

City of Corona

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Minutes - Draft

Thursday, October 26, 2017

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session

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

***Dick Haley, Mayor
Karen Spiegel, Vice Mayor
Randy Fox, Council Member
Eugene Montanez, Council Member
Jason Scott, Council Member***

Rollcall

Present - Fox, Haley, Scott, Spiegel
Absent - Montanez

1. Call To Order

Mayor Haley called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Agenda Items

2. [17-1234](#) Discussion of proposed ordinance governing Shrines & Memorials in the public right-of-way.

Tom Moody, General Manager, provided a report on the proposed Ordinance pertaining to shrines and memorials.

Mayor Haley asked Mr. Moody to discuss the use of glass as part of the memorial; Mr. Moody stated glass is considered a hazard and if placed at a memorial site would be removed.

Don Fuller addressed the Council to express his opposition to memorial and shrines in the public right-of-way for any period of time.

Woody Harpole addressed the Council to ask if the City can require a permit for a Memorial or Shrine.

City Attorney Dean Derleth provided clarification regarding candles and the definition of victims.

City Council consensus was to bring the item to a future City Council meeting.
3. [17-1235](#) Discussion of Shopping Cart Retrieval Program.

Tom Moody, General Manager, provided a report on current City policies regarding abandoned shopping carts as well as provided options on possible implementation of Shopping Cart Containment and Retrieval Programs.

Vice Mayor Spiegel discussed possible concerns with wheel-locking systems designed to contain shopping carts in a designated area.

Mayor Haley expressed concern for residents who do not own a vehicle. He asked Mr. Moody to speak to the store managers of businesses who have the top five instances of abandoned shopping carts.

Council Member Fox inquired if any businesses currently have a cart

retrieval program even though it is not mandated because it makes financial sense. Council Member Fox asked what the Police Department does with private property found inside shopping carts. Captain Lorton discussed the process of stolen shopping carts as well as the process of tagging the private property within the shopping cart.

City Manager Darrell Talbert asked Council for direction in moving forward to charge retailers for cart retrieval programs.

Council consensus was to move forward in amending policies to charge retailers for cart retrieval programs.

Council Member Scott asked if there has been any resistance to these programs from property management companies. He suggested an annual fee for actual carts recovered from each business. He inquired if this was a staff driven policy proposal, and Mr. Moody stated it was resident driven due to blight.

City Attorney Derleth clarified the current State Code regarding charging if a business picks up their carts.

Don Fuller addressed the Council to state the transient community who use the carts seem to be a smaller part of the community, whereas abandoned shopping carts left all over the City is the bigger issue because the incentive to pick up the carts is flawed as it is daily rather than per cart.

4. [17-1236](#)

Continued discussion of the 2018 Independence Day Event.

David Montgomery-Scott, Library and Recreation Services Director, provided a report on proposed changes to the 2018 Independence Day celebration in an effort to contain costs.

Brian Tressen, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, addressed the Council as a representative of the Corona Rotary to present a donation to the City to fund and sponsor the Independence Day Parade.

Vice Mayor Spiegel expressed her opposition to charging for parking. She thanked the Rotary for sponsoring the parade.

Council Member Fox thanked the Rotary for their donation and Mr. Montgomery-Scott for his presentation of a reduced budget.

Council Member Scott thanked the Rotarians for their donation and asked about transportation for outlying parking areas. Mr. Montgomery-Scott stated transportation has been eliminated as a cost-saving measure. He expressed support for charging at Santana Park.

Vice Mayor Spiegel is in support of approving the proposal at the new budget amount of approximately \$91,000 and encouraged seeking a sponsor for the Yard Sale band for entertainment.

Don Fuller addressed the Council to thank the Rotarians for their support of the parade. He stated people have discussed Independence Day at length on Social Media however when there is a public meeting regarding the same issue they are not present.

Mayor Haley expressed support of the \$91,000 budgets, food trucks in lieu of non-profit, and not pursuing charging for parking.

Council Member Fox expressed support of lowering the budget to \$80,000, non-profits in lieu of food trucks, and pursuing charging for parking.

Vice Mayor Spiegel expressed support of the \$91,000 budget, non-profits in lieu of food trucks, and pursuing charging at Santana Park but not churches.

Council Member Scott expressed support of the \$91,000 budget, food trucks in lieu of non-profits, and pursuing charging for parking at Santana Park.

Council consensus was to accept the \$91,000 budget and asked Mr. Montgomery-Scott to come back with additional information for discussion on the other variables such as food trucks versus non-profits and charging for parking.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Adjournment

Mayor Haley adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.