



# City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.  
Corona, CA 92882

## Minutes - Draft

### Finance, Legislation & Economic Development Committee

*MAYOR JASON SCOTT  
COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUE CASILLAS*

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Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:30 AM

Council Board Room

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#### 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Jacque Casillas at 9:31 a.m. with Mayor Jason Scott absent. In addition to the Committee Member, the following individuals were in attendance:

Mitch Lansdell, Acting City Manager  
Michele Nissen, Asst. City Manger  
Kerry Eden, Asst. City Mgr. /Admin Svcs. Dir.  
Tom Moody, General Manager  
Ryan Cortez, Economic Development Coordinator  
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

#### Others Present:

Mike Ryan, Corona Chamber of Commerce  
John Weyhgandt, Corona Chamber of Commerce  
Joe Morgan, Resident

#### 2. Public Comments

None.

#### 3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0559](#) Presentation: Biosolids  
(Department of Water & Power/ Maintenance Services)  
Action: Informational

Mr. Tom Moody, Department of Water and Power General Manager, provided the Committee with a brief overview of the water reclamation process in Corona. He provided in his presentation, Coronas current biosolids removal process and disposal costs. He provided the Committee with background on legislative and legal aspects of biosolids and the need to transition from waste to resource. Mr. Moody presented that with the creation of a quality raw material, the City of Corona is positioned for the next phase of growth into the fertilizer category. Mr. Moody proposed that there could be potential for revenue if the Department of Water and Power were to process, blend and bag the product on site to maximize the product further, minimize transportation costs and add value to a unique

commodity. Mr. Moody has presented this item to the Committee for discussion on input, staff will bring item back for discussion and further evaluation at a Study Session meeting set for a later date.

- B.**     [19-0553](#)     Discussion of proposed contract renewal with Corona Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.  
(Management Services)  
Action: Information & Discussion

Ms. Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, presented the proposed contract renewal with the Corona Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Ms. Nissen explained that the contract would be a “fee for services,” exactly the same as last year, making the current proposed contract amount \$55,800. Ms. Nissen provided background on the contract and noted that it will continue to host and partner with the Corona Chamber to hold events/ workshops. She noted there has been up to 17 monthly workshops including Coffee with an Entrepreneur, a Social Media workshop and an Advertising workshop for a total of almost 300 attendees. The proposed contract would not go into effect until July 1, 2019, and still needed to be presented to Council for final approval.

Council Member Jacque Casillas inquired about the contract cap amount and the potential to add new workshops or events. Staff noted that the contract amount does not exceed \$55,800. Staff also noted that the Chamber and City have flexibility to create and host a number of different events including industry-specific workshops, Economic Development and workforce development for manufacturers.

Mr. Joe Morgan, Resident, commented on the overall attendance and participation of the events. Council Member Casillas suggested that data related to attendance and participation are available in the contract to show the outcome and benefit of the partnership.

The Committee approved the proposed contract for submittal to the City Council on June 19, 2019.

- C.**     [19-0421](#)     Economic Development Update.  
(Management Services)  
Action: Information & Discussion

Mr. Ryan Cortez, Economic Development Coordinator, provided a brief update on development activity within the City. Mr. Cortez shared that Ms. Kimberly Davidson is no longer with the City of Corona and wished her the best on her future endeavors. He shared that Economic Development

Department programs and events will continue as planned. Mr. Cortez provided the Committee with the calendar of upcoming events hosted by Economic Development.

Ms. Nissen provided a brief update on the City's Opportunity Zones and potential use. Council Member Casillas requested that to bring this item back to Committee as an agenized item for further discussion.

The Committee commended Economic Development staff for their efforts.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.