



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

March 11, 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:

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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 Hernandez 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 Perez, Councilmember Delgado (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Councilmember Virgen (arrived at 7:27 p.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa, and Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk and City Treasurer

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 to postpone item #3 to the next City Council meeting on March 25, 2026.

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 3-0

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

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 – 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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One Potential Case

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Attorney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action taken.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:

3. Proclamation Presented to Coachella Valley High School CIF Soccer Team Champions
4. Proclamation Presented to William "Bill" Pattison, Jr.
5. Water and Sewer Rate Study Update

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa stepped away at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.

Councilmember Virgen arrived at 7:27 p.m.

6. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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 ITEM NO. 15. 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. Sylvie Montenegro

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. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 25, 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. Voucher Listing- EFT's/Utility Billing Refunds/FY 2025-26 Expenditures as of March 11, 2026, \$2,587,245.54
9. Approve Amendment #6 to the Professional Services Agreement with Angenious Engineering Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$358,220.43 to Provide Professional Engineering Services for the Avenue 50 Bridge over the Whitewater Channel Project, City Project ST-69 and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Amendment
10. Award a Professional Services Agreement to Walker Consultants in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$76,350 to Conduct an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study in the City of Coachella and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement
11. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Coachella Youth Baseball and Softball Association (CYBSA) in the Amount of \$1,000 to Purchase New Equipment
12. Authorize the Operation of a Beer Garden on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park for the 2026 Coachella Mariachi Festival and Award the Beer Garden Operator Agreement to Coachella Bar LLC
13. Adopt Resolution 2026-14 Authorizing the City Manager or Public Works Director/City Engineer to Execute Various State and Federal Transportation Program Documents Required for Highway Projects, Including Street Right-of-Way Certifications

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar items #7 - #12

Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To continue item #13 to next City Council meeting on March 25, 2026

Made by: Councilmember Delgado

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):

14. Mayor's Appointment to the Palm Springs International Airport Commission

Motion: To approve appointment of Yadira Perez to the Palm Springs International Airport Commission
Made by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa
Seconded by: Councilmember Perez
Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

15. Approve a Sponsorship Request Option for Visit Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week to Sponsor the Participation Fees for Restaurants in the City of Coachella

Motion: To approve a Sponsorship Request Option for Visit Greater Palm Springs Restaurant Week to Sponsor the Participation Fees for Restaurants in the City of Coachella for Option 4 = 25 Restaurants
Made by: Councilmember Delgado
Seconded by: Mayor Hernandez
Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

16. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution 2026-13 for the Establishment of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Formation of the Coachella Electric Finance Authority

Motion: To adoption of Resolution 2026-13 for the Establishment of the Joint Powers Agreement for the Formation of the Coachella Electric Finance Authority

Made by: Councilmember Virgen
Seconded by: Councilmember Perez
Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

17. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-15 Appointing Gabriel Gonzalez as Interim City Manager Pursuant to Government Code section 21221(h)

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-15 Appointing Gabriel Gonzalez as Interim City Manager Pursuant to Government Code section 21221(h)

Made by: Councilmember Virgen
Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Figueroa
Approved: 5-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

NONE

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

City Manager's Comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.



Angela Zepeda
City Clerk