



City of Corona
City Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Closed Session- Council Board Room

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

1. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session convened at 4:36 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 5:34 p.m.

1.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6
AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE: JACOB ELLIS, CITY MANAGER
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: CORONA UTILITIES EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

1.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8
PROPERTY: 1100 RIVER ROAD
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: JACOB ELLIS, CITY MANAGER
NEGOTIATING PARTY: AUDRIE ECHNOZ, CORONA-NORCO YMCA
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE & TERMS OF PAYMENT

1.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: JACOB ELLIS, CITY MANAGER
PROPERTY: APN 117-191-001, 117-191-002, 117-191-003, 117-191-004, 117-191-021, 117-191-022, 117-191-011, 117-183-016, 106 E. SIXTH STREET, 114 E. SIXTH STREET, 122 E. SIXTH STREET, 675 S. MAIN STREET, 683 S. MAIN STREET, AND 601 S. MAIN STREET RESPECTIVELY
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: GROUND REVIEW LLC
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE & TERMS OF PAYMENT

1.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: JACOB ELLIS, CITY MANAGER
PROPERTY: APN 117-320-036, 117-320-032, 117-320-003, 117-320-030, 1043 CIRCLE CITY DRIVE, 1061 CIRCLE CITY DRIVE, AND 1065 CIRCLE CITY RESPECTIVELY; AND 117-163-009, 416 GRAND AVENUE

NEGOTIATING PARTIES: TBD THROUGH COMPETITIVE SALE PROCESS
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE & TERMS OF PAYMENT

1.5 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8
PROPERTY: 496 CORONA MALL AND 114 EAST SIXTH
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: JACOB ELLIS, CITY MANAGER
NEGOTIATING PARTY: MOSES CORTEZ
UNDER NEGOTIATION: PRICE & TERMS OF PAYMENT

2. INVOCATION

None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Casillas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Casillas called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 RECOGNITION: TIP 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The TIP Organization Volunteers accepted the recognition.

Maddy Paxton, resident, addressed the Council to provide comments on the proposed item.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was approved with the exception of Items 6.2, 6.6 through 6.9, and 6.12, which were voted on separately.

Moved by: Tom Richins

Seconded by: Jim Steiner

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

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

6.1 MINUTES - CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2026

THE MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

6.2 CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 3426, SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA

Vice Mayor Speake announced that he voted in opposition of the proposed item.

Maddy Patxon, resident, addressed the Council to provide comments in support of the proposed item.

Moved by: Jacque Casillas

Seconded by: Jim Steiner

Aye (4): Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Jim Steiner

Nay (1): Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (4 to 1)

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 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

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

6.4 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 JANUARY 2025

THIS FINANCIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

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

6.5 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH HIGH LIGHT ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION AT AUTO CENTER DRIVE AND METROLINK STATION

THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED.

That the City Council:

- a. Adopt Plans and Specifications for the Traffic Signal Installation at Auto Center Drive and Metrolink Station, Capital Improvement Project No. ST-2017-02, Notice Inviting Bids 26-016SB.
- b. Award Notice Inviting Bids 26-016SB to High Light Electric, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, for the total amount of \$385,555 and waive any and all minor irregularities in the bidding document as submitted by said bidder.
- c. Approve the construction contract with High Light Electric, Inc. for the Traffic Signal Installation at Auto Center Drive and Metrolink Station, Capital Improvement Project No. ST-2017-02, in the amount of \$385,555.

- d. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the construction contract with High Light Electric Inc., in the amount of \$385,555, including any non-substantive exceptions, change orders, purchase orders, and amendments up to 10% which is equivalent to \$38,555 as authorized by Corona Municipal Code 3.08.050(H).
- e. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to issue a purchase order to High Light Electric Inc., in the amount of \$385,555.

6.6 CITY OF CORONA HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEAN-UP PROJECT – AUTHORIZE/APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH HCI ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICE

Chris McCoy, resident, addressed the Council to provide comments on the proposed item.

Council Member Daddario had inquiries, and Police Chief Newman, provided clarification.

Moved by: Tony Daddario
Seconded by: Wes Speake

That the City Council:

- a. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to HCI Environmental & Engineering Service to perform as-needed homeless encampment clean-up services.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to approve amendments/change orders up to 10% of the purchase order amount necessary for the execution of the work.
- c. Approve the issuance of an annual purchase order to HCI Environmental & Engineering Service from February 8, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the total amount of \$280,000 for as-needed homeless encampment clean-up services.
- d. Authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from the Measure X Fund 120 to the Police Department's HOPE Team operating budget for professional contractual services for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

Motion APPROVED (5 to 0)

6.7 INNOVATION CENTER AND ADULT READING AREA FURNITURE PURCHASE WITH YAMADA ENTERPRISES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,410.33

The Council had inquiries, and Daniell Whittington, Library Manager, provided a report and clarification.

Council Member Daddario made a motion to bring this item back to a future City Council meeting with warranty information.

Moved by: Tony Daddario
Seconded by: Wes Speake

That the City Council:

- a. Determine under Corona Municipal Code 3.08.125(A) that competitive bidding has been satisfied as provided for in the “Basis for Determination of Competitive Bidding” section of this agenda report.

- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to issue a purchase order with Yamada Enterprises for the Innovation Center and Adult Reading Area furniture at the Corona Public Library in the amount of \$199,410.33.

Aye (3): Jacque Casillas, Wes Speake, and Tony Daddario

Nay (2): Tom Richins, and Jim Steiner

MotionAPPROVED (3 to 2)

6.8 ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT AND AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS

The speaker withdrew his speaker card.

Moved by: Wes Speake
Seconded by: Jim Steiner

That the City Council:

- a. Authorize the submittal for and acceptance of the Federal Department of Homeland Security Program through the State of California, Riverside County’s Fiscal Year 2023 State Homeland Security Program Grant award in the amount of \$218,000.

- b. Approve an appropriation and estimated revenue increase of \$218,000 within the Reimbursement Grants Fund 480 for the Police Department to purchase hand-held radios, which will be reimbursed with the above-noted grant funds.

- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of twenty-six (26) APX NEXT multi-band portable radios and associated accessories, in an amount of \$218,000.

- d. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any grant-related agreements or amendments necessary to complete this purchase, subject to legal and financial review.

- e. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute any non-substantive extensions, amendments, and change orders up to \$21,800 or 10% of the original purchase order amount as provided by the Corona Municipal Code (CMC) Section 3.08.060(j).

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

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

6.9 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,600 FOR THE LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM

Council Member Daddaro had inquiries, and Daniell Whittington, Library Manager, provided a report.

Moved by: Tony Daddario
Seconded by: Jim Steiner

That the City Council:

- a. Accept grant funding in the amount of \$12,600 from the California State Library for the 2026 Lunch at the Library Program.
- b. Authorize an appropriation and estimated revenue increase in the amount of \$12,600 to the Community Services Department's operating budget in the Library-Other Grants Fund 415.
- c. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to budget accordingly if the California State Library distributes additional funds to Lunch at The Library participants.

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

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

6.10 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 152 TO BE LEVIED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO LEVY AND COLLECT THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-008, regarding County Service Area 152 and setting the Benefit Assessment Unit Rate for Fiscal Year 2027 for the City of Corona to fund the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program.

6.11 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SUBMISSION AND PUBLIC RELEASE OF CORONA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT AND RENEWING ORDINANCE NO. 3347

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-006, acknowledging the submission and public release of the Corona Police Department 2025 Annual Military Equipment Report (Policy 709 and AB 481) and renewing Ordinance No. 3347 which adopted Policy 709.

6.12 WAIVER FROM CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.60.080 ON THE UNDERGROUNDING OF EXISTING OVERHEAD UTILITY WIRES LOCATED ALONG 220 VIOLET STREET (APPLICANT: LINDA DANIELA RODRIGUEZ CHAVEZ)

Council Member Daddario had inquiries, and Chris Horn, Development Services Manager, provided clarification.

The following residents addressed the Council to provide comments on the proposed item: Joe Morgan and Don Fuller.

Moved by: Jim Steiner

Seconded by: Wes Speake

That the City Council grant a waiver from Section 15.60.080 of the Corona Municipal Code for the undergrounding of poles and overhead utility wires located along the frontage of 220 Violet Street.

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

MotionAPPROVED (5 to 0)

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following residents addressed the Council: Joe Morgan, Bryce Mason, Ashley Kaiser, Mark Fogel, Chris McCoy, Adrian Aros, Diego Coronado, Maddy Paxton, Amanda Diaz, Don Fuller, Robert Mirshafiee, and Joan Jacobs.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9.1 COUNCIL MEMBER SPEAKE'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE CITY FACILITIES TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FREE OF CHARGE

The following residents addressed the Council regarding the item: Chris McCoy, Amanda Diaz, Alan Vargas, Katie Bourgeois, Dean DiPaolo, Adrian Aros, Damien Jones, Diego Coronado, Joe Morgan, Nancy Jimenez Hernandez, Dale Ploung, Joyce Sanchez, Marie Anderson, Hector Pereyra, and Robert Mirshafiee.

The Council provided comments.

Council Member Steiner made a motion to approve Option 1.

Moved by: Jim Steiner

Seconded by: Jacque Casillas

That the City Council provide direction on Council Member Wes Speake's request to provide City facilities to government agencies free of charge.

Aye (4): Jacque Casillas, Tony Daddario, Tom Richins, and Jim Steiner

Nay (1): Wes Speake

Motion APPROVED (4 to 1)

10. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

None.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

11.1 Library Board of Trustees

THIS REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

11.1.a Library Report - January 2026

11.1.b Collections Report

11.1.c Black History Month Celebration

11.1.d Cookie Decorating and a Movie

11.1.e Partner Paint & Sip

11.2 Planning & Housing Commission

None.

11.3 Parks & Recreation Commission

THIS REPORT WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

11.3.a Community Services Report - January 2026

11.3.b City Park Final Design Update

11.3.c Senior Center Updates

11.4 Regional Meetings

11.4.a UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER JIM STEINER ON THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Council Member Steiner provided an update.

11.4.b UPDATE FROM COUNCIL MEMBER TOM RICHINS ON THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY (RCHCA) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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Council Member Richins provided an update.

- 11.4.c UPDATE FROM VICE MAYOR WES SPEAKE ON THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (RCA) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Vice Mayor Speake provided an update.

- 11.4.d UPDATE FROM VICE MAYOR WES SPEAKE ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Vice Mayor Speake 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

The Council provided comments.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 15.1 DOWNTOWN UPDATE (STAFF) MARCH 4, 2026
- 15.2 UPDATE OF CHAPTER 5.34 PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS (W. SPEAKE) MARCH 18, 2026
- 15.3 CITY PARK SPONSORSHIPS (STAFF) MARCH/APRIL 2026
- 15.4 PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF CORONA SINCE 2019 (W. SPEAKE) MARCH/APRIL 2026
- 15.5 EXPLORE THE LEGALITIES OF REQUIRING CUP'S FOR OUTPATIENT DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CLINICS (W. SPEAKE) MARCH/APRIL 2026
- 15.6 SPRING FINANCIAL WORKSHOP (STAFF) APRIL 9, 2026
- 15.7 THIRD PARTY SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY (STAFF) APRIL/MAY 2026
- 15.8 E-BIKE MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE (STAFF) APRIL/MAY 2026

16. ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on March 4, 2026. Mayor Casillas adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.