

City of Corona

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

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

**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**

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

The City Council meeting of December 7, 2022, 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/81737624210>

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session convened at 4:55 p.m. for the purpose listed below. Present were Mayor Speake, Vice Mayor Daddario, Council Member Casillas, Council Member Richins, and Council Member Steiner. Closed Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: City of Corona v. DD&E, LLC, et al.
Case Number: Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI 2000548 and San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00016700-CU-EI-CTL
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: City of Corona v. Luis Castro, Trustee, etc., et al.
Case Number: Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2000445
- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: City of Corona v. Carsen Co., LLC, et al.
Case Number: Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC2004209

INVOCATION - Pastor Shannon Scott, Grace Baptist Church

The Invocation was led by Pastor Shannon Scott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Casillas.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Speake called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 4. Commendations: Life Saving Awards.**
Jessica Sosa, Carlos Plascencia, Liliana Plascencia, and Erik Rodriguez, accepted the Commendations.

5. Recognition: Boy Scouts Partnership with City of Corona Homeless Solutions.
The Boy Scouts of America accepted the Recognition.

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 9, 2022.

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 November 16, 2022.

These Minutes were approved.

8. 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 November 16, 2022.

These Minutes were approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Casillas, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that the Consent Calendar be approved with the exception of Item 9 and 12, which were voted on separately. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

9. Approval of the Final Map, Improvement Agreements, and Survey Monumentation Agreement for Tentative Tract Map 32703 located on the southwesterly terminus of South Main Street.

Mayor Speake recused himself from item 9 due to being a partner on this project. He left the Council Chambers at 8:05 p.m. and returned to the Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

The following residents addressed the Council to express their concerns with the proposed item: Don Fuller and Joe Morgan.

A motion was made by Council Member Casillas, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10. Consideration of a Service Agreement with Riverside County for the Slurry Seal Street Improvements Project on Serfas Club Drive, Paseo Grande, and Frontage Road.

This Agreement was approved.

- 11.** Purchase of pipeline cell in River Road Bridge from Western Municipal Water District.

This Agreement was approved.

- 12.** Interfund Loan Agreement - City of Corona General Fund 110 to LMD 84-2 Zone 19 Fund 468.

Mayor Speake recused himself from Item 12 due to the proximity of his residence.

Donna Finch, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report.

The Council provided comments and had inquiries. Ms. Finch and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

Mayor Speake returned to the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

- 13.** Amendment No. 1 to the Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Corona and the Orange County Flood Control District for the construction of the Alcoa Dike Project.

This Agreement was approved.

- 14.** Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Advanced Applied Engineering, Inc. dba Infrastructure Engineers, to increase the compensation by \$250,000 for a total compensation of \$550,000 to provide temporary professional staffing services to the Planning and Development Department.

This Agreement was approved.

- 15.** Award of Contract to Beador Construction Company, Inc. for the Water Reclamation Facility No. 2 Paving and Drainage Improvement Project, No. 2021-05.

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 16.** Terminate the Contracted Emergency Potable Water Main Replacement on Cypress Point Drive and Oakland Hills Drive pursuant to Corona Municipal Code Section 3.08.140(A).

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 17.** Maintenance/General Services Agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation for the Ion Exchange Treatment Plant Spent Resin Removal and Disposal Project.

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 18.** Award of Contract to MNR Construction, Inc. for the Wardlow Road Sewer Relocation

Project No. 2017-18.

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

- 19.** Release of the grading securities posted by Corona Industrial JV LLC, for the construction of two new industrial buildings located at 1331 East Sixth Street and 150 Radio Road.

This Release of Security was approved.

- 20.** Amended City of Corona Transit Service Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.

This Report was approved.

- 21.** Resolution approving the amended Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

This Resolution was adopted.

- 22.** Resolution approving the City of Corona Position Library and Compensation Plan and repealing all prior Plans, including Resolution No. 2022-109, to implement salary range increases for minimum wage per California State law.

This Resolution was adopted.

- 23.** Resolution approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and Resolution approving Successor Agency Administrative Budget for the period of July 2023 through June 2024.

This Resolution was adopted.

- 24.** Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Water Resources for the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant Program.

This Resolution was adopted.

- 25.** Authorize the creation of a new Capital Improvement Project and transfer of funding for the demolition of the old Police Department Building at the corner of Buena Vista Avenue and Sixth Street.

This Transfer of Funds was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Don Fuller, resident, addressed the Council to acknowledge Pearl Harbor Day.

The following residents addressed the Council to provide a brief overview on The American Legion Post 742 and their contributions: Jay Gomez, Richard Cortez and Chaplin Ron Fierro.

Dena Lepe, resident, addressed the Council to express her concerns with a short-term rental property issue.

Kellie Montalvo, resident, addressed the Council to thank the Council Members for attending the Bike-Walkathon organized in memory of her son.

Bobby Spiegel, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council to thank Anne Turner, Community Services Director, Jason Lass, Recreation Services Manager, Jose Coria, Community Services Program Coordinator, and staff for their hard work towards the Corona Tree Lighting event.

Ben Louk, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns with a development in the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 26.** Ordinance amending various chapters within Title 15 of the Corona Municipal Code and adopting by reference the 2022 California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24).

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

A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that this Ordinance No. 3357 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 27.** Ordinance amending Corona Municipal Code Section 3.02.080 to establish a 50% reduction for building, planning, and development service fees for Nonprofit Organizations and adding Section 3.02.090 to establish a 50% reduction for plan check and permit/inspection fees for single-family infill residential development within the Downtown Specific Plan area, as well as; and Resolution No. 2022-118 revising the Citywide Master Fee Recovery Schedule and Recovery Percentages to identify such reduced fees and to revise the Public Improvement Plan Check Fee.

The following residents addressed the Council to express their concerns with the proposed item: Joe Morgan and Bobby Spiegel.

Council Member Richins had inquiries and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Mayor Speake, that this Ordinance No. 3356 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 28.** Request from Mayor Speake to have the City Council consider waiving the construction of the missing sidewalk improvements on the south side of Orange Heights Lane

between Main Street and Jasper Drive.

Roger Bradley, Assistant City Manager, introduced the item and Savat Khamphou, Public Works Director, provided a report.

The following residents addressed the Council to express their concerns with the proposed item: Ben Louk, Henri Rahmon, and Joe Morgan.

Mayor Speake made a motion to approve Option 2.

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Casillas, that this Administrative Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote
Aye: 5 - Speake, Daddario, Casillas, Richins, and Steiner**

29. Blue Zones Community Assessment.

Roger Bradley, Assistant City Manager, and Dr. Shunling Tsang, Riverside County Deputy Public Health Officer, provided a staff report.

The following residents addressed the Council to express their support with the proposed item: Cheryl Lin and Don Fuller.

Joe Morgan, resident, had inquiries regarding the proposed item and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

The Council provided comments in support with the proposed item.

30. Approve the Professional Services Funding and Lease Agreements with Mercy House Living Centers, the Second Amended Partner Agency Agreement with the Path of Life Ministries, and the Eleventh Amendment to the Maintenance and General Services Agreement with Security Defense.

Karen Roper, Homeless Solutions Manager, provided a staff report.

The following residents addressed the Council to express their support with the proposed item: Angela Hair, Tanya Torno, Karen Spiegel, Greg Rodriguez, Vanessa Rodriguez, Marissa Herrera, Cheryl Lum, Nikki Cater, Creiselda Terpoorten, Matt Bats, Virginia Coriddi, Mark Allert, Don Fuller, Donnette Wheat, Palbinder Badesha, Bobby Spiegel, Andy Piskoulion, Sam Itani, Karen Alexander, Kim Lay, Joe Morgan.

The Council provided comments in support with the proposed item.

**A motion was made by Council Member Steiner, seconded by Council Member Casillas, that this Administrative Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 5 - Speake, Daddario, Casillas, Richins, and Steiner**

31. Receive and file the auditor's reports related to the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Audits, Auditor's Communication, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Development Impact Fees Annual Report, and Annual Report on Voter Approved Debt for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Kim Sitton, Finance Director, introduced the item and Francis Choe, the Pun Group auditor, provided a staff report.

The Council provided comments and Ms. Sitton provided clarification.

This Administrative Report was received and filed.

- 32.** The City of Eastvale, California, is requesting a Letter of Support from the City of Corona to support their independent zip code campaign.

Denzel Maxwell, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced the item.

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the proposed item.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- 33.** Ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Corona Municipal Code to increase the alternative procedure amount in compliance with state law, make certain other changes to the award criteria and award authority for maintenance and general services, and revise the publication requirements for non-public projects.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daddario, seconded by Mayor Speake, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 34.** Ordinance setting commercial cannabis business tax rates pursuant to Measure G adopted by the voters.

A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Speake, Daddario, Casillas, 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 Council Member Jim Steiner on the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Board Meeting of November 17, 2022.

Council Member Steiner provided an update.

- 36.** Update from Vice Mayor Tony Daddario on the Western Riverside County Regional

Conservation Authority (RCA) Meeting of December 5, 2022.

Vice Mayor Daddario provided an update.

- 37.** Update from Vice Mayor Tony Daddario on the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) Board of Directors Meeting of December 1, 2022.

Vice Mayor Daddario provided an update.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Jacob Ellis, City Manager, thanked the Council, leadership team, and staff for their hard work over the year.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Casillas commended City Manager, Jacob Ellis and staff for their contributions. She provided a brief overview of the Regional meetings attended at Western Riverside Council of Government and Cal Cities Leaders.

Council Member Richins provided a brief overview of the following: the pop-up event at City Park, Tree lighting ceremony at the Crossings, Dos Lagos, and the City Hall.

Council Member Steiner provided a brief overview of the tree lighting ceremony. He wished everyone a happy holidays and thanked Council Member Wes Speake for his service as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Daddario provided a brief overview of the following: Rotary Clubs 100th Anniversary event, Coffee with an Entrepreneur, and the Corona Tree Lighting event. He commended Jose Coria, Community Services Program Coordinator, and Anne Turner, Community Services Director, for their involvement in the Corona Tree Lighting event.

Mayor Speake provided a brief overview of the Western Retail Water Agency Round table meeting and the Corona Tree Lighting ceremony. He commended Jose Coria, Community Services Director, and Jason Lass, Recreation Services Manager, for their involvement in the Corona Tree Lighting event. He acknowledged Pearl Harbor Day and provided a brief overview of how honored he was to serve as Mayor.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. City Park Master Plan Kickoff (Staff) December 14, 2022
2. Heritage Room Update (Staff) December 14, 2022
3. Utilities Operational Audit Update (Staff) December 14, 2022
4. Legislative Priorities Update (Staff) December 14, 2022
5. Business Grants Overview (Staff) December 14, 2022
6. COTW and Study Session Schedule (T. Richins & J. Steiner) January 4, 2023
7. Parking Enforcement Update (Staff) January 11, 2023
8. Quarterly Sales Tax Update (Staff) January 11, 2023
9. Branding Update (Staff) January/February
10. Anti-Camping Ordinance Revisions January/February
11. Volunteer Program Update (Staff) February/March
12. CIP Priorities Check-in (Staff) February/March
13. Historic Resources Ordinance Update (W. Speake) (February/March 2023)
14. Quiet Zone at Railroad Crossings (Staff) March/April
15. Rent Stabilization Update (T. Richins) TBD
16. Security Camera Master Plan Update (Staff) TBD
17. Banning Temporary Signs in the Public Right of Way (W. Speake) TBD
18. Catalytic Converters Ordinance (J. Steiner) TBD
19. Historic Civic Center Frontage Design Options (Staff) TBD
20. Development of a I-15 Corridor Lobbying Coalition (W. Speake) TBD
21. Cal Cities Membership (T. Richins) TBD
22. Options to Expedite Redevelopment of Main Street & Parkridge Ave. Area (J. Casillas) TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is the Committee of the Whole on December 14, 2022. Mayor Speake adjourned the meeting at 10:46 p.m.