

City of Corona

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City Council Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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**

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

The City Council meeting of May 1, 2024, will be conducted in person. Members may attend in person or remotely. To participate remotely, please use the following link:

<https://coronaca-gov.zoom.us/j/89360664657>

Rollcall

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

Note

Council Member Casillas participated virtually.

INVOCATION - GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Invocation was led by Grace Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayors Youth Council.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Richins called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION: MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

The Mayor's Youth Council accepted their recognitions.

2. PROCLAMATION: DRINKING WATER WEEK

The Utilities Team accepted the proclamation.

3. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

The owners of Our Happy Place Cafe accepted their proclamation.

4. PROCLAMATION: POPPY MONTH

The Joe Dominguez American Legion Auxiliary Unit 742 accepted the proclamation.

5. PROCLAMATION: CHILDHOOD DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

Captain Matthew Fortine, Robert Corral, and Tanaya Goldsmith accepted the proclamation.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Aye: 4 - Richins, Steiner, Daddario, and Speake

Abstain: 1 - Casillas

- 6.** 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 APRIL 17, 2024

These Minutes were approved.

- 7.** 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 STUDY SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2024

These Minutes were approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Daddario, seconded by Vice Mayor Steiner, that the Consent Calendar be approved with the exception of Items 10 and 13, which were voted on separately. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 8.** QUARTERLY SALES TAX REPORT - 2023, QUARTER 4 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

This Financial Report was approved.

- 9.** CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3397, SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.08.120 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

This Ordinance was adopted.

- 10.** CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3395, SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING: (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTHEAST CORONA SPECIFIC PLAN (SP81-2) AND THE EL CERRITO SPECIFIC PLAN (SP91-2) TO ADD AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE FOR PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED ON THE HOUSING SITES INVENTORY TO PERMIT HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING ZONING; (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION SPECIFIC PLAN (SP98-01) TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON 1.33 ACRES FROM GATEWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND (3) MAKE COMMENSURATE TEXT CHANGES IN THE ABOVE SPECIFIC PLANS (SPA2023-0008)

Council Member Speake expressed his opposition with the proposed item.

A motion was made by Council Member Daddario, seconded by Vice Mayor Steiner, that this Ordinance No. 3395 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Richins, Steiner, Casillas, and Daddario

Nay: 1 - Speake

- 11.** CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3394, SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CHANGE OF ZONE TO ADD AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY ZONE FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES TO PERMIT HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING ZONING (CZ2023-0007)

This Ordinance was adopted.

- 12.** APPROVAL OF THE FINAL MAP, LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT, AND SURVEY MONUMENTS AGREEMENTS FOR TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 38277 LOCATED GENERALLY SOUTH OF EAGLE GLEN PARKWAY AND EAST OF BEDFORD CANYON ROAD (APPLICANT: ARANTINE HILLS HOLDINGS LP, A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)

This Agreement was approved.

- 13.** AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) NEW CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500HD FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLES FROM DON RINGLER CHEVROLET

Don Fuller, resident, addressed the Council and expressed concerns with the proposed item.

Council Member Daddario had inquiries and Fire Chief Young provided clarification.

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

Aye: 4 - Richins, Steiner, Daddario, and Speake

Abstain: 1 - Casillas

- 14.** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH J. SMITH & T. MULI, INC. TO PREPARE A STORM DRAIN AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 15.** SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASTRUM UTILITY SERVICES TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT AND INCREASE THE TOTAL COMPENSATION

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 16.** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH METERSYS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$180,974 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, FOR AN ELECTRIC ADVANCED METERING FEASIBILITY STUDY, FULL PROCUREMENT SUPPORT, AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR THE ELECTRIC METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

17. FISCAL YEAR 2024 QUARTER 3 BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

This Budgetary was approved.

18. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 84-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND TO DETACH CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE DISTRICT, APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

This Resolution was adopted.

19. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 2003-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

This Resolution was adopted.

20. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ZONES 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 15, 17, 18, AND 19 OF THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 84-2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

This Resolution was adopted.

21. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ZONE 14 OF THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 84-2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Council Member Casillas recused herself because she lives within the district.

This Resolution was adopted.

22. RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ZONE 20 OF THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 84-2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT, AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

Council Member Speake recused himself because he lives within the district.

This Resolution was adopted.

23. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 LOCAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

This Resolution was adopted.

- 24.** 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. 38)

This Resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maddy Paxton, resident, addressed the Council regarding various items.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to commend the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 25.** SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT 2023-0001 TO THE EL CERRITO SPECIFIC PLAN (SP91-2), SECTION 12.8, TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE COMMERCIAL (C) DISTRICT BY A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (APPLICANT: RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOLS)

Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director, provided a report. The Council had inquiries and provided comments. Ms. Coletta provided clarification. Mayor Richins opened the Public Hearing. The applicants provided comments.

Maddy Paxton, resident, addressed the Council to express her concerns with the proposed item.

Don Fuller, resident, addressed the Council to provide comments regarding the proposed item.

Resident, addressed the Council in support of the proposed item.

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

Mayor Richins closed the Public Hearing.

The Council provided comments and direction. The motion was made with revisions, Ms. Coletta provided clarification on the conditions.

A motion was made by Council Member Speake, seconded by Mayor Richins, that this Public Hearing be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Daddario

- 26.** CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2023-0017 TO ESTABLISH A CHARTER SCHOOL WITHIN AN EXISTING 44,800 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 2115 COMPTON AVENUE (APN: 278-060-035) IN THE COMMERCIAL (C) DISTRICT OF THE EL CERRITO SPECIFIC PLAN (APPLICANT: RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOLS) (NOT AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING)

Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director, summarized the Council's direction.

A motion was made by Council Member Speake, seconded by Vice Mayor Steiner, that this Public Hearing be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Daddario

- 27.** SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT 2023-0006 TO THE NORTH MAIN STREET SPECIFIC PLAN TO PERMIT BUILDING MATERIALS SALES WITH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STORAGE IN THE TRANSIT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (APPLICANT: DANIEL DELANEY, GANAHL LUMBER COMPANY)

Mayor Richins opened the Public Hearing. This item is being continued to the City Council meeting of May 15, 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 28.** FISCAL YEAR 2024 QUARTER 3 BUDGET UPDATE AND STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Julie Kennicut, Budget Manager, and Aminah Mears, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report.

The Council provided comments.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express concerns with the proposed item.

Mayor Richins left the chambers at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:17 p.m.

- 29.** FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMUNITY EVENTS CO-SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM REQUESTS

Jason Lass, Recreation Services Manager, provided a report.

Council Member Speake recused himself because he is a member of the Corona Historic Preservation Society. He left the Chambers at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:59 p.m.

Council Member Castillas provided comments and had inquiries. Donna Finch, Community Services Director, provided clarification.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Steiner, seconded by Council Member Daddario, that this

Administrative Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**Aye:** 4 - Richins, Steiner, Casillas, and Daddario**Recused:** 1 - Speake**30. REQUEST BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPEAKE ASKING THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY'S DESIRE TO SAVE THE CORONA DEPOT BUILDING FROM FUTURE DEMOLITION LOCATED AT 150 DEPOT DRIVE**

Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director, provided a report.

Council Member Speake provided comments.

Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there were 23 written comments in support of the proposed item.

Tamara Hollingsworth, property owner, addressed the Council in support of the proposed item.

The following residents addressed the Council regarding the support of resolution to save the Corona Depot Building: Rosemary Capuano, Richard Winn, Don Fuller, Maddy Paxton, and Joe Morgan.

The Council provided comments and direction. The Council agreed to explore feasibility of moving the building, to explore locations, and to bring back to a future Council meeting.

31. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUEST: COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN LIGHTING PROGRAM - UPDATE

Andrew Kim, City Management Fellow, provided a report.

The Council provided comments and staff direction.

There was a consensus to keep the status quo.

32. UTILITY RATE STUDY UPDATE - POLICY OBJECTIVES

Katie Hockett, Assistant Director of Utilities, introduced the item and Sanjay, RDN, provided a report.

The Council provided comments.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

None.

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

A) Library Board of Trustees

None.

B) Planning & Housing Commission

None.

C) Parks & Recreation Commission

None.

D) Regional Meetings**33. UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (WRCRWA) MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2024**

Council Member Speake provided an update.

34. UPDATE FROM VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER ON THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA) BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2024

Vice Mayor Steiner provided an update.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council regarding the update.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Daddario provided a brief update on Claro's Italian Market coming to Corona.

Council Member Speake announced the upcoming Southern California Association of Governments meeting on May 2, 2024.

Mayor Richins provided an overview of the following: Corona Heritage Park asphalt repair, Day of the Child, and the Masonic Lodge. He thanked Angela Nieto for help with the Corona-Norco Unified School District Art Show and he announced the Corona High baseball team as the national baseball champions.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Utility Assistance Program (Staff) May 15, 2024
2. Community Event Sponsorship Policy (Staff) May 15, 2024
3. Large Native Tree Ordinance/Placing Trees on Historic Tree List (W. Speake) June 5, 2024
4. Street Vendor Ordinance (Staff) June 5, 2024
5. Performing Arts Feasibility Study Update in June/July
6. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance for Multi family Housing (W. Speake) TBD
7. Skyline Resolution (J. Steiner) TBD
8. Letter to State & Local Leaders RE: State Preemption of Local Control (T. Richins) TBD
9. California Service Corps (J. Casillas) TBD
10. Demolition of Historic Structure guideline changes (Speake) TBD
11. Update to the Historic Resources Inventory (Speake) TBD
12. Historic Markers adoption on the local Historic Resources List (W. Speake TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on March 15, 2024. Mayor Richins adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m. in honor of Ruby and her 4.0 daughter.