



City Hall Council Chamber
1515 Sixth Street, Coachella, California
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AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL 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

May 05, 2026

5:00 PM Closed Session
6:00 PM-Special 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.

ROLL CALL:

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”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS (CLOSED SESSION ITEMS):

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: Interim City Manager
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))
Title: City Manager

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

STUDY SESSION:

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY SESSION IS TO REVIEW THE ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

3. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget Study Session

ADJOURNMENT:

*Complete Agenda Packets are available for public inspection at the
City Clerk's Office at 53-462 Enterprise Way, Coachella, California, and on the
City's website www.coachella.org.*

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



STAFF REPORT
5/5/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Gabriel A. Gonzalez, Interim City Manager
PREPARED BY: Lincoln Bogard, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget Study Session

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Provide feedback and direction to staff regarding proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year the city conducts an annual budgeting process that includes department proposals, finance review and analysis, and City Manager feedback prior to holding a workshop with City Council. Generally, staff brings the budget to Council three times, with the third item being for adoption.

BACKGROUND:

The city is required to have an adopted budget for all governmental funds each year. Enterprise funds do not require an adopted budget, but best practices include budgeting for enterprise funds. The city has two enterprise funds: water and sanitary sewer.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff proposes to have a comprehensive budget workshop with City Council to provide information on current operations and proposed budget items to enhance operational capacity. The data will include historical budget trends, demographic data, employee count, as well proposed equipment and new services to enhance operational capacity and public safety.

In addition, staff will provide preliminary budget projections which currently reports an approximate \$1.3 million deficit in the General Fund. Finance has changed the allocation process for charging support service expenses from the General Fund to other city funds. Staff implemented a 2 Code of Federal Regulations 200 compliant Cost Allocation Plan. This methodology causes General Fund salaries and benefits to increase and corresponding enterprise funds decreases. This implemented process is accepted by the Federal and State Governments and

is considered a best practice and can be used for grant reimbursement of overhead costs. Although, the city does not generally charge any overhead to grants currently.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide feedback and direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. This is planning for spending of the coming fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE(S):

Provide feedback and direction.