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SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

**VIA TELECONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

Teleconferencing and Telephonic Accessibility In Effect

Pursuant to Executive Orders N-60-20 and N-08-21 executed by the Governor of California, and subsequently Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, 2021), enacted in response to the state of emergency relating to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 *et seq.*), members of the public, the City Council, the City Manager, City Attorney, City Staff, and City Consultants may participate in this regular meeting by teleconference.

Members of the public wanting **to listen to the open session** of the meeting may do so by tuning-in live via <http://laquinta.12milesout.com/video/live>.

Members of the public wanting **to address the City Council**, either for a specific agenda item or matters not on the agenda are requested to follow the instructions listed below:

Written public comments – can be emailed to the City Clerk’s Office at CityClerkMail@LaQuintaCA.gov **preferably by 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting**, and will be distributed to the City Council, incorporated into the agenda packet and public record of the meeting, and will not be read during the meeting unless, upon the request of the Mayor, a brief summary of any public comment is asked to be read, to the extent the City Clerk’s Office can accommodate such request.

The email "subject line" must clearly state "**Written Comments**" and list the following:

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| 1) Full Name | 4) Public Comment or Agenda Item Number |
| 2) City of Residence | 5) Subject |
| 3) Phone Number | 6) Written Comments |

***** TELECONFERENCE PROCEDURES *****

Verbal public comments via Teleconference – members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by teleconference via Zoom and use the "raise your hand" feature when public comments are prompted by the Mayor; the City will facilitate the ability for a member of the public to be audible to the City Council and general public and allow him/her/them to speak on the item(s) requested. **Please note – members of the public must unmute themselves when prompted upon being recognized by the Mayor, in order to become audible to the City Council and the public.**

Only one person at a time may speak by teleconference and only after being recognized by the Mayor.

ZOOM LINK: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81996965218>
Meeting ID: **819 9696 5218**
Or join by phone: **(253) 215 – 8782**

It would be appreciated that any email communications for public comments related to the items on the agenda, or for general public comment, are provided to the City Clerk's Office at the email address listed above prior to the commencement of the meeting. If that is not possible, and to accommodate public comments on items that may be added to the agenda after its initial posting or items that are on the agenda, every effort will be made to attempt to review emails received by the City Clerk's Office during the course of the meeting. The Mayor will endeavor to take a brief pause before action is taken on any agenda item to allow the City Clerk to review emails and share any public comments received during the meeting. All emails received by the City Clerk, at the email address above, until the adjournment of the meeting, will be included within the public record relating to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers: Fitzpatrick, Peña, Radi, Sanchez, Mayor Evans

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

STUDY SESSION

- 1. DISCUSS ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY CITIES WITHIN THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT SERVICE TERRITORY

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

At this time, members of the public may address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda by providing **written public comments** via email as indicated above; or provide **verbal public comments** via teleconference by joining the meeting virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81996965218> and use the "raise your hand" feature when prompted by the Mayor. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes (or approximately 350 words). The City Council values your comments; however, in accordance with State law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless it is an emergency item authorized by the Brown Act [Government Code § 54954.2(b)].

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on May 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253.

DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Monika Radeva, City Clerk, of the City of La Quinta, do hereby declare that the foregoing Agenda for the La Quinta City Council meeting was posted on the City's website, near the entrance to the Council Chambers at 78495 Calle Tampico, and the bulletin boards at the Stater Brothers Supermarket at 78630 Highway 111, and the La Quinta Cove Post Office at 51321 Avenida Bermudas, on May 5, 2022.

DATED: May 5, 2022

MONIKA RADEVA, City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California

Public Notices

- The La Quinta City Council Chamber is handicapped accessible. If special equipment is needed for the hearing impaired, please call the City Clerk's office at (760) 777-7123, twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting and accommodations will be made.
- If special electronic equipment is needed to make presentations to the City Council, arrangements should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk's office at (760) 777-7123. A one (1) week notice is required.
- If background material is to be presented to the Councilmembers during a City Council meeting, please be advised that eight (8) copies of all documents, exhibits, etc., must be supplied to the City Clerk for distribution. It is requested that this take place prior to the beginning of the meeting.
- Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the City Council regarding any item(s) on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the Community Development counter at City Hall located at 78495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, California, 92253, during normal business hours.

City of La Quinta

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING: May 9, 2022

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA TITLE: DISCUSS ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS AND FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR THE COACHELLA VALLEY CITIES WITHIN THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT SERVICE TERRITORY

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss electrical infrastructure needs and financing mechanisms for the Coachella Valley cities within the Imperial Irrigation District service territory.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On June 1, 2021, the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Board of Directors (BOD) approved the formation of the Coachella Valley Energy Commission (CVEC) to focus on the development of a long-term strategic plan for continued energy service to the Coachella Valley.
- Critical local electricity infrastructure in the Coachella Valley is in need of upgrade, repair, and expansion to improve safety, reliability, redundancy, and the economic viability of the valley.

FISCAL IMPACT – None (discussion only)

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

IID began energy service to the Coachella Valley following the 1934 Agreement of Compromise between IID and the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD). CVWD would lease to IID for 99 years all potential power rights and IID would annually pay 8% of the net power proceeds to CVWD until 2033. This agreement requires that rates charged to Coachella Valley customers and Imperial County customers be the same. Today, the Coachella Valley represents over 60% of the energy ratepaying population serviced by IID and has more intensive infrastructure needs for safety, performance, reliability, and economic growth.

Challenge

Throughout the Coachella Valley, communities have the need for electric infrastructure which is essential in promoting system reliability and supporting prudent economic development.

Problem to Address

Critical local electricity infrastructure in the Coachella Valley is in need of upgrade, repair and expansion to improve safety, reliability, redundancy, and the economic viability of the Valley. The Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) rate structure is very low (over 60% below the rates of Southern California Edison) and not adequate to address these critical infrastructure needs.

Proposed Solution

Utilize IID's existing Customer Service Project (CSP) Program to address the infrastructure needs in the Coachella Valley

How would it work?

1. Create the Coachella Valley Financing Authority, a Joint Power Authority between IID and the initial communities that want to participate.
2. IID would work with and collect a Local Investment Charge from customers in any participating community, as determined by that community.
3. Funds would be segregated by participating agency and used to secure bonds to invest in local electric infrastructure.
4. Each community would have the option, in their sole discretion, to seek and apply any developer related contributions to offset cost and/or fund infrastructure.

Why does this make sense?

1. Simple solution based on an existing IID program.
2. Accelerates infrastructure projects.
3. Gives maximum flexibility to each community to decide if they want to participate, what projects they want to build and how much they want to finance.
4. Creates a template for the future, where additional projects could be financed, or additional communities could join

What are the next steps?

1. Continued coordination between cities and IID.
2. Develop timing, cost, and delivery of potential projects.

3. Begin drafting program documentation.

4. Seek City Council and IID approvals

At the April 14, 2022, CVEC meeting, the Coachella Valley Cities Infrastructure Financing Mechanisms proposal was presented. The presentation and the CVEC discussion can be accessed via the link below. Please use the rewind "<<" button in the video to get to the 17:00 time mark.

https://imperialid.granicus.com/player/clip/1237?meta_id=74975

