

City of Corona

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Corona, CA 92882*

Committee of the Whole Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Council Board Room 4:00 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**

Rollcall

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Richins.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Speake called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

AGENDA ITEMS**1. Update of Sales Tax Information by HdL Companies.**

Ken Brown, HdL Companies, provided an update. He provided an overview of the following: 3rd Quarter Sales Tax update 2021, Corona Measure X, District (Transaction) Tax vs Sales Tax, Measure X vs Bradley-Burns Results, Bradley-Burns Regional Report, City Comparison, Regional Comparison, Corona Major Industry Group Performance, and Corona Long-Term Sales Tax Trend.

The Council provided comments and had inquiries, Mr. Brown provided clarification.

2. Community Wildland Protection Plan (CWPP) Completion.

Brian Young, Fire Chief, provided an update. He provided a presentation of the following: How Corona Handles Wildland Fire Risk, Wildland Risk Assessment, Community Wildland Protection Plan, The Story Map located at <https://corgis.corona.gov/cwpp>, FireSafe Corona, FireSafe Corona Stakeholders, Key Components, and the Next Steps.

The Council and Connie Newman, Library Board of Trustees, had inquiries and Chief Young provided clarification.

3. Utility Box Art Program.

Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided a presentation. She provided an overview of the following: Existing Wrapped Boxes in Corona, Existing Location, Research on Existing Programs at Other Agencies, Types of Media which include Anti-Graffiti Coated, Program Offerings, Variety of Program Content and Purpose, and Locations of Traffic Signal Cabinets.

The Council discussed moving forward to create a Utility Box Program. Council

Member Richins suggested that the cabinets in the Downtown area not be included until the Revitalized Downtown program. Vice Mayor Daddario requested public outreach to our local artist. The Council unanimously agreed to move forward with the Utility Box Program.

Ms. Martin continued to discuss the funding of the Program. By majority the Council agreed with option 3 to have sponsors and City subsidized.

The Council discussed the Media Types allowed and agreed with hybrid of paint and vinyl wrap. There was also discussion on the approval process of the design artwork and the number of locations.

The following item was pulled from the Agenda.

4. City Street Lighting.
5. Consideration of Civic Center Fountain and Sign Renovation.

Denzel Maxwell, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a presentation. He provided an overview of the following: Background on the Historic Civic Center, Historic Civic Center fountain, Historic Civic Center Sign, Civic Center Fountain Area Options, Fountain Area, Restore Fountain, Concrete Surface, Driveway, Past Concept, Parking, Green Area, Wait until the finalization of the Downtown Revitalization Plan, and Council Direction: Fountain Options.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council and expressed his support to remove the fountain and create a driveway.

Craig Siqueland, Planning and Housing Commission Chair, had inquiries and Ms. Tracy Martin, Utilities Project Manager, provided clarification.

The Council discussed the proposed options. They would like a seventh option of a green area with a focal point and seating area.

Mr. Maxwell discussed the Civic Center Sign Options: Clean and Paint, Replace Inserts, Digital Sign, Take No Action, and Wait until the finalization of the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

Craig Siqueland, Planning and Housing Commission Chair, provided comments.

The Council discussed the proposed item. The majority of the Council agreed to clean and paint the sign.

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is January 19, 2022. Mayor Speake

adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.