

City of Corona

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

City Council Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

**Closed Session Council Board Room 5:30 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**

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

** Revised agenda on February 5, 2024 at 4:53p.m.

Item 14 - Presentation was updated.**

The City Council meeting of February 7, 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/87925459248>

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session convened at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose listed below. Present were Mayor Richins, Vice Mayor Steiner, Council Member Casillas, Council Member Daddario, and Council Member Speake. Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)
NAME OF CASE: LUCILA LIMON-MENDOZA, ET AL. V. CITY OF CORONA, ET AL.
CASE NUMBER: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT - CENTRAL DISTRICT CASE NO.
5:23-cv-00134

Roll Call

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

INVOCATION

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Richins.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2. RECOGNITION: CORONA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM
Coach Sean Bangert and the Corona High Baseball Team accepted their recognitions.

The following item was taken out of order.

22. APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vice Mayor Steiner appointed Ruth Heineman as a Library Board of Trustee.

Ms. Heineman thanked Vice Mayor Steiner for the appointment and stated she is looking forward to working with staff and fellow Trustees.

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

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

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

3. 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 JANUARY 17, 2024

These Minutes were approved.

4. 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 JANUARY 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 Item 10, which was voted on separately. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. QUARTERLY SALES TAX REPORT - 2023, QUARTER 3 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)

This Financial Report was received and filed.

6. MASTER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION FOR THE UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE SYSTEM UPGRADE

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

7. SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THE BRAE BURN DRIVE PAVEMENT OVERLAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This Bid & Purchase was approved.

8. FISCAL YEAR 2024 QUARTER 2 BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

This Budgetary was approved.

9. FISCAL YEAR 2024 PENSION STABILIZATION TRUST CONTRIBUTION

This Budgetary was approved.

10. ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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

Vice Mayor Steiner provided clarification.

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

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

11. ACKNOWLEDGING THE MEASURE OF COMPLIANCE OF THE CORONA FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 13146.2 AND 13146.3

This Resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, received 20 written comments to request support to cease fire in Gaza. The written comments will be filed with the meeting minutes.

The following residents addressed the Council to request support to cease fire in Gaza: Ibrahim Shaath, Shaheen Nasser, Avraham Coutin, Hussam Ayloush, Iyad Abraham, Habib Basit, Mohammad Ali, Raee Husain, R. Siddiqui, Ghalia Mohder, Noreen Islam, Jawdat Hantuli, and Raina Coutin.

Dale Ploung, resident, addressed the Council regarding property located on Kirkwood.

Vicki Van Leuven, resident, addressed the Council to express concerns with the proposed Trail Master Plan.

Sam Albrecht, YMCA, addressed the Council to provide an update on the YMCA partnership.

Don Fuller, resident, addressed the Council to commend participatory democracy.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express concerns regarding cease fire in Gaza and the time of the Study Session meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 12.** ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2023-0006 TO TITLE 17 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 17.74.040 (A), TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE CITY (APPLICANT: CARLOS PADILLA, CPI PROPERTIES, LP)

Mayor Richins opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received from the public. Mayor Richins closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 13.** PROPOSED RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN

Savat Khamphou, Public Works Director, provided a report.

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

The Council provided comments.

- 14.** FISCAL YEAR 2024 QUARTER 2 BUDGET UPDATE AND STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Aminah Mears, Assistant to the City Manager, and Luis Navarro, Senior Financial Analyst, provided a report.

The Council provided comments and had inquiries. Jacob Ellis, City Manager, Robert Newman, Chief of Police, and Justin Tucker, Assistant City Manager, provided clarification.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express various concerns.

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

- 15.** TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 37805 TO CREATE ONE LOT ON 0.42 ACRES FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RIVER ROAD AND COTA STREET (APN: 119-081-012), IN THE R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE (APPLICANT: AURANGZEB MIRZA)

A motion was made by Council Member Casillas, seconded by Council Member Speake, that this Planning & Housing Commission Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 16.** CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2022-0004 TO ESTABLISH NINE RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS ON 0.42 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RIVER ROAD AND COTA STREET, IN THE R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE (APN: 119-081-012) (APPLICANT: AURANGZEB MIRZA)

The Council took no action.

C) Parks & Recreation Commission

None.

D) Regional Meetings

- 17.** UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUE CASILLAS ON THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WRCOG) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

There was no update as the meeting was cancelled.

- 18.** UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER TONY DADDARIO ON THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024

There was no update as the meeting was cancelled.

- 19.** UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE CAL CITIES HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2024

Council Member Speake provided an update.

- 20.** UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) WESTERN PROGRAMS MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2024

Council Member Speake provided an update.

- 21.** UPDATE FROM VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER ON THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA) BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2024

Vice Mayor Steiner provided an update.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Dean Derleth, City Attorney, announced the Council unanimously gave consent to authorize the City Attorney's Office to use the previously contracted law firm of Dean Gazzo Roistacher to assist with the case listed under Closed Session and any other case determined necessary by the City Attorney in satisfaction of the Corona Municipal Code sections 3.08.070 (H) and 3.08.140 (E).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Jacob Ellis, City Manager, commended staff for all their hard work during the difficult weather.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Daddario provided a brief overview of the mural unveiling at Promenade Park.

Council Member Speake provided a brief overview of the mural unveiling at Promenade Park.

Mayor Richins acknowledged the passing of Betty Todd.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Draft City Park Concepts (Staff) February 21, 2024
2. Historic Resources Ordinance Revisions (W. Speake) March 20, 2024
3. Spring Workshop March 28, 2024
4. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance for Multi family Housing (W. Speake) TBD
5. Large Native Tree Ordinance/Placing Trees on Historic Tree List (W. Speake) TBD
6. Butterfield Overland Stage Route Signage (W. Speake) TBD
7. Skyline Resolution (J. Steiner) TBD

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on February 21, 2024. Mayor Richins adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. in honor of Betty Todd.