

City of Corona

400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882



Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

5:00 PM

Closed Session Council Board Room
Open Session Council Chambers

City Council

**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF
CORONA/CORONA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/CORONA UTILITY
AUTHORITY/CORONA
HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

*Karen Spiegel, Mayor
Eugene Montanez, Vice Mayor
Randy Fox, Council Member
Dick Haley, Council Member
Jason Scott, Council Member*

**** REVISED AGENDA - ITEM No.18-1501 & ITEM No.18-1502 HAVE BEEN ADDED UNDER PROCLAMATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS/ PRESENTATIONS.****

5:00 P.M. CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

CITY COUNCIL

- A.** [18-1424](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)
Name of Case: Margaret Bell v. City of Corona
Case Number: WCAB Case Number(s) ADJ8518561; ADJ8518596;
ADJ10548481
- B.** [18-1481](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (1)
Name of Case: J.L., a minor, through his guardian ad litem Lisa Alvarez v. City of Corona
Case Number: Riverside County Superior Court Case No. RIC1608999
(Consolidated with RIC1610389 & RIC161001)
- C.** [18-1492](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (4)
Initiation of litigation
Number of potential cases: 1
- D.** [18-1482](#) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Name of Agency Negotiator: Darrell Talbert, City Manager
Name of Employee Organization: Corona Fire Association
- E.** [18-1483](#) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Name of Agency Negotiator: Darrell Talbert, City Manager
Name of Employee Organization: Corona Police Supervisors Association
- F.** [18-1484](#) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Name of Agency Negotiator: Darrell Talbert, City Manager
Name of Employee Organization: Corona Police Employees Association

Rollcall

Present: 4 - Karen Spiegel, Eugene Montanez, Dick Haley, and Jason Scott

Absent: 1 - Randy Fox

INVOCATION - Stephen Collins, Inland Vineyard Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Dominic Thorp

6:30 P.M. CONVENE OPEN SESSION

Mayor Spiegel called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. [18-1479](#) Presentation: City Treasurer Investment Update

City Treasurer Chad Willardson provided a report.

Wes Speake addressed the Council to express his appreciation to Mr. Willardson.

B. [18-1501](#) Presentation: Finance Update by Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Kerry Eden

Kerry Eden, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director, provided a report.

Joe Morgan addressed the Council regarding this item, stating the Council has known about the pension problem for a long time and did not take action to address it.

Trevor Walsh, President of the Corona Firefighter's Association, addressed the Council regarding this item to state the actuarials used by PERS assume annual 3% raises. Ms. Eden stated the City is looking into purchasing software that would use accurate City numbers for this information. City Manager Darrell Talbert stated the PERS numbers are flawed and noted neighboring cities have additional sources of revenue that the City of Corona does not have.

Jason Perez, President of the Corona Police Officer's Association, asked who directed to ask for a 7% cut. He stated it breaks his heart to see what the decisions from the dais are doing to the City.

Council Member Scott stated it was the Council who asked for the 7% cut in order to keep the City sustainable.

Josh Wagner addressed the Council regarding the 7% cut, asking what meeting the Council made the decision to make that cut. City Manager Talbert stated it happened during his Closed Session City Manager review.

Council Member Montanez stated the City's Economic Development department has been doing a great job.

Council Member Haley stated this is a tough meeting and discussed the

financial situation.

Mayor Spiegel stated she has traveled to Sacramento to express her displeasure with CalPERS as we are a part of this system and cannot get out.

C. [18-1469](#)

Presentation: Economic Development Update on the Disposition & Development Agreement with Lab Holdings Inc.

Ryan Cortez, Economic Development Coordinator, provided an update on the Corona Mall escrow.

Joe Morgan addressed the Council regarding this item, stating Lab Corp did not come to Council with an update as promised and have been offering property owners below market prices.

D. [18-1502](#)

Presentation: Police & Fire Department Update on Child Safety

Mayor Spiegel expressed her appreciation to the Police and Fire Department for their assistance with two tragic incidents that happened over the weekend.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Russ Leonard addressed the Council regarding the recent Press Release the City put out on January 31 regarding Economic Development.

Tom Richens addressed the Council regarding transparency and discussed developer campaign contributions.

Don Fuller addressed the Council regarding developer campaign contributions and stated he can help with the deficit if Council Member Fox's charges to Washington D.C are paid back.

Paul De La Hoya addressed the Council regarding the employees who are leaving the City and the financial variances.

Josh Wagner addressed the Council regarding the cuts to CGEA benefits.

Lynsey Walker addressed the Council regarding the Press Release the City put out on January 31 regarding Economic Development.

Joe Morgan addressed the Council regarding the 7% budget cut decision made during Closed Session.

Giselle Sorial addressed the Council to provide updates from Assembly Member Cervantes office.

Roxanne Bickham addressed the Council regarding Relay for Life event on May 19.

April Shelby addressed the Council regarding CalPERS and the proposed 7% cut to the operating budget.

Wes Speake addressed the Council regarding the Council refurbishment, stating it is an improvement. He announced the upcoming Corona Historic Preservation Society event on February 10.

Devin Milligan addressed the Council regarding the comments made about comparable wages, noting discrepancies. He discussed employee shortages in his department which leads to diminished services for the community.

Linda Holdaway addressed the Council asking about any cuts made to upper management.

3. MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Montanez, seconded by Scott, that the Minutes be accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Spiegel, Montanez, Haley, and Scott

Absent: 1 - Fox

- A.** [18-1470](#) 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 Meeting of January 17, 2018.

This Minutes was approved.

- B.** [18-1487](#) 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 Special Meeting of January 29, 2018.

This Minutes was approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Montanez, seconded by Scott, that the Consent Calendar be accepted as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Spiegel, Montanez, Haley, and Scott

Absent: 1 - Fox

4. [18-1474](#) City Council and Corona Utility Authority consideration of Product Sales Agreement with Nutrients PLUS, LLC for the sale of biosolids produced at Water Reclamation Facility No. 1.

This Agreement was approved.

5. [18-1477](#) City Council Consideration of an Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Emergency Services between City of Corona Fire Department and March Air Reserve Base

This Agreement was approved.

6. [18-1478](#) City Council consideration to adopt Resolution No. 2018-007, ordering the summary vacation of drainage easements and a portion of a slope easement located at 515 South Promenade Avenue.

This Resolutions was adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 6:30 P.M.

None

8. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

None

9. REPORTS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS

None

10. CITY COUNCIL WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

11. [18-1488](#) Update from Mayor Karen Spiegel on the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Workshop of January 25-26, 2018.

Mayor Spiegel provided comments.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

No reportable actions.

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

15. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

A. Council Member Randy Fox

Council Member Foz was absent.

B. Council Member Dick Haley

Council Member Haley addressed the Council regarding comments made during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. He discussed the recent excellent customer service provided by the Maintenance Services department and thanked the employees of Corona.

C. Council Member Jason Scott

Council Member Scott had no further comments.

D. Vice Mayor Eugene Montanez

Council Member Montanez thanked the Police and Fire department employees for the job that they do.

E. Mayor Karen Spiegel

Mayor Spiegel thanked the Police and Fire departments for all of their work. She announced the following upcoming Community events: RCTC Open House at Nellie Weaver Hall in Norco February 9 and at Eagle Glen February 28; February 10 American Legion Awards Dinner Post 742; 2nd Tuesday of every month Run With A Cop on the City Hall South Lawn; February 10 Corona Youth Talent Show at Corona Public Library; February 22 Ladders and Linguine at the Corona Public Library; February 24 Circle City Rotary Fire and Ice Fundraiser.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Spiegel adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m., noted the two Study Sessions occurring in the month of February on the 13 and 28.