

City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
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Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 22, 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

****Revised Agenda on May 20, 2019 at 8:25 a.m.****

Item 2A File No. 19-0498 title was updated

Rollcall

Present: 5 - Jason Scott, Jim Steiner, Yolanda Carrillo, Jacque Casillas and Wes Speake

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott.

1. Call To Order

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

The following item was taken out of order.

3. Public Comments

None.

2. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0498](#) Update and discuss homelessness in Corona and provide direction to staff.

Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager, provided a homelessness presentation. The presentation detailed the following topics: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Homelessness Activities - Committee and/or Staff; Ongoing Homelessness Activities; SWOT Analysis Shared Outcomes; Partnerships; Riverside County Point in Time (PIT) Count Data; Corona 2019 PIT Count Quick Facts; County-Wide Increases in 2019 PIT Count; Options Available to Corona; the Armory; and Armory - Demolition.

Mike Enriquez, Senior Software Architect, provided an overview of the Reporting Dash Board.

Mayor Scott inquired about the 2019 Riverside County Point in Time (PIT) Count results and Ms. Nissen provided clarification.

Council Member Casillas inquired about the 2019 San Diego PIT Count results and Ms. Nissen provided clarification.

Vice Mayor Steiner inquired about McKinney-Vento as it relates to the Corona-Norco Unified School District and Ms. Nissen provided clarification.

Police Chief Johnstone, Corona Police Department, provided a presentation discussing: Guiding Court Decisions; Calls for Service Related to Homelessness; and City Park Quality of Life Patrols.

Vice Mayor Steiner thanked Chief Johnstone for his efforts at City Park. Chief Johnstone thanked Lieutenant Jim Auck and the officers fielding the specialized patrols at City Park.

Mayor Scott inquired about three-sided shelters being enforced to diminish illegal activity and encampments being too close to restrooms. Chief Johnstone provided clarification.

Vice Mayor Steiner inquired about the time, place and manner implementation and Chief Johnstone provided clarification.

Council Member Carrillo thanked Chief Johnstone for his report and inquired about keeping track of number of tents, number of people that live there and their presence during the day, any offered beds from Path of Life in Riverside, and restrooms being vandalized. Chief Johnstone provided clarification. Tom Moody provided clarification regarding restrooms being vandalized and Ms. Nissen provided clarification regarding Path of Life.

Council Member Speake provided clarification regarding the Armory's history. He commended the Police Department and staff for their work at the City Park.

Council Member Casillas thanked Ms. Nissen, Chief Johnstone and Lieutenant Auck. She inquired about the City Park quality of life patrols and patrols in other areas and Chief Johnstone provided clarification.

Mayor Scott commented about the athletic fields at City Park and the continuation of overseeing it. Chief Johnstone stated that patrolling would continue at the City Park. Mayor Scott inquired about calls for service and Chief Johnstone provided clarification.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about feeding and eating times at City Park and Chief Johnstone provided clarification. Ms. Nissen provided comments.

Brad Fieldhouse, President/Executive Director of City Net, addressed inquiries made by Council Member Carrillo. Council Member Speake addressed the feeding and eating times. Mr. Fieldhouse provided a presentation discussing: City Net Role; Progress; Current Priorities; Regional Partners; and Additional Learnings.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about County outreach workers and about the Orange County Rescue Mission. Tyler Ahtonen, Program Supervisor of City Net, provided clarification.

Mayor Scott inquired about services provided by City Net in comparison to county services and Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification.

Council Member Casillas thanked Mr. Fieldhouse for his presentation and City Net's work. She stated she would like to see the efforts made to partner with local advocates. Mr. Fieldhouse commented that City Net has meet with them and introduced themselves.

Council Member Speake commented on the 2-way conversations between activists and City Net and the desire to see the interactions with local advocates during City Net's presentation in the future. Council Member Speake inquired about mental health in relation to homelessness and Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about the beds offered by Path of Life and Mr. Ahtonen provided clarification. She also inquired about a low-barrier shelter and the Police Department's involvement in referrals. Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification and provided a brief overview of process in the City of Tustin. Council Member Carrillo inquired about cities allowing empty lots to be used for encampment and Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification.

Ms. Nissen provided an overview of the services provided by City Net and data regarding bed count countywide.

Melanie Blakeborough, homeless advocate, addressed the Council to provide clarification regarding an inquiry about feeding and eating times, meetings with City Net, and affordable housing.

Council Member Carrillo had inquiries regarding feed and eating times and Ms. Blakeborough provided clarification.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council regarding public comment for local advocates.

Virginia Coriddi, resident, addressed the Council regarding wishing to meet with City Net and other advocates.

Council Member Carrillo had inquiries regarding the needs of homeless and Ms. Coriddi provided clarification.

Tom Richins, resident, addressed the Council regarding the armory's history and possibility of converting it to a homeless shelter.

Creiselda Terpoorton, resident, addressed the Council regarding inquiries about street exits and City Net partnership with the City of Temecula.

Ms. Nissen provided clarification for the inquiries made about the City Net partnership with the City of Temecula. Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification regarding inquiries made about street exits, number of follow-ups, and the partnership with the City of Temecula.

Council Member Casillas inquired about incorporating built-in 3-6-month check-in and maximum case load per City Net employee. Mr. Fieldhouse provided clarification.

Ms. Terpoorton inquired about reaching out to neighboring cities and categories in HUD systems. Council Member Casillas, Vice Mayor Steiner and Ms. Nissen provided clarification.

The Council provided closing comments regarding recommendation and direction.

Ms. Nissen announced that the 2019 Homelessness Resources Committee will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on June 19th.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.