



City of Corona

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Minutes - Final

Infrastructure Committee

VICE MAYOR EUGENE MONTANEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER JASON SCOTT

ADVISORY MEMBER
COMMISSIONER JEFF RUSCIGNO

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

8:00 AM

Council Board Room

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Eugene Montanez at 8:00 am. In addition to the Committee Members, the following individuals were in attendance:

Darrell Talbert, City Manager	Joanne Coletta, Com. Dev. Dir.
Nelson Nelson, Public Works Dir.	Terri Manuel, Planning Manager
Zachary Murray, Utility Engineer	Dennis Ralls, Public Works Program Manager
Naomi Ramirez, Mgmt. Svcs. Asst.	Sgt. Mike Nielsen, Police Department

Others Present:

Joe Morgan, Resident

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Agenda Items

- A. [18-1809](#) Discussion on modified Truck Routes.
(Public Works)
Action: Information and Discussion

Mr. Dennis Ralls, Public Works Program Manager, discussed the proposed modifications to the City's truck routes. He stated that with the improvements made to the 91 Freeway and the modified bridges and roadways; alternate truck routes were necessary. The General Plan Technical Update will include the proposed modifications and incorporate the changes made. He also stated that the new truck route map will be uploaded to the City's website. He added that the truck routes will be enforced by the Corona Police Department during the installation of the street signs. Finally, he explained that with the modification of the truck

routes, some street segments will need to be resurveyed for official speed limits once the changes are implemented.

Mr. Ralls stated that the neighboring Cities of Riverside, Eastvale, Norco and County of Riverside modified their truck routes one year ago and the modifications made were successful. He elaborated on the need to re-survey the speed limits with a proposal sent to City Council for their approval.

Vice Mayor Eugene Montanez inquired about the enforcement by police for the trucks that park in the empty lots at Circle City Center. He has noticed that a few truckers congregate in the area and would like Corona PD to enforce the overnight parking rules.

B. [18-1811](#)

Presentation of Rincon Street Substation Project.

(Public Works)

Action: Information and Discussion

Mr. Zach Murray, Utility Engineer, discussed the proposed construction of the Rincon Street Substation site. He distributed an exhibit depicting the plan to construct a substation at 1138 West Rincon Street. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) will be provided with an electrical source from Southern California Edison to distribute electrical power to three large manufacturing buildings and in the long-term provide electrical power to the DWP facilities.

Mr. Murray elaborated on the landscaping plans of the project. The major variance for landscape would eliminate 15 feet of landscape to maximize the beneficial use of the site for the Developer and for DWP. He discussed the installation of screen trees to block the equipment and mentioned there were no residences near the project. He discussed that the location of the substation was selected to maximize the benefit to the city and the developer. He added that the costs for the project was still being evaluated by the civil engineer and the city would have the final costs in the following weeks. Mr. Murray stated that the project was still under development and would be subject to change, as an approval was pending with Southern California Edison.

Council Member Jason Scott inquired about the size of trees that would be planted. Mr. Murray stated that the developer, Shea Homes, would plant the size necessary, up to 20 feet tall, to cover the 6 foot. wall and equipment of the substation. All planting materials would also be reviewed and approved by the Planning Department.

- C. [18-1814](#) Discussion on potentially amending the city's sign ordinance to allow more than three tenants to advertise on a commercial center pylon sign.

(Community Development)

Action: Information and Discussion

Ms. Joanne Coletta, Community Development Director, briefed the committee on a recurring topic related to commercial signage and presented photographic examples of parcel identification signs located at various existing commercial centers across the city. The proprietors of the Temescal Village Plaza located at Magnolia Avenue and Rimpau Avenue have approached the city for more tenant sign space on the center's sign represented by a photo-simulation with an additional tenant sign. The center currently has three tenants (the maximum allowed for conventionally zoned areas) plus the name of the center. Ms. Coletta showed other examples of commercial center signs located within specific plan areas that have different regulations allowing for more tenants or flexibility in locations such as Eagle Glen which can have four panels and signs on one street frontage and can be foregone to increase the number on another frontage. In order for conventionally zoned centers to have additional signage, it would require a zone text amendment, and the committee's input is requested before such a staff-initiated amendment would be undertaken.

General discussion took place revealing that LED panels are permitted on collector street and greater frontages and that the signs depicted in the exhibits are now non-conforming as the sign code, having been changed numerous times in the past, now restricts such signs to 15 feet in height.

Vice Mayor Montanez expressed his concern with starting the trend that could evolve into even more sign faces being requested in the future and that his preference would be for a second sign on the Magnolia frontage.

Council Member Scott with concurrence from Commissioner Ruscigno also expressed concern about levels of distraction with more signage, especially with LED panels.

Mr. Joe Morgan, Resident, asserted that he believes there should be public input on the topic.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Ryan Cortez stated that two national brands have chosen not to sign leases without the additional signage.

Ms. Coletta explained that the city's sign ordinance has been one of the most difficult on-going topics in the city, and changes should have input from a broader base of business owners.

City Manager, Darrell Talbert, stated that the topic should be led by the business owners and the Chamber of Commerce, and should be tabled by city staff until such time occurs.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.