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**City of Corona  
City Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Closed Session- Council Board Room**

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

Council Absent: Jacque Casillas

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**1. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session convened at 5:15 p.m. for the purposes listed below. Present were Mayor Steiner, Council Member Daddario, Council Member Richins, and Council Member Speake. Vice Mayor Casillas was absent. Closed Session adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: City of Corona v. C.P.I. Properties, LLC et al.  
Case Number: Riverside Superior Court Case No. RIC 2002846

**2. INVOCATION - PASTOR SHANNON SCOTT, GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Invocation was led by Pastor Shannon Scott.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Shannon Scott.

**4. CONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Steiner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 RECOGNITION: MIGUEL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Vazquez Family accepted the recognition.

**5.2 RECOGNITION: CORONA GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – ALL STAR TEAMS**

The Corona Girls Softball Association accepted the recognition.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar was approved with the exception of Items 6.5 and 6.7, which were voted on separately.

**Moved by:** Wes Speake

**Seconded by:** Tony Daddario

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

**6.1 MINUTES - CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 6, 2025**

THE MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**6.2 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 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR JUNE 2025**

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

That the City Council receive and file the monthly investment portfolio report for June 2025.

**6.3 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 JUNE 2025**

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

That the City Council receive and file the monthly fiscal report for June 2025.

**6.4 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC., FOR DESIGN, PREPARATION, AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I PROJECT, NO.'S ST- 2023-01, 2024-01, and 2024-02; REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO.**

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Award Request for Proposal No. 25-062AT to Michael Baker International, Inc., for design, preparation, and construction support services for the Downtown Drainage Improvements – Phase I Project, No.'s ST- 2023-01, 2024-01, and 2024-02.
- b. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. for the Downtown Drainage Improvements – Phase I Project, No.'s ST- 2023-01, 2024-01, and 2024-02 in the amount of \$764,160, and waive any minor irregularities in the proposal.

- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$764,160, including any non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments up to the amount authorized in Corona Municipal Code Section [3.08.070\(I\)](#), which is equivalent to \$76,416 or 10%.

**6.5 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ONTARIO AVENUE WIDENING AT LINCOLN AVENUE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. ST-2021-03**

Mayor Steiner provided comments and had inquiries. Jacob Ellis, City Manager, provided clarification.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council and expressed his concerns with the proposed item.

**Moved by:** Wes Speake

**Seconded by:** Jim Steiner

That the City Council:

- a. Approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., increasing the compensation amount by \$105,594, and a term extension through April 4, 2028, to continue to provide engineering design services for additional work for the Ontario Avenue Widening at Lincoln Avenue, Capital Improvement Project No. ST-2021-03.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc., to increase the total contractual fee by \$105,594 for a total compensation amount of \$854,923, and include any non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments up to the amount authorized in Corona Municipal Code 3.08.070 (I), which is equivalent up to 10% of the revised agreement amount or \$85,492.

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**Motion APPROVED (4 to 0)**

**6.6 TRANSITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PSEC SYSTEM**

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

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- a. Authorize an Exception to Competitive Bidding pursuant to Corona Municipal Code Section 3.08.140(E), allowing direct contracting with the County of Riverside and associated vendors for the PSEC migration, as it is in the City's best interest for operational continuity and public safety.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute an agreement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for PSEC system integration, not to exceed \$1,283,386.77 over a one-year period.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to issue Purchase Orders as detailed in the staff report herein.
- d. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to execute non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department within a 20% contingency of the original contract amount.

**6.7 MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTUAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO INTEGRITY ARBORIST AND ECOSCAPE, INC.**

Council Member Speake thanked staff for their hard work on this item.

Joe Morgan, resident, provided comments in support of the proposed item.

**Moved by:** Wes Speake

**Seconded by:** Jim Steiner

That the City Council:

- a. Award NIB 25-067SB for landscape maintenance services to Integrity Arborist and Ecoscape, Inc. in the amount of \$512,764.76. through June 30, 2026, with two optional two-year renewal periods, and waive all minor irregularities in the proposal.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designees, to execute the Maintenance and General Services Agreement with Integrity Arborist and Ecoscape, Inc. in the amount of \$512,764.76, including any non-substantive extensions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments up to the amount authorized in Corona Municipal Code Section 3.08.060(J), which is equivalent to 10% or \$51,276.47.
- c. Ratify the Community Services Department's issuance of a Notice of Termination to Greenfield Maintenance for landscape maintenance services in Area 3 (Parks General and LMD/CFD), effective August 31, 2025. Ratification will authorize staff to proceed with transition planning to ensure uninterrupted landscape maintenance services.

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

**7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Joyce Malle, resident, addressed the Council and expressed concerns with the restrooms being installed near Skyline

Ray Galluccio, resident, addressed the Council and expressed his concerns with parking violations near Santiago High School.

Maddy Paxton, resident, addressed the Council and expressed her concerns with the downtown redevelopment.

Elise Todd, Kingdom Builders New Harvest, addressed the Council to commend the Council for their efforts with the homeless community. She also announced the Kingdom Builders New Harvest Clothing Drive on August 24, 2025.

Joe Morgan, resident, addressed the Council to send his condolences to Detective Darrell Saylor for the passing of his mother.

Kelli Montalvo, resident, addressed the Council to announce Bike Ride/Walk tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2025.

Rory Connell, resident, addressed the Council and expressed his concerns with the downtown redevelopment.

Silvia Alvarran, resident, addressed the Council regarding open house signs.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR SECOND STREET FAMILY APARTMENTS.**

Karen Roper, Housing & Homeless Solutions Manager, provided a report.

Mayor Steiner opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received from the public. Mayor Steiner closed the Public Hearing.

The Council provided comments.

**Moved by:** Wes Speake

**Seconded by:** Tom Richins

- a. That the Corona Housing Authority approve the First Amended and Restated Affordable Housing Disposition and Development Agreement between the Corona Housing Authority and Second Street Family LP.
- b. That the City Council approve the First Amended and Restated Affordable Housing Disposition and Development Agreement between the City of Corona and Second Street Family LP.

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

**8.2 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REPORT ON WATER QUALITY RELATIVE TO PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2024**

Mayor Steiner opened the Public Hearing. Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk, stated there was no correspondence received from the public. Mayor Steiner closed the Public Hearing.

**Moved by:** Tony Daddario

**Seconded by:** Wes Speake

That the City Council:

- a. Hold a public hearing regarding the Report on Water Quality relative to Public Health Goals for 2022 through 2024.
- b. Approve the Report on Water Quality relative to Public Health Goals for 2022 through 2024.

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

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**9.1 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2025 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The consensus of the Council delegated Vice Mayor Casillas as the Delegate and Council Member Speake as the Alternate to represent the City of Corona at the 2025 League of California Cities.

**Moved by:** Wes Speake

**Seconded by:** Tom Richins

That the City Council designates a voting delegate and up to two alternates to represent the City of Corona at the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

**9.2 REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER SPEAKE TO DISCUSS AMENDING THE CRITERIA IN SECTIONS 17.63.120(D)(6) AND 17.63.120(E)(4) OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR DEMOLISHING OR RELOCATING A HISTORIC STRUCTURE**

Joanne Coletta, Planning and Development Director, provided a report.

The following residents addressed the Council and expressed their concerns with the proposed item: Joe Morgan, Chris McCoy, and Rory Connell.

The Council provided comments and staff direction to review the ordinance and bring back to a future Council meeting.

That the City Council provide direction to staff on amending the relocation and demolition criteria listed in CMC Chapter 17.63, Historic Resources Ordinance, for historic resources.

**9.3 CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN CALRECYCLE'S RECYCLE FROM HOME PILOT PROGRAM**

Tom Moody, Director of Utilities, provided a report.

Damian Heckman, Recycle from Home, addressed the Council to express his support with the proposed item.

The Council provided comments.

The consensus of the Council was to continue participation in CalRecycle's recycle from home pilot program.

That the City Council provide direction on:

**PROPOSED OPTIONS:**

**Option 1: Continue participation in CalRecycle's Recycle From Home Pilot Program**

- Approve the Written Concurrence for Operational Changes for services provided by Recycle From Home, LLC.
- Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Written Concurrence for Operational Changes and any other documents necessary in support of CalRecycle's Recycle From Home Pilot Program.

**Option 2: Discontinue participation in CalRecycle's Recycle From Home Pilot Program**

**10. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**10.1 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.08 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE CITY'S PURCHASING REGULATIONS**

Kim Sitton, Finance Director, provided a report.

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The following residents addressed the Council and expressed their concerns with the proposed item: Chris McCoy, Joe Morgan, and Rory Connell.

The Council provided comments and had inquiries. Ms. Sitton and Dean Derleth, City Attorney/LRM Director, provided clarification.

The consensus of the Council was to proceed with Option B, authorizing a spending limit of up to \$125,000 and requesting a quarterly report from the City Manager and/or his designee. They directed the City attorney to revise the ordinance with the updated verbiage.

**Moved by:** Tony Daddario

**Seconded by:** Tom Richins

That the City Council:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 3419 (Option A), as presented on June 18, 2025, as a second reading of an ordinance of the City of Corona; or
2. Introduce, by title only, and waive full reading of consideration of Ordinance No. 3419 (Option B), first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3.08 of the Corona Municipal Code to update the City's purchasing regulations.

Aye (4): Jim Steiner, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Wes Speake

Absent (1): Jacque Casillas

**MotionAPPROVED (4 to 0)**

## 11. **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### 11.1 **Library Board of Trustees**

The Library Board of Trustees report was received and filed.

11.1.a Adaptive Story Hour

11.1.b Book Displays - This Month's Themes

11.1.c Back to School Book Fair

11.1.d Gilded Book Edges (18+)

11.1.e StoryWalk

### 11.2 **Planning & Housing Commission**

None.

### 11.3 **Parks & Recreation Commission**

None.

### 11.4 **Regional Meetings**



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11.4.a UPDATE FROM WES SPEAKE ON THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) MEETING OF AUGUST 13,  
2025

Council Member Speake provided an update.

11.4.b UPDATE FROM MAYOR JIM STEINER ON THE RIVERSIDE  
TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA) BOARD TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC OF JULY 12 –  
14, 2025

Mayor Steiner provided an update.

12. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

13. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

None.

14. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Council Member Daddario announced the Hazardous Waste Collection will take place on September 13th and 14th, 2025.

Council Member Speake thanked Chris Gray, Western Riverside Council of Governments, for his presentation at the previous Council meeting. He also provided a brief overview of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Cloud Seed Pilot Program.

Council Member Richins commended staff for the Summer Street Fairs.

Mayor Steiner provided a brief overview of the August 14, 2025, Town Hall meeting. He also thanked the staff who attended.

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

15.1 **SAVE THE CORONA CLOCK (T. RICHINS & W. SPEAKE) SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

15.2 **HISTORIC CIVIC CENTER OPERATIONS PLAN UPDATE (STAFF) SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

15.3 **WATER AND WASTEWATER BONDS (STAFF) SEPTEMBER 17, 2025**

15.4 **EXPLORE CMC ORDINANCE CHANGES TO SET TIME LIMITS FOR SPECIFIC FOR TEMPORARY FENCING AND BOARDED UP WINDOWS (W. SPEAKE) OCTOBER 2025**

15.5 **CITY PARK FINAL DESIGN UPDATE (STAFF) NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

15.6 **UPDATE OF CHAPTER 5.34 PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS (W. SPEAKE) TBD**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on September 3, 2025. Mayor Steiner adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.