

# City of Corona

*400 S. Vicentia Ave.  
Corona, CA 92882*

## City Council Minutes - Draft

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021**

**Closed Session Council Board Room 4:30 PM  
Open Session Council Chambers 6:30 PM**



**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF  
CORONA/CORONA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/CORONA UTILITY  
AUTHORITY/CORONA HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**Jacque Casillas, Mayor  
Wes Speake, Vice Mayor  
Tony Daddario, Council Member  
Tom Richins, Council Member  
Jim Steiner, Council Member**

\*\*Revised agenda on August 30, 2021 at 2:19 p.m.

Item 27 - exhibits were revised and added.

Item 36 - although the item is still listed on the agenda, it has been pulled.

Revised agenda on August 31, 2021 at 3:50 p.m.

Item 27 - exhibit 6 was added.\*\*

## CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Closed session convened at 5:30 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Present were Mayor Casillas, Vice Mayor Speake, Council Member Daddario, Council Member Richins, and Council Member Steiner. Closed session adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Property Location: 815 W Sixth Street, Suite 160 (APN: 118-270-049)  
Agency Negotiator: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc.  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Employee Organizations: Corona General Employees Association, Corona Fire Association, Corona Police Employees Association, Corona Police Supervisors Association and Corona Supervisors Association
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Unrepresented Employee Group: Management/Confidential Group Employees
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Unrepresented Employee Group: Executive Group Employees
5. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: City Attorney/Legal & Risk Management Director

Rollcall

**Present:** 5 - Jacque Casillas, Wes Speake, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Jim Steiner

## **INVOCATION - Jared Warner, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

The Invocation was led by Jared Warner, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Casillas.

## **CONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Casillas called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- 6.** Proclamation: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month  
Band of Mothers accepted the Proclamation.
- 7.** Presentation: Norco College - State of the College  
Dr. Monica Green, Norco College President, provided a presentation.
- 8.** Presentation: Western Municipal Water District Update  
Fauzia Rizvi, Western Municipal Water District Board Member, provided an update.
- 9.** Presentation: Covid-19 Update  
Brian Young, Fire Chief, provided an update.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns about the lack of Covid-19 testing facilities in the City.

Chief Young provided clarification.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that these Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 10.** Approval of Minutes for the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, Corona Housing Authority City Council Meeting of August 4, 2021.

**These Minutes were approved.**

11. Approval of Minutes for the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, Corona Housing Authority Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 11, 2021.

**These Minutes were approved.**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Daddario, that the Consent Calendar be approved, with the exception of Items 18, 20 through 25, and 27, which were voted on separately. Agenda item 14 was pulled from the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

12. City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, and Corona Housing Authority to receive and file the Monthly Fiscal Report for the month of June 2021.

**This Financial Report was received and filed.**

13. City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, and Corona Housing Authority to receive and file the Monthly Investment Portfolio Report for the month of June 2021.

**This Financial Report was received and filed.**

14. City Council adoption of Ordinance No. 3334, second reading of an ordinance of the City of Corona, California, adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program and approving an amendment to the El Cerrito Specific Plan (SP91-02) to allow cold storage warehouse in Planning Areas 1 and 2 of the Light Industrial Zone designation. (SPA2021-0001)

**This Ordinance was pulled.**

15. City Council adoption of Ordinance No. 3335, second reading of an ordinance of the City of Corona, California, approving a change of zone on 17.02 acres from (Agricultural) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) on 08.07 acres and to C-3 (General Commercial) on 8.95 acres on property located at the southwest side of Foothill Parkway across from the Intersection at Chase Drive. (CZ2020-0002)

16. Release of Grading Securities for the remedial grading completed at 1541 Sherborn Street.

**This Agreement was approved.**

17. Assignment, Assumption, and Consent Agreements and Subordination Agreement relating to River Run Senior Apartments between Avanath River Run, LP and the City of Corona Housing Authority.

**This Agreement was approved.**

- 18.** School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Corona and Corona Norco Unified School District.

The Council discussed the item and had inquiries. Jacob Ellis, City Manager, and Robert Newman, Chief of Police, provided clarification.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council in support of the proposed item.

By majority vote the Council agreed on this item to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Corona and Corona Norco Unified School District for a 5 year term.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daddario, seconded by Council Member Richins to amend contract to one year and explore the possibility of removing funds provided by the City. The motion failed carried by the following vote: Aye: 2 - Daddario, Richins. Nay: Cassillas, Speake, Steiner.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Vice Mayor Speake that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Casillas, Speake, Richins, and Steiner

**Abstain:** 1 - Daddario

- 19.** Third Amendment to the Street Light/Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between the Eagle Glen Master Homeowners Association and the City of Corona.

**This Agreement was approved.**

- 20.** Purchase one Urban Search and Rescue Fire Apparatus utilizing the cooperative purchasing program of the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, Contract Number FS12-19.

Council Member Daddario had inquiries regarding the proposed item and Brian Young, Fire Chief, provided clarification.

**A motion was made by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Vice Mayor Speake, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 21.** Award of Contract to L.R. Landscaping, Inc. and Tropical Plaza Nursery, Inc. for On-Call Emergency Landscape Services.

Vice Mayor Speake and Council Member Daddario had inquiries regarding the proposed item. Anne Turner, Community Services Director, provided clarification. Vice Mayor Speake made a motion to amend an award contract to L. R. Landscaping and Tropical Plaza Nursery, Inc. for one year.

Council Member Steiner had inquiries and Ms. Turner provided clarification.

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**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Bid & Purchase be approved with the amendment of a one year contract. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 22.** Purchase three (3) Paramedic Rescue Squad Trucks utilizing the National Purchasing Partners Contract # PS20225 Cooperative Contract.

Council Member Daddario had inquiries regarding the proposed item and Brian Young, Fire Chief, and Kim Sitton, Finance Director, provided clarification.

**A motion was made by Council Member Steiner, Seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 23.** Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Royal Industrial Solutions for purchase of Allen-Bradley hardware products.

Council Member Daddario had inquiries regarding the proposed item and Tom Moody, General Manager, provided clarification.

**A motion was made by Council Member Daddario, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 24.** Award of Contract to Synagro-WWT, Inc. for Class B Biosolids End Use Services.

Vice Mayor Speake had inquiries regarding the proposed item and Tom Moody, General Manager, provided clarification.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 25.** Award Contract to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., Layne Christensen Company, Legend Pump and Well Service, Inc., and Weber Water Resources CA, LLC. for Well and Booster Pump Services.

Vice Mayor Speake commended staff on their hard work on the request for proposal.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 26.** Personnel Report providing employee updates and details on various recruitment transactions.

**This Report was received and filed.**

- 27.** Nationwide Plan Documents - Deferred Compensation, Adoption Agreement, Post

Employment Health Plan, and ProAccount Documents.

Chad Willardson, City Treasurer, provided a presentation.

Vice Mayor Speake commended Mr. Willardson on all his hard work.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Daddario, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 28.** Resolution approving and attesting to the veracity of the 2020 Power Source Disclosure Program Annual Report and associated Power Content Label to the California Energy Commission for the year ending December 31, 2020.

**This Resolution was adopted.**

- 29.** Resolution declaring the City's intention to annex territory to Community Facilities District No. 2016-3 (Maintenance Services) and adopting a map of the area proposed to be annexed thereto (Annexation No. 30).

**This Resolution was adopted.**

- 30.** Resolution accepting the grant agreement from the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 2021-2022 Alcohol Policing Partnership Program.

**This Resolution was adopted.**

- 31.** Corona Supervisors Association - Side Letter.

**This Agreement was approved.**

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding the agreement between the City and LuLaRoe.

Bobby Spiegel, Corona Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council to provide a Chamber update.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 32.** Public Hearing and Election for Annexation Proceedings for Annexation No. 27 into Community Facilities District No. 2016-3 (Maintenance Services).

Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, confirmed she had proof of publication and mailing of the notice of the Public Hearing. She confirmed that she had not received any written protests. Ms. Edwards stated there are no registered voters within the area to be annexed to the CFD, and the owners of all property proposed to be annexed to the CFD agreed to hold a special election on September 1, 2021. Ms. Edwards also agreed to hold a special election on September

1, 2021. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing. Ms. Edwards confirmed she received one ballot and all votes cast are in favor of levying the special taxes.

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that Resolution No. 2021-104 be adopted. A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that Resolution No. 2021-105 be adopted. The motions carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

- 33.** Public Hearing and Resolution amending the Electric Energy Rules and Regulations and the Schedule of Use/Service Fees for the provision of Electric Energy to permit Generating Facility Interconnections and Net Energy Metering.

Vice Mayor Speake had an inquiry regarding the proposed item and Tom Moody, General Manager, provided clarification.

Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received regarding the Public Hearing. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing.

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Vice Mayor Speake, that Resolution No. 2021-102 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 34.** City Council consideration of a letter in opposition to the proposed Conditional Use Permit (No. 200032) for Higher Point Cannabis at 646 Paseo Grande, Corona, CA 91720.

Vice Mayor Speake provided a report.

The following residents addressed the Council in support of the opposition letter: Dean Stamp, Jamie Shaver, and Joe Morgan.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Opposition Letter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS, AND STAFF FOR THE:

### A) Planning & Housing Commission

None.



**B) Parks & Recreation Commission**

None.

**C) Regional Meetings**

- 35.** Update from Vice Mayor Wes Speake on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) I-15 Ad Hoc Meeting of August 23, 2021.

Vice Mayor Speake provided an update.

- 36.** Update from Vice Mayor Wes Speake on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Government Advisory Panel Meeting of August 27, 2021.

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Richins announced the following upcoming events: Remembrance ceremony in honor of fallen Marine Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui that will be held at the George Ingalls Esquestrian Event Center on September 4, 2021 at 7 p.m and Patriot Day September 11, 2021. He also provided comments regarding the City's contract with LuLaRoe.

Council Member Steiner acknowledged the passing of Sally Carlson and all her hard work with the Settlement House.

Council Member Daddario commended Anne Turner, Community Services Director, and Michele Wentworth, Parks and Recreation Vice Chair Commissioner, on their work in supplying Border Park with pickleball courts. He also announced the upcoming District 2 Town Hall meeting in October and provided a brief overview of the memorial hike and procession held on August 22, 2021 for Marine Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui.

Vice Mayor Speake thanked investors for investing in Corona and provided a brief overview on Sally Carlson and her work with the Settlement House. He also announced the following upcoming events: Labor Day, Corona Police Department Unity in the Community celebration, and Corona's 13th Anniversary Road Race.

Mayor Casillas provided a brief overview and thanked staff on reopening Griffin Park.

- 37.** Advance Travel Request for Vice Mayor Wes Speake to attend the 2021 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo.

**A motion was made by Mayor Casillas, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that this City Council Member Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Parkridge & Main Redevelopment Update (J. Steiner) September 15, 2021
2. No parking zones on street sweeping days (J. Steiner) September 29, 2021
3. SR-91 and I-15 Traffic Congestion Mitigation Options (T. Richins) October 27, 2021
4. Historic Preservation Code Revisions (W. Speake) TBD
5. Consideration of Civic Center Fountain Renovation (W. Speake) TBD
6. Options for Paving the Overlook Area (W. Speake) TBD
7. Wild Pig Depredation (J. Casillas) TBD
8. Non-Profit/Sponsored Utility Box Wraps (W. Speake) TBD

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is the Committee of the Whole on September 8, 2021. Mayor Casillas adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. in honor of the 13 fallen Marines.