



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Hill
Dickison
Zuniga
Turner
Strack**

Mayor:

All Council members were present.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:01 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 54957.6:

Agency negotiator: William May, Labor Relations Consultant; Negotiation with Management Employees.

D. RECONVENE AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Strack reported that the Council met and gave the Labor Negotiator direction.

E. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Stephen Kimbrough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Strack acknowledged the loss of long time past City employee Sally Martin.

F. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CORNING CITY COUNCIL AND CORNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD:

Mayor Strack introduced Helen Pitkin, Chairperson of the Elementary School Board who opened the School Board meeting for discussion and then turned the microphone over to Elementary School Superintendent Stephen Kelish.

Corning City Council Members:

Gary Strack, Mayor
Becky Hill, Vice Mayor/Council
Darlene Dickison, Council
Yvette Zuniga, Council
Ross Turner, Council

Corning Elementary School Board Trustees:

Ronda Holland
Shanna Long
Marty Mathisen
Helen Pitkin
Laura D. Crane

All members of City Council and School Board were present except School Board Trustee Ronda Holland.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Presentation by Stephen Kelish, Superintendent, Corning Elementary School District:

Mr. Kelish presented an overview of the Corning Family Resource Center proposal to the S.H. Cowell Foundation to move forward towards completion and submission of various Grant Applications for a variety of services for the Corning Community. Mr. Kelish introduced Carol Curry, Corning Family Resource Center Director and presented the vision for the partnership with the S.H. Cowell Foundation. He explained that this foundation covers five major areas of

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investment in Communities, three of which will apply to potential Grant Applications submitted for the Corning Community. These areas are: Youth Development, Family Resource Centers, and K-13 Education. Mr. Kelish stated that these Grants have the potential of a \$250,000 to \$500,000 total investment per year to fund various activities and organizations, etc. within the Corning Community.

Mr. Kelish informed the Council, School Board Trustees and audience that the Cowell Foundation will not consider Grant Applications unless the community can come together to accomplish these dreams. By community he stated he means the School Districts, City Council, Family Resource Center, etc. He stated that Carol Curry from the Family Resource Center had been contacted by the S.H. Cowell Foundation with a request for submittal of mini Grant Applications and was told to dream big. Mr. Kelish presented a power point program outlining the various projected dream programs, existing and proposed organizations, School and City activities etc. that are hoped to benefit from these joint grants. He also stated activities currently being discussed for mini-grants, such as a basketball league (Corning Rotary has discussed helping with funding for equipment), a Boys and Girls Club, etc. He further stated that the fact that we could have a joint meeting tonight to share our resources and facilities towards projects such as this is a first step. Mr. Kelish stated that between the City, the School District and the Family Resource Center, one of the first things they would like to look at is a Grant for a Diversion Councilor to provide counseling with their parents under the umbrella of the Police Department.

Mr. Kelish and Ms. Curry stated their belief that the Foundation is looking for the Community to apply for some initial mini-grants so that the Foundation can gauge the success rate prior to future investments.

Mayor Strack asked if there was a timeline. Carol Curry stated that she didn't think that there was a timeline, however the City might want to contact Nina Goldman with the S.H. Cowell Foundation to confirm this. Mayor Strack asked the City Manager and City Clerk to schedule discussion of this on the City Council Agenda in January.

School Board Trustee Shana Long asked if the City would apply for a Basketball League Grant or if it would be a joint venture with the School Board? Mr. Kelish answered stating that the City could take the lead and state in the Grant Application that the School Board has volunteered their gym facilities. School Board Trustee Marty Mathisen stated that he had recently attended a meeting with the California School Board Association and discussed similar programs and stated that they might be able to assist with some additional funding.

After presentation completion and discussion, at 8:12 p.m. School Board Trustee Helen Pitkin adjourned the School Board meeting to the regularly scheduled School Board Meeting tomorrow night.

Mayor Strack stated that there would be a five-minute recess and the Council meeting would resume at 8:17 p.m.

The Council meeting was called back to order at 8:17 p.m. by Mayor Strack.

G. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITION'S, APPOINTMENTS: None.

H. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Danny Dunigan addressed the Council and thanked everyone assisting with the Theatre Restoration.

I. CONSENT AGENDA: It is recommended that items listed on the Consent Agenda be acted on simultaneously unless a Councilmember or members of the audience requests separate discussion and/or action.

2. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.
3. Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting with any necessary corrections.
4. December 5, 2007 Claim Warrant - \$200,362.75.
5. December 5, 2007 Business Licenses.
6. November 2007 Building Permits - \$253,481.09.
7. November 2007 Treasurer's Report.
8. November 2007 - ECO Resources, Inc. Wastewater Operation Summary Report.
9. Final Tract Map 07-1001, Accept Public Dedications and authorize the City Clerk to sign Final Map; Blossom Avenue Infill Project; Self Help Home Improvement Project.
10. Resolution No. 12-11-07-02 Designating a new Crosswalk on Marguerite Avenue south of the Almond Street/Marguerite Avenue intersection and authorizing installation of "Pedestrian Crossing" signs and addition speed limit signs.

Mayor Strack stated that he would like to remove Consent Agenda Item 10 for further discussion. Councilor Turner motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-9. Councilor Hill seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

10. Resolution No. 12-11-07-02 Designating a new Crosswalk on Marguerite Avenue south of the Almond Street/Marguerite Avenue intersection and authorizing installation of "Pedestrian Crossing" signs and addition speed limit signs.

Mayor Strack pulled Consent Agenda Item 10 for further clarification. Mayor Strack asked about the foot traffic at this intersection stating that most of the foot traffic he has noticed is at Carona Avenue. City Engineer Ed Anderson stated that there currently is a crosswalk at Carona Avenue. Councilor Turner asked if there would be a no parking zone adjacent to the crosswalk, he was informed that there would. With no further discussion, Councilor Hill motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item 10. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Mayor declares the Hearing open. ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

11. Tentative Parcel Map 07-20; Corning Healthcare District; to create four parcels in a C-1; Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Located at the southeast corner of Marguerite Avenue and Solano Street. APN 73-120-04, approximately 9.5 acres.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and Planning Director John Brewer briefly explained the project to the Council. Mr. Brewer stated that project surveyor Gary Hunt was in attendance to represent the Hospital District. Mayor Strack then opened the public hearing at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Hunt stated his appreciation to the City and City Staff and stated he was available to answer any questions. Councilor Hill stated that no conditions were listed referring to the 12 foot walking path along this section, and asked if this should be addressed? Mr. Brewer stated yes, this must have fallen through the cracks, we should have addressed this because there would need to be a

dedication of easement for the path. Mayor Strack asked if we should postpone this until the next meeting in January, or add the condition and move forward tonight. Mr. Brewer stated that his concern is that there is no appeal process for the applicant. Mr. Hunt asked whether they would have some sort of appeal process with the Council. City Attorney Michael Fitzpatrick stated they could approach the Council for an amendment to the tentative map.

At 8:37 p.m., with no further discussion, motion was made and seconded to close the Public Hearing. Councilor Hill then motioned to add Condition 18 to the Trail Dedication and Construction that states: Final map shall dedicate sufficient lot area to accommodate pedestrian trail along east bank of the Blackburn Moon Drain and abutting existing drainage easement and construct 12' paved trail or pay in lieu fees for that construction in conjunction with development of parcel 3. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

L. REGULAR AGENDA:

12. Rodger's Theatre Progress; Request Funding for Engineering.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. City Manager Kimbrough briefed the Council stating that the request is for the additional funding to pay for the engineering services. He also thanked the numerous volunteers associated with this program. He then briefed the Council on the expenses to date for the various projects from the marquee to electrical work, etc. Councilor Hill motioned approval of the Funding for Engineering Services and Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

13. Resolution No. 12-11-07-01; A Resolution of Intent to Vacate that portion of North Street between Third and Fourth Streets.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title stating that this is to set the date for the January 8th City Council meeting. Councilor Hill motioned approval for setting the Public Hearing date for this item to January 8, 2008. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Hill, Dickison, and Zuniga. Opposed: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Strack and Turner. Motion was approved by a vote of 3-0 with Strack and Turner abstaining.**

14. Introduction of Ordinance 628 Rescinding Section 10.28.165 of the Corning Municipal Code regarding Limited Parking on Gardiner (Blackburn) and Edith Avenues. (First Reading)

Mayor Strack introduced the Ordinance by title and with Staff gave a brief explanation for rescinding the previous Ordinance. Councilor Turner motioned approval of introduction and first reading of Ordinance 628. Councilor Zuniga seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Hill, Dickison, Zuniga and Turner. Opposed: None. Absent/Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.**

15. Consider Closure of City Offices on Monday, December 31, 2007.

Mayor Strack and Councilor Hill stated that they would like to see the office remain open. By Council consensus City Hall will not be closed.

M. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None.

N. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

O. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

16. Hill: None

17. Dickison: Reported on dedication at Fire Department stating that she was disappointed more people and Staff did not attend.

18. Zuniga: None.

19. Turner: Reported on Library Luncheon and requested that we get the Council room heating system repaired prior to the next meeting.

20. Strack: None.

P. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:49 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk