Department Director Reports

- City Clerk – November 11, 2026 Council Meeting
- Public Works Director/City Engineer – Special Events Update

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Dr. Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Delia Granados
Deputy City Clerk