



City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
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Minutes - Draft

Finance, Legislation & Economic Development Committee

MAYOR JASON SCOTT
COUNCIL MEMBER JACQUE CASILLAS

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

9:30 AM

Council Board Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Scott at 10:00 a.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.	Joanne Coletta, Com. Dev. Dir.
Nelson Nelson, Public Works Dir.	Tom Moody, General Manager
George Johnstone, Chief of Police	
David Montgomery-Scott, Library & Recreation Svcs. Dir.	
Gina Moran-McGough, Emergency Svcs. Coordinator	
Kimberly Davidson, Economic Development Manager	
Ryan Cortez, Economic Development Coordinator	
Naomi Ramirez, Management Svcs. Asst.	

Others Present:

Joe Morgan, Resident

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0116](#) Review of the 2019 Legislative Platform and Federal Funding Priorities.
(Management Services Department)
Action: Information & Discussion

Attachments: [2019 Legislative Platform Strategie - REDLINE & DRAFT](#)
[2019 Federal Funding Request Priorities - REDLINE & DRAFT](#)

Mr. Darrell Talbert, City Manager, presented the draft 2019 Legislative Platform which sets the legislative direction for the City. He reported that the changes to the platform are highlighted with tracked changes. The Committee discussed the changes to the 2019 Legislative Platform and future projects. Staff further discussed details of the Legislative Platforms and the updates that each department had made for the upcoming year. Ms. Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, noted that a section of the 2019 Legislative Platform regarding the removal of Flood Plain

Designation from City Hall was not noted with track changes and would like to include the section to the final version for Council consideration.

Mr. Joe Morgan, Resident, commented on having more public involvement and transparency when Council or staff is endorsing any legislative platforms, senate bills, or sending letters of support.

The Committee accepted the draft 2019 Legislative Platform and Federal Funding Priorities with all correct changes for review and consideration by the full City Council at its meeting of February 20, 2019. The 2019 Legislative Platform and Federal Funding Priorities will be presented to Congressman Ken Calvert on Thursday, February 21, 2019, by Vice Mayor Jim Steiner, Council Member Jacque Casillas and the Department Directors.

B. [19-0120](#)

Economic Development Update.
(Management Services Department)
Action: Information & Discussion

Mr. Ryan Cortez, Economic Development Coordinator, gave a brief update on development activity within the City. Mr. Cortez noted that Lab Holding, LLC provided a presentation to the Infrastructure Committee on the conceptual design ideas for the adaptive reuse of the Corona Mall. Mr. Cortez noted that Boureston companies is continuing to move forward on a medical campus located just west of the Corona Public Library between South Belle Avenue and South Sheridan Street, North of Eighth Street and South of Sixth Street. Bourseston Companies shared that the developer is currently preparing construction documents and formal applications. Mr. Cortez shared that a local company is currently looking to consolidate its numerous facilities into the new industrial building recently built at 515 S. Promenade. Mr. Cortez shared that the City will be co-hosting the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Industry Day once again on June 6, 2019, and invited the Committee to attend. Mr. Cortez concluded his presentation and reported that Corona's unemployment continues to remain in the low 3% range closing the year at 3.2% respectively.

Ms. Kimberly Davidson, Economic Development Manager, updated the Committee regarding the upcoming "Coffee with an Entrepreneur" on Monday, February 11, 2019, at the Corona Chamber of Commerce. She also stated that the City of Corona is hosting a Exporting Lunch & Learn for Manufacturers on February 13, 2019, currently slated for the Multi-Purpose Room at 11:30 a.m.

Corona's Economic Development team was invited to emcee the Manufacturers' Council of the Inland Empire (MCIE) Manufacturing Summit

at the Riverside Convention Center on February 14, 2019. Ms. Davidson informed the Committee that we are in the process of creating a “Baja Connections Event,” which will connect our local manufacturers with buyers in Mexico. This event is slated for March 13, 2019, at City Hall and will be free to attend.

Ms. Davidson updated the Committee on the upcoming Innovation Month in April and that Corona has been selected to host the fast pitch “Shark Tank” finale on May 2, 2019, in the Performing Arts Theater at the Historic Civic Center.

The Committee commended Economic Development staff for their efforts.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.