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City of Corona
City Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Closed Session- Council Board Room

Council Present: Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, Wes Speake

1. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Convened at 5:01 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Present were Mayor Steiner, Vice Mayor Casillas, Council Member Daddario, Council Member Richins, and Council Member Speake. Closed Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Jonathan Aparicio v. City of Corona
WCAB Case Numbers: ADJ3118795

1.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager

1.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Attorney/Legal & Risk Management Director

2. INVOCATION

None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Steiner.

4. CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Steiner called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. MEETING MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES - CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 15, 2025

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 January 15, 2025.

These Minutes were approved.

Moved by: Jacque Casillas

Seconded by: Tom Richins

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved with the exception of Items 7.5, 7.6, and 7.13, which were voted on separately.

Moved by: Wes Speake

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

7.1 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 NOVEMBER 2024

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

7.2 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 NOVEMBER 2024

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

7.3 QUARTERLY SALES TAX REPORT - 2024, QUARTER 3 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. .

That the City Council receive and file the quarterly sales tax information from HdL Companies for Quarter 3 2024 (July – September).

7.4 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE INSPECTION OF CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ANNUAL INSPECTIONS IN SUCH OCCUPANCIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13146.2 AND 13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-010, acknowledging the inspection of certain occupancies required to perform annual inspections in such occupancies pursuant to sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code

7.5 MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ESTATE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE LESTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT GRAVITY THICKENER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Council Member Speake had inquiries and Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

Moved by: Wes Speake

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

That the City Council:

- a. Award Notice of Inviting Bids 25-023AT to Estate Design and Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, for the total bid amount of \$178,669 and waive all minor irregularities in the bidding documents as submitted by said bidder for the Lester Water Treatment Plant Gravity Thickener Rehabilitation Project.
- b. Authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$188,743 from the Water Utility Fund 570 to the Lester Water Treatment Plant Gravity Thickener Paint Operating and Maintenance Project No. 78200.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Maintenance/General Services Agreement with Estate Design and Construction, Inc., including any purchase orders, non-substantive extensions, change orders, and amendments up to 10% of the total contract amount or \$17,866.90 as authorized by Corona Municipal Code Section 3.08.060(J).

That the Corona Utility Authority review, ratify, and to the extent necessary, direct the City Council to take the above actions.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

7.6 MAINTENANCE/GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RIVERSIDE COMMUNICATIONS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL (20) KENWOOD VIKING MOBILE RADIOS

Council Member Daddario had inquiries and Fire Chief Young, provided clarification.

Moved by: Wes Speake

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

That the City Council:

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- a. Award Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) 25-018MB, Fire Department Mobile Radios and Vehicle Upfit Services, to RIVCOMM, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, for the total bid amount of \$154,853.24, and waive all minor irregularities in the bidding document as submitted by said bidder.
- b. Approve the Maintenance/General Services Agreement with RIVCOMM for the Fire Department Mobile Radios and Vehicle Upfit Services Project in the amount of \$154,853.24.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute change orders, as needed, to fully utilize the total available FEMA AFG grant within the project scope and deadline.
- d. Authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$20,936.07 to the Fire Department's operating budget within the General Fund 110 for the required 10% match for the grant award amount of \$209,361.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

7.7 FISCAL YEAR 2025 PENSION STABILIZATION TRUST CONTRIBUTION

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Approve the annual contribution of \$2,000,000 from Measure X Reserves Fund 120 to the Pension Stabilization Trust Fund 485.
- b. Approve the Pension Stabilization Trustee Board's recommendation to contribute \$700,000 of the Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund 110 year-end surplus to the Pension Stabilization Trust Fund 485.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to make the necessary budget and accounting adjustments for the Fiscal Year 2025 contribution.

7.8 CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS WITH PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION FOR THE WRF3 LIFT STATION PROJECT NO UT-2015-05

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Approve, pursuant to statutory and common-sense exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act, contract Change Orders No. 7 and No. 8 with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for the Water Reclamation Facility #3 Lift Station Project, Capital Improvement Project No. UT-2015-05, to increase the contract amount by \$1,545,933, for a total contract amount of \$7,274,840.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute contract change orders with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation to increase the contract amount by \$1,545,933, amending the total contract amount to \$7,274,840 including any non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase

orders, and amendments up to \$727,484, which is equivalent to 10% of the revised contract amount.

- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to issue a change order to Purchase Order P21893 to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$1,545,933.
- d. Authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$700,000 from Sewer Utility Fund 572 to the WRF #3 Lift Station Project, Capital Improvement Project No. UT-2015-05.

7.9 RELEASE OF LANDSCAPE SECURITIES POSTED BY THE NEW HOME COMPANY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LLC

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Accept the landscape improvements associated with Tract Map 37030.
- b. Retain twenty-five percent (25%) of the Faithful Performance Security for one year beyond the acceptance of the improvements as security for repair and replacement of any improvements that fail to meet City standards at the end of the one-year period. (Bond No. PB02497500924)
- c. Retain the Labor and Material Security for six months beyond the acceptance of the improvements and automatically release the security unless claims are filed. (Bond No. PB02497500924)

7.10 RELEASE OF LANDSCAPE SECURITIES POSTED BY TAYLOR MORRISON OF CALIFORNIA LLC

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Accept the landscape improvements associated with Tract Map 37644.
- b. Retain twenty-five percent (25%) of the Faithful Performance Security for one year beyond the acceptance of the improvements as security for repair and replacement of any improvements that fail to meet City standards at the end of the one-year period. (Bond No. 613-103587-2, 613-103589-9, 613-103591-7)
- c. Retain the Labor and Material Security for six months beyond the acceptance of the improvements and automatically release the security unless claims are filed. (Bond No. 613-103587-2, 613-103589-9, 613-103591-7)

7.11 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF INDIO REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS AND EQUIPMENT AT COACHELLA AND STAGECOACH MUSIC FESTIVALS

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

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- a. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Indio for reimbursement funding for officer assistance at the Coachella Music Festival and Stagecoach Music Festival occurring in the City of Indio, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
- b. Appropriate \$57,646 annually from the unappropriated General Fund Balance to the Police Department's operating budget and increase estimated revenues by the same amount to be reimbursed from the City of Indio.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to adjust the budget accordingly based on actual costs incurred.
- d. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to approve increases to the administrative fee for subsequent Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs).

**7.12 FISCAL YEAR 2025 QUARTER 2 BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

7.13 FISCAL YEAR 2025 QUARTER 2 BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS

Council Member Speake had inquiries. Jacob Ellis, City Manager, and Police Chief Newman, provided clarification.

Moved by: Wes Speake

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

That the City Council:

- a. Appropriate \$484,421, as noted in Exhibit 1 - Appropriations, Estimated Revenues, and Transfers.
- b. Change Order to increase Ewing Irrigation Products Inc. Purchase Order to \$170,000.
 - i. Authorize an increase of \$75,000 to B250402 for a total purchase order of \$170,000.
- c. Change Order to increase Workday Inc. Purchase Order to a total of \$608,473.
 - i. Authorize an increase of \$66,660 to P23756 for a total purchase order of \$608,473.
- d. Change Order to increase CanAm Technologies Inc. Purchase Order to \$380,121.
 - i. Authorize an increase of \$280,905 to P23703 for a total purchase order of \$380,121.
- e. Change Order to increase multiple Animal Enforcement Professional / Contractual Purchase Orders.

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- i. Authorize an increase of \$25,000 to B250057 for a total purchase order of \$80,000 for Animal Hospital of Eagle Glen.
 - ii. Authorize an increase of \$65,000 to B250188 for a total purchase order of \$120,000 for Animal Medical Center of Corona.
 - iii. Authorize an increase of \$25,000 to B250189 for a total purchase order of \$80,000 for Corona Community Veterinary Hospital.
- f. Change Order to increase DXP Enterprise, Inc. Purchase Order to \$350,000.
- i. Authorize an increase of \$150,000 to B250025 for a total purchase order of \$350,000.
- g. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-009, approving the City of Corona Position Library and Compensation Plan and repealing all prior Plans, including Resolution No. 2024-112, effective February 8, 2025.
- h. Authorize and establish ownership of revenue for all funds deposited into the designated revenue account for the acquisition, replacement, and installation of new cameras to be utilized in the Community Partner Camera Funding Agreement.
- i. Authorize and establish ownership of revenue for all funds deposited into the designated revenue account for the tree trimming service pass-through fees.
- j. Authorize and establish ownership of lease and rental revenue for all funds deposited into the designated revenue account for the Corona Mall operations.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maddie Paxton, resident, addressed the Council to wish them a Happy New Year and provided a brief overview on the Riverside County Housing and Homeless Committee meeting.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to acknowledge the passing of Ed Faxon.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2020-0002 AMENDING THE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS ON A TOTAL OF 158.54 ACRES

Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director, provided a report for the four public hearings.

Mayor Steiner opened the Public Hearings. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, received and read one written comment. The written comment will be filed with the Minutes.

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The following residents addressed the Council in support of this proposed item: Joe Morgan, Jonathan Dailey, Zach Strasters, Joshua Gastelum, Rob Ramos, Jeff Roseigno, Louie Lopez, Jordan Brucelas, Dave Hanson, Jeremy Mape, and Orion Wise via zoom.

Mayor Steiner closed the Public Hearings.

The Council provided comments.

Moved by: Jim Steiner

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

That the City Council:

- a. Adopt Resolution 2025-007 certifying the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for the Green River Ranch Specific Plan Amendment and business park development and relocation of proposed Constrained Linkage 1 of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (SCH# 2022080640), adopting environmental findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- b. Adopt Resolution 2025-008 approving General Plan Amendment 2020-0002 amending the General Plan to change the land use designation of 5.5 acres located north of Green River Road and west of Dominguez Ranch Road from Mixed Use II (Industrial & Commercial) to General Commercial, and change the land use designations on the south side of Green River Road and west of Dominguez Ranch Road from General Commercial, Mixed Use II, and Estate Residential to 49.31 acres of Mixed Use II, and 103.73 acres of Open Space-General as part of Cycle 1 of the General Plan Amendments for 2025 (GPA2020-0002).

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

9.2 SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT 2020-0006 TO CHANGE AND REORGANIZE THE ZONING DESIGNATIONS

Moved by: Jacque Casillas

Seconded by: Tom Richins

That the City Council:

- a. Approve Specific Plan Amendment 2020-0006, as recommended by the Planning and Housing Commission.
- b. Introduce, by title only, and waive full reading of consideration of Ordinance No. 3409, first reading of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Green River Ranch Specific Plan (SP00-001) to change and reorganize the land use designations and make corresponding revisions to the maps, tables, illustrations and text throughout the Green River Ranch Specific Plan (SPA2020-0006).

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

9.3 TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 37963 TO SUBDIVIDE 154.50 ACRES INTO SEVEN LOTS

Moved by: Jacque Casillas

Seconded by: Tom Richins

That the City Council approve Tentative Tract Map 37963 based on the findings and conditions of approval as recommended by the Planning and Housing Commission.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

9.4 PRECISE PLAN 2020-0004 FOR THE REVIEW OF THE SITE PLAN, ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPING

Moved by: Tony Daddario

Seconded by: Wes Speake

That the City Council affirm the Planning and Housing Commission's action in granting PP2020-0004, based on the finding contained in the staff report and conditions of approval.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10.1 MAYOR STEINER'S REQUEST FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION TO ADJUST THE REGULAR MEETING START TIME

Aminah Mears, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to thank Mayor Steiner and Vice Mayor Casillas for their hard work on this item.

Vice Mayor Casillas provided comments.

Moved by: Jim Steiner

Seconded by: Tom Richins

- a. That the City Council introduce, by title only, and waive full reading of consideration of Ordinance No. 3411, the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 2.08.010 of the Corona Municipal Code to allow the City Council to set its regular meeting start times by resolution.

- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-011, approving the City Council Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

Aye (5): Jim Steiner, Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

11. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

None.

12. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

12.1 Library Board of Trustees

None.

12.2 Planning & Housing Commission

None.

12.3 Parks & Recreation Commission

None.

12.4 Regional Meetings

- 12.4.a UPDATE FROM MAYOR JIM STEINER ON THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA) BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2025

Mayor Steiner provided an update.

- 12.4.b UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CITIES HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 23-24, 2025

Council Member Speake provided an update.

- 12.4.c UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) I-15 COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2025

Council Member Speake provided an update.

- 12.4.d UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER WES SPEAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 30, 2025

Meeting cancelled.

- 12.4.e UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER TONY DADDARIO ON THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Council Member Daddario provided an update.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

15. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Casillas provided a brief overview of the Western Riverside County of Governments meeting.

Council Member Daddario provided a brief overview of the Ground Breaking for the South Mall parking lot.

Council Member Speake commended the Department of Water and Power for their new updated billing system. He also thanked his colleagues for all their hard work on recent events and acknowledged the passing of Ed Faxon.

Council Member Richins acknowledged the passing of Ed Faxon. He also commended the Police Department for all their work on their recent trainings.

15.1 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE SCAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF MAY 1 - 2, 2025

The Council unanimously appointed Council Member Speake as delegate and Vice Mayor Casillas as the alternate.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16.1 (NEW) PANHANDLING (J. STEINER) - TBD

This item was removed from the Future Agenda Items.

16.2 NORTH MALL UPDATE (STAFF) FEBRUARY 19, 2025

16.3 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY GIVING POLICY (STAFF) FEBRUARY/MARCH

16.4 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION UPDATE (STAFF) MARCH

16.5 INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE (W. SPEAKE) – TBD

16.6 UPDATE TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY (W. SPEAKE) TBD

16.7 REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S LOGO FOR LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES (T. DADDARIO) TBD

16.8 REALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAGNOLIA/EL SOBRANTE (W. SPEAKE) TBD

16.9 FUTURE CIP FOR DEDICATED RIGHT TURN LANE FOR WB BEDFORD TO CAJALCO (W. SPEAKE) TBD

17. ADJOURNMENT

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The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on February 19, 2025. Council Member Speake adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. in honor of Samuel Ellen.