

City of Corona

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Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

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**

Jason Scott, Mayor
Jim Steiner, Vice Mayor
Yolanda Carrillo, Council Member
Jacque Casillas, Council Member
Wes Speake, Council Member

Rollcall

Present: 3 - Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas and Wes Speake

Absent: 2 - Yolanda Carrillo and Jason Scott

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Steiner.

1. Call To Order

Vice Mayor Steiner called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

The following item was moved out of order.

3. Public Comments

Joe Giehm, resident, addressed the Council regarding the order of the flags on the dais.

Mitchell Lansdell, Acting City Manager, announced Mayor Scott's absence and Council Member Carrillo's recusal due to her employer receiving funds from CDBG.

2. Agenda Items

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Review and discussion on the city's preparation of the 2020-2024 CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan.

Mr. Clint Whited, CDBG Consultant, provided a presentation. He discussed the following: Introduction to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants; Definition of Low-and Moderate-Income; CDBG Program; CDBG Regulations; Eligible CDBG Activities by Category; HOME Program; HOME Regulations; Eligible HOME Program Activities; HUD Planning Documents; HUD Planning Documents - Due this Program Year; Consolidated Plan; Develop New Consolidated Plan Strategies; Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; Citizen Participation Plan; Consultation; Schedule; and Needed Input from the City Council.

Mr. Whited inquired if one or two Council Members would like to participate in an Ad Hoc Committee with staff on the Consolidated Plan process and the Council expressed their support. Council Member Speake inquired about the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee and Dean Derleth, City Attorney, provided clarification. The Council agreed that Council Member Speake and Council Member Casillas would be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Whited inquired if the Council has certain views concerning housing and community development needs in Corona and how HUD resources should address those needs. Council Member Speake stated that a lot has to do with what resources come back and he would like to see what else can be done especially in regard to homelessness. He further stated he would like to keep certain views broad so that it can be open for what is identified during public outreach. Council Member Casillas expressed her interest in the data sources that will identify the needs in the City, taking a critical view of the way that the funding will be utilized, and resources that can help with homelessness. Vice Mayor Steiner inquired about options for taking full advantage of all the opportunities to create low income housing as they move forward, and Mr. Whited provided clarification.

Mr. Whited inquired if the Council wants to review and adopt the draft Strategic Plan goals prior to considering specific activities for funding in the next Action Plan. Council Member Casillas noted that she would like this process to be collaborative and therefore, would be open to reviewing but does not want it to skew the timeline. Mr. Whited provided an overview of what other cities have done. Council Member Speake expressed his support or having the Ad Hoc Committee report back to the Council with their thoughts on direction. Council Member Casillas inquired about the process and Mr. Whited provided clarification.

Mr. Whited inquired if the Council wants to continue issuing Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) to interested City departments for CDBG public service funding on a 3-year interval and if Council wants to continue issuing Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) to nonprofit service agencies for CDBG public service funding on a 3-year interval. Mr. Whited further provided a background regarding the questions. Council Member Casillas stated that she is interested in continuing to issue NOFAs to City departments and noted her wish for the Ad Hoc Committee to consider whether or not they continue issuing NOFAs to nonprofit service agencies. Council Member Speake agreed with Council Member Casillas and expressed his views regarding programs with longer duration that are successful and allow to build upon themselves.

Council Member Casillas inquired about how well the HOME program is being used and how it is advertised to residents. Mr. Whited and Cynthia Lara, Administrative Services Manager II, addressed her inquiries. Council Member Casillas inquired about the next census results in relation to CDBG funding and Mr. Whited provided clarification.

Council Member Speake inquired about utilization of the HOME rehab program and Ms. Lara provided clarification.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council regarding his concerns with the lack of community involvement in meetings and with ad hoc committees. He also expressed his wishes in regard to grant money received.

4. Adjournment

Vice Mayor Steiner adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.