

# City of Corona

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

## City Council Minutes - Draft

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

**Closed Session Council Board Room 4:30 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**

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

**\*\*Revised agenda on May 18, 2021 at 1:25 p.m.**

**Item 15 - the attachments have been revised.\*\***

## **CONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session convened at 4:45 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Present were Mayor Casillas, Vice Mayor Speake, Council Member Daddario, Council Member Richins, and Council Member Steiner. Closed session adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Employee Organizations: Corona General Employees Association, Corona Fire Association, Corona Police Employees Association, Corona Police Supervisors Association and Corona Supervisors Association
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jacob Ellis, City Manager  
Unrepresented Employee Group: Management/Confidential Group Employees
- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**  
pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: Dale Platt v. City of Corona  
WCAB Case Numbers: ADJ11227374 and ADJ11229195

## **Rollcall**

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

## **INVOCATION - Islamic Society of Corona - Norco**

The Invocation was led by Sheikh Obair Katchi, Islamic Society of Corona - Norco.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Casillas.

## **CONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Casillas called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

## **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

4. Presentation: Covid-19 Update.  
Brian Young, Fire Chief, provided an update.

## MEETING MINUTES

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

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

5. 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 April 28, 2021.

**These Minutes were approved.**

6. 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 May 5, 2021.

**These Minutes were approved.**

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that the Consent Calendar be approved, with the exception of Items 13, 16, and 17, which were voted on separately. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

7. City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, and Corona Housing Authority to receive and file the Monthly Fiscal Report for the month of March 2021.

**This Financial Report was received and filed.**

8. City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Corona, Corona Public Financing Authority, Corona Utility Authority, and Corona Housing Authority to receive and file the Monthly Investment Portfolio Report for the month of March 2021.

**This Financial Report was received and filed.**

9. City Council adoption of Ordinance No. 3328, second reading of an ordinance of the City of Corona, California to amend Chapter 12.22 (Community Forest Program) of the Corona Municipal Code to change the chapter title, to incorporate an Urban Forest Management Plan, and to amend all sections to incorporate updated landscaping guidelines.

**This Ordinance was adopted.**

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- 10.** Railroad Overpass Agreement and Results of the Pre-qualification of Bidders for the Construction of the McKinley Grade Separation Project ("Project").
- This Agreement was approved.**
- 11.** Plans and Specifications for the Street Pavement Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, No. 2020-01/69210, Notice Inviting Bids 21-067HC.
- This Bid & Purchase was approved.**
- 12.** Award Notice Inviting Bids 21-065CA for the McKinley Street Grade Separation Project - Demolition of Structures Located at 151 and 165 N. McKinley Street.
- This Bid & Purchase was approved.**
- 13.** Award of Notice Inviting Bid 21-062RH for On-Call Graffiti Removal Services and actions to initiate a new Park Ranger Program.
- Council Member Richins provided comments regarding the proposed item.
- A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner
- 14.** Award Notice Inviting Bids No. 21-039CA for Water Reclamation Facility 1 Primary and Secondary Clarifiers Rehabilitation Project to J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc.
- This Bid & Purchase was approved.**
- 15.** Award of Notice Inviting Bids No. 21-045CA for Water Reclamation Facility No. 1 Biosolids Dryer Component Removal/Remediation Project to AMPCO Contracting, Inc.
- This Bid & Purchase was approved.**
- 16.** Award of contract for Request for Proposals 21-021RH for Underground Facility Locating and Marking Services to UtiliQuest, LLC.
- Vice Mayor Speake provided comments regarding the proposed item.
- A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Richins, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 5 - Casillas, Speake, Daddario, Richins, and Steiner
- 17.** Award Notice of Inviting Bids No. 21-047HC for Water Meter Removal and Replacement Services to Augustine General Engineering.
- Council Member Richins and Vice Mayor Speake had inquiries and Tom Moody, General Manager, and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.
- Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns with the proposed item.

The Council discussed the item and provided staff direction to amend and replace above certain aged meters and to further discuss this item at the future fall workshop meeting.

**A motion was made by Council Member Richins, seconded by Mayor Casillas, that this Bid & Purchase be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- 18.** Proposed reduction of certain Public Improvement Securities associated with Tract Map 37030.

**This Budgetary was approved.**

- 19.** Proposed reduction of certain Public Improvement Securities associated with Tract Map 36294.

**This Budgetary was approved.**

- 20.** Acceptance and appropriation of Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Awards from the United States Department of Homeland Security.

**This Grant was approved.**

- 21.** Acceptance and appropriation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Riverside Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant from the State of California Office of Emergency Services.

**This Grant was approved.**

- 22.** Personnel Report providing employee updates and details on various recruitment transactions.

**This Report was received and filed.**

- 23.** Parks and Facilities Inventory and Assessment Project Executive Summary Report.

**This Report was received and filed.**

- 24.** Certifying the results of an election and adding territory to Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Public Services) of the City of Corona (Annexation No. 18).

**This Resolution was adopted.**

- 25.** Proposed Fiscal Year 2021/22 through Fiscal Year 2023/24 Short Range Transit Plan.

**This Transit Plan was approved.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Laura Seltzer, resident, addressed the Council to express her gratitude with the Council's decision in purchasing Skyline Trail. She also gave a brief overview of the graffiti and Hagador Watershed Trail clean-up, and announced the Multi-Home Yard

event scheduled for May 22, 2021.

Chris Bamum, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns with the community.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns with the meeting schedule.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 26.** Specific Plan Amendment 2020-0007 to the Lincoln Business Center Specific Plan, SP81-1, amending the signage regulations and approved building materials list for the properties within the Lincoln Business Center.

Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director, provided a report. Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. The Council provided comments regarding the proposed item. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received regarding the Public Hearing. Jon Duston, applicant, provided a brief overview of the proposed item. Matt Woody, Planning and Housing Commissioner, addressed the Council to provide comments regarding the proposed item. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

- 27.** Precise Plan Modification 2020-0001 for the exterior remodel of an existing office building located at 218 N. Lincoln Avenue in the Block 1-Overlay Zone of the Lincoln Business Center Specific Plan, SP81-1. (NOT AN ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING)

**The Council took no action.**

- 28.** Zoning Code Text Amendment 2021-0001 to Title 17 of the Corona Municipal Code to revise text for the purpose of clarifying the specific plans that allow commercial cannabis businesses as a permitted land use.

Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received regarding the Public Hearing. Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to commend staff regarding the proposed item. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

- 29.** Specific Plan Amendment 2021-0002 to the Birtcher Business Center Specific Plan, SP 82-2, amends the Land Use Table to add various commercial cannabis land uses pursuant to Chapter 17.44 of the Corona Municipal Code in the Medium Service

Industry District and Medium Industrial District Zones.

Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received regarding the Public Hearing. The following residents addressed the Council regarding the proposed item: Chris Bamum, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding the proposed item, and Matt Woody, Planning and Housing Commissioner, addressed the Council to provide comments regarding the proposed item. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing.

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

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

- 30.** Public Hearing and Election for Annexation Proceedings for Annexation 23 into Community Facilities District No. 2016-3 (Maintenance Services).

Mayor Casillas opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, confirmed she had proof of publication and mailing of the notice of the Public Hearing. She confirmed that she had not received any written protests. Ms. Edwards stated there are no registered voters within the area to be annexed to the CFD, and the owners of all property proposed to be annexed to the CFD agreed to hold a special election on May 19, 2021. Ms. Edwards also agreed to hold a special election on May 19, 2021. Mayor Casillas closed the Public Hearing. Ms. Edwards confirmed she received one ballot and all votes cast are in favor of levying the special taxes.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor Speake, seconded by Council Member Steiner, that Resolution No. 2021-030 be adopted. A motion was made by Council Member Daddario, seconded by Council Member Richins, that Resolution No. 2021-031 be adopted. The motions carried by the following vote:**

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 31.** Approval of Official Statement and Continuing Disclosure Certificate relating to the Issuance of City of Corona Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds and adopt the Pension Management Policy.

Kim Sitton, Finance Director, provided an update.

Vice Mayor Speake provided comments regarding the proposed item.

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

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

- 32.** Request from Council Member Richins to discuss the consideration of a new City flower.

Denzel Maxwell, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report.

Chris Bamum, resident, addressed the Council to express his concerns regarding the proposed item.

The Council discussed the proposed item. Vice Mayor Speake had inquiries and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

The Council unanimously agreed on option 3.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

None.

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL, COMMISSIONERS, AND STAFF FOR THE:

### A) Planning & Housing Commission

None.

### B) Parks & Recreation Commission

- 33.** Receive and file Parks and Recreation Commission actions taken at the May 11, 2021 meeting: Parks Facilities and Amenities Inventory and Assessment Project Update, proposed revisions to the Recreation Fee Schedule and Commission was in support of accepting all fee revisions with exception of youth sports field use fees, updates on Graffiti Abatement, Park Ranger Program, Parks project updates for Mountain Gate Park, Griffin Park, and Auburndale Park, Parks and Trails Cleanup Schedule, previewed the new Story Walk Program at Mountain Gate Park, Urban Forest Management Plan, and Vegan Depot consecutive use at City Park.

**This Parks & Recreation Commission Report was received and filed.**

### C) Regional Meetings

- 34.** Update from Vice Mayor Wes Speake on the League of California Cities Legislative Action Days Meeting of May 12, 2021 and May 13, 2021.

Vice Mayor Speake provided an update.

- 35.** Update from Vice Mayor Wes Speake on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Meeting of May 12, 2021.

Vice Mayor Speake provided an update.

## CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.



## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Jacob Ellis, City Manager, gave a brief overview and announced Corona's Manufacturing Assistance Program upcoming virtual meeting, Manufacturing Roundtable, on May 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Richins expressed his gratitude for the upcoming graffiti abatement.

Council Member Daddario reported he attended the Joe Dominguez Post 742 74th Anniversary and Vegan Depot. He also announced the upcoming District 2 Leadership meeting on June 5, 2021.

Vice Mayor Speake provided a brief overview of the following: Joe Dominguez Post 742 74th Anniversary, Islamic Society of Corona-Norco Eid celebration, and Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting. He also expressed his concerns regarding the California Department of Transportation lane closures.

Vice Mayor Casillas announced the upcoming For the People Task Force food drive that will be held in the City Hall parking lot on May 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Options for Paving the Overlook Area (W. Speake) June 2, 2021
2. No parking zones on street sweeping days (J. Steiner) September 29, 2021
3. Historic Code Revisions (W. Speake) TBD

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Casillas announced the upcoming meetings: Study Session on May 26, 2021 and City Council meeting on June 2, 2021. Mayor Casillas adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.