



# City of Corona

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## Minutes - Draft

### Public Services Committee

*VICE MAYOR JIM STEINER*  
*COUNCIL MEMBER YOLANDA CARRILLO*

*ADVISORY MEMBER*  
*PARKS & REC COMMISSIONER*  
*LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE*

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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

3:00 PM

Council Board Room

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#### 1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner at 3:04 p.m. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Darrell Talbert, City Manager  
Kerry Eden, Asst. City Mgr. /Admin Svcs. Dir.  
Michele Nissen, Asst. City Mgr.  
Dean Derleth, City Attorney  
George Johnstone, Chief of Police  
Tom Moody, General Manager  
David Montgomery-Scott, Library & Recreation Svcs. Dir.  
Abigail Schellberg, Library & Recreation Svcs. Asst. Dir.  
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.

**Others Present:**

Joe Morgan, Resident  
Steve Nolan, Resident

#### 2. Public Comments

None.

#### 3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0010](#) Discussion of Youth and Young Adult participation on Parks and Recreation Commission.  
(Library and Recreation Services Department)  
Action: Information & Discussion

Mr. David Montgomery-Scott, Library and Recreation Services Director, introduced the proposal that was presented by Mayor Jason Scott to have youth input on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr.

Montgomery-Scott provided the committee with information of the Corona Municipal Code on the commission. He provided detail on the proposal brought by Mayor Scott to expand the Parks and Recreation Commission to include high school and college participants. The goal for this would be to promote youth involvement in local government, review projects and programs that impact the youth and provide input on the needs of local youth. He then provided the committee with eligibility, selection process and the roles the representatives would have. Mr. Montgomery-Scott then provided the committee with the necessary steps to approve the proposal.

Vice Mayor Jim Steiner commented that he would like for this to move forward and would like for the proposal to first go to the Parks and Recreation Commission for input and direction. After the Parks and Recreation Commission have established the selection process and eligibility it can be presented to the Public Services Committee.

Ms. Michele Wentworth, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, was in favor of the proposal and would like to see the youth have more opportunities to volunteer and be involved in local government and their community. Ms. Wentworth made several inquiries about the selection and eligibility process, how flexible or restrictive is the process going to be with applicants. Ms. Wentworth also inquired about presenting the proposal to the Library's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) for input and feedback and present their findings to commission.

Council Member Yolanda Carrillo inquired about the requirements for the Teen Advisory Council. Abigail Schellberg, Library and Recreation Services Assistant Director, provided details as to the requirements and the role TAC members have. Ms. Schellberg recommended that the commission have TAC assist with the process and utilize them as a resource as well.

Elizabeth McCreary, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, believes this would be a great opportunity for youth to become involved. She would also like to expand the roles to have more involvement with the Commission and meetings. Ms. McCreary inquired the selection process and possibly adding volunteer expectations.

Dean Derleth, City Attorney, recommended that staff work on adding a provision to the Corona Municipal Code (CMC) to include advisory ad hoc youth members and not to add details in respect to criteria, to leave some fluidity and flexibility. Mr. Derleth recommended that staff work on the CMC aspect of the request while the Parks and Recreation Commission and Teen Advisory Council work on the details, criteria and process.

Mr. Joe Morgan, Resident, noted that there are not very many outlets in the City for public involvement. Mr. Morgan is in favor of bringing more opportunities like this one for residents.

The committee was in favor of the request and directed staff to work on adding prevision to CMC and have the Parks and Recreation Commission create the criteria for the ad hoc members.

**B.**      [19-0017](#)

Discussion Regarding Prop 64 and Potential Regulation of Recreational Marijuana.

(Vice Mayor Jim Steiner)

Action: Information & Discussion

Vice Mayor Jim Steiner introduced item and provided insight as to the request to bring this item back for review. Vice Mayor Steiner commented on the previous Study Session held on February 13, 2018, and noted that prior Council were reluctant to approve based on many unknown factors at the time, related to recreational cannabis sales. The previous Council approved to wait a year and revisit the idea once more information could be gathered. Vice Mayor Steiner would now like to know what was seen during the last year and what was learned. Vice Mayor Steiner provided a list of items and requested that staff report their findings at a future committee meeting.

Mr. Dean Derleth, City Attorney, provided a brief background on the prior council and staff recommendations were to “wait and see”, to find out what other cities have experienced and to determine actual net costs. Mr. Derleth commented on the cost and staff impact this would have, as well as cost associated to hiring consultants with different levels of involvement. Mr. Derleth noted that the city needs to be cautious on several aspects, there are many components related to this type of business and once the City ventures into component, it is not likely to move backwards.

Council Member Yolanda Carrillo would like for staff to study surrounding cities that have adopted this, and report back the cost related to police and fire resources. As well as the costs and profits related to city permits and fees.

Chief George Johnstone noted that cities that have adopted have varied responses. Some cities do see a net revenue while others saw a depletion to city revenue due to an increase in police, fire and legal resources to assist with enforcement. Chief Johnstone commented on considering community desires as well. He noted that with sufficient resources the city would be able to enforce and keep everyone as safe as they possibly can.

Mr. Tom Moody, General Manager, noted that comparing data from

surrounding cities may be difficult to do a side by side comparison as Corona has been moving forward towards fiscal responsibility. While other cities may have vacant positions to fill, Corona would need to create these positions to keep up with demand and this would be a significant cost to the city.

Darrell Talbert, City Manager, recommended to expand our current contract with our sales tax consultant, HdL, which also provides cannabis consulting resources and have them work with staff to create a report for the committee. The committee was in favor of staff recommendations to expand HdL contract and directed staff to move forward with gathering data.

- C.     [19-0021](#)     Establishment of the Public Services Committee Meeting Schedule for 2019.  
                          (Management Services)  
                          Action: Information & Discussion
- Copies of the 2019 Public Services Committee schedule were distributed and accepted by committee.

#### 4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.