

City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 26, 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: 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 3:34 p.m.

The following item was taken out of order.

3. Public Comments

None.

2. Agenda Items

- A. [19-0608](#) Follow-up, discussion and direction regarding regulation of medicinal and recreational marijuana.

Dean Derleth, City Attorney, introduced the item and provided a presentation. He provided an overview regarding the following: Staffing & Litigation; Schedule; Needed Input - Big Picture Issues; Types of Businesses to Allow; Where to Allow; Limiting Number; Lottery vs. Merit-Based Qualification; Administrative or Legislative Approval Process; Taxation Ballot Measure; and an Ad Hoc Committee.

Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director, provided a presentation regarding the three (3) types of zones where to allow: manufacturing zones, general commercial zones, and specific plans.

Vice Mayor Steiner inquired about cultivation and Mr. Derleth provided clarification.

Council Member Speake inquired about distance requirements and Mr. Derleth provided clarification.

Mayor Scott inquired about the City of Santa's preference regarding lottery vs. merit-based qualification and whether it is possible to do both. Mr. Derleth provided clarification.

Council Member Casillas inquired about concerns with blending both the lottery and merit-based processes and reasons for litigation. Mr. Derleth

provided clarification.

Yesenia Gonzalez, Organizing Director for UFCW Local 1167, addressed the Council to provide an overview of her organization and discuss regulation of the cannabis industry.

Angelica Gomez, on behalf of Inland Empire Labor Council, addressed the Council to provide an overview of her organization and discuss regulation of the cannabis industry.

Don Fuller, resident, addressed the Council regarding his wish to get the process done as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Joe Giehm, resident, addressed the Council regarding concerns with taxes covering the costs for additional personnel.

Gloria Deets-Breyer, resident, addressed the Council to express her opposition regarding the regulation of medicinal and recreational cannabis.

Mr. Derleth provided clarification regarding inquiries made by the public.

Council Member Speake commented regarding tax revenue from the City of Santa Ana and expressed his point of view regarding cultivation and concerns from resident regarding odor. Mr. Derleth provided clarification.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about cost for the City of Santa Ana and Public Safety personnel. Mr. Derleth provided clarification.

Council Member Casillas stated that manufacturing and distribution is where the City should begin. She noted the importance of having good paying jobs and looking further into the state mandated threshold for industries to unionize. Council Member Casillas commented on non-storefront retail and concerns with cultivation. Vice Mayor Steiner provided the City of Chula Vista as an example of how they regulate none-storefront retail.

The Council discussed the seven (7) questions for the big picture issues and made the following consensus: allow manufacturing, distribution, testing labs, retailers (storefront) and retailers (non-storefront), but not allow cultivation; allow in manufacturing zones only; leave the limitation on numbers of retail open for exploration based upon how many might be possible depending upon zoning and separation requirements; pursue merit-based qualification as opposed to the lottery system; pursue administrative approval process; proceed with contractual agreement to collect revenue and potentially a tax ballot measure; and allow for Mitchell

Lansdell, Acting City Manager, to determine when and how to add a new staff member to take the lead on this project.

Council Member Carrillo inquired about limitations that Cities can tax, and Mr. Derleth provided clarification. Mr. Derleth provided further clarification regarding personnel for this project.

4. Adjournment

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.