



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

**January 22, 2025**

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

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| <b>In-Person Meeting Location:</b><br><br>Coachella City Hall<br>Council Chamber<br>1515 Sixth Street<br>Coachella, CA | <b>If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, here is the link:</b><br><br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88457271898?pwd=REdzU1NoQmpVSFhWTDVaZ0VCekYxdz09</a><br>Or One tap mobile : 16699006833,,88457271898#,,, *606140#<br>Or Telephone:<br>US: +1 669 900 6833<br><b>Webinar ID: 884 5727 1898</b><br><b>Passcode: 606140</b><br><br><b>Spanish:</b> El idioma español está disponible en Zoom seleccionado la opción en la parte de abajo de la pantalla |
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  - **In Real Time:**  
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  - **In Writing:**  
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**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 Dr. Figueroa, Councilman Virgen, Mayor Pro Tem Delgado, and Mayor Hernandez

City Clerk

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

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):**

THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD/CORPORATION/ AUTHORITY ON ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

**Written Communication:**

Executive Staff of the City of Coachella received 1.21.2025 regarding items #2, #3 & #4

City of Coachella Employees in support of Maritza Martinez received 1.21.2025

Petition from City of Coachella Staff of not appointing Mr. Pattison received 1.22.2025

Rebecca Flores received 1.22.25 regarding her outrage and disappointment with the recent actions taken by some members of this council

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Title: City Manager and Acting City Manager
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: Acting City Manager
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Agency designated representatives: City Attorney  
Unrepresented Employee: Acting City Manager
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)/(e)(1)  
One (2) Potential Case

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

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Acting City Manager led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No reportable action taken.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/DIRECTION:**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**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.)

5. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024, 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
6. Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025, 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

7. Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025, 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 2024-25 Expenditures as of January 22, 2025, \$5,169,160.93
9. Approve execution of a maintenance agreement with Yunex LLC for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Project No. 102424, in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a three-year term.
10. Amendment #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Angenious Engineering Services, Inc. in an amount of \$49,500 to provide Professional Engineering Services in preparation of a funding grant application for the SR86/Avenue 50 Interchange Project (ST-81).
11. Amendment #3 to the CVAG-City of Coachella Reimbursement Agreement for Project Study Reports (Phase 1) for the Dillon Road Interstate 10 Interchange and the Dillon Road SR 86 Interchange and Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Document for the Dillon Road Bridge at Whitewater Channel, ST-109.
12. Ordinance No. 1220 (Second Reading) Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 24-02 – Streamline Code Amendments - Phase 2 to amend Coachella Municipal Code Title 17 regarding zoning district permitted uses, development standards and development review process in the City. City-Initiated.
13. Ordinance No. 1218 (Second Reading) Coachella Healthy Food Truck Permit Pilot Program (ZOA No. 24-03) City Parks and parcels in downtown zones (DT-PV and TR-PV Zones)
14. Adopt Ordinance No. 1219 Coachella Healthy Food Truck Permit Pilot Program (ZOA No. 24-03) for active date farms (Second Reading)
15. Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with KOA Corporation, Inc. for an amount of \$34,945 to provide grant writing services for the improvements of Avenue 50 from Calhoun Street to Cesar Chavez Street – City Project ST-93.
16. Award Construction Agreement to Superb Engineering for the Westerfield Retention Basin Landscape Improvements, City Project No. 111924, for \$245,530.14.
17. Sponsorship with Palm Springs Life and Palm Springs Art Museum in the Amount of \$5,000
18. Authorize a Sponsorship Grant to Culturas Music & Arts for their Arte del Barrio Events in the Amount of \$9,500
19. Authorize a Sponsorship Grant to Danza Azteca Citlaltonac in the Amount of \$5,000 to Support Events that Cultivate Resilience and Cultural Understandings

20. Authorize the City Manager to execute Professional Services Agreements with Interwest for On-Call Professional Planning Consultant Services, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000

Motion: To approve items #5 - #11 & #14 - #20

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To have a study session for item #12 before the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Council Meeting

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 5-0, Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion: To approve item #13

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-1-0:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Hernandez

ABSENT: None

**NEW BUSINESS CALENDAR (LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE):**

Item #26 moved up before item #21

26. Approve the CalPERS Retiree Limited-Term Appointment Agreement and Resolution No. 2025-02 Finding the Position of City Manager to be Available Due to a Leave of Absence Pursuant to Government Code Section 21221(g) Appointing William Pattison as Acting City Manager

Motion: To approve the CalPERS Retiree Limited-Term Appointment Agreement and Resolution No. 2025-02 Finding the Position of City Manager to be Available Due to a Leave of Absence Pursuant to Government Code Section 21221(g) Appointing William Pattison as Acting City Manager

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

Approved: 4-1:

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

NOES: Councilmember Virgen

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Hernandez excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

21. Resolution 2025-01, A Resolution of the City of Coachella, California, Adopting the 2024 City of Coachella Local Road Safety Plan

Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-01, A Resolution of the City of Coachella, California, Adopting the 2024 City of Coachella Local Road Safety Plan

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with NewGen Strategies & Solutions in the amount of \$192,120 to conduct a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Rate Study

Motion: To approve the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with NewGen Strategies & Solutions in the amount of \$192,120 to conduct a Comprehensive Water and Wastewater Rate Study

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. (KMA) for a Hotel Site Feasibility Study in the Amount of \$79,500

Motion: To do a study session on item #23

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Mayor Pro Tem Delgado

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez

24. Provide Direction and Approve Appointments to the City's Coachella Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and Culture and Arts Commission

Motion: To continue item #24 to next meeting

Made by: Councilmember Perez

Seconded by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez

25. Mayor's Appointments to Various Council Subcommittees, Coachella Valley Association of Government (CVAG) Committees, Other Agencies, etc.

Motion: To continue item #25 to next meeting

Made by: Councilmember Dr. Figueroa

Seconded by: Councilmember Perez

Approved: 4-0: Unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Hernandez

Item #26 moved up before item #21

**PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):**

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.

1. CV Health Students
2. Simon Moore
3. Jasmine Zendejas
4. Rosalio Avila

**REPORTS AND REQUESTS:**

Council Comments/Report of Miscellaneous Committees.

City Manager's Comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the City Council and the Agencies, Mayor Pro Tem Delgado adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Angela Zepeda  
City Clerk