



**CITY OF CORNING  
SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
794 THIRD STREET**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 11:00 a.m.**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:**

**Toni Parkins  
John Leach  
Darlene Dickison  
Dave Linnet  
Gary Strack**

**Mayor:**

All members of the City Council were present.

The **Brown Act** requires that the Council provide the opportunity for persons in the audience to briefly address the Council on the subject(s) scheduled for tonight's closed session. Is there anyone wanting to comment on the subject(s) the Council will be discussing in closed session? If so, please come to the podium, identify yourself and give us your comments.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION SUBJECTS:**

Ross Turner addressed the Council stating that he understands that you, as a governing body, cannot make any decisions today or comments as these are personnel issues, however he asked the following questions:

1. This Legislation was adopted and signed by Governor Brown in the latter part of December with pretty much unanimous support, he stated that his question is why it took the City of Corning, with their legal advice, not to be aware of this until such a late point in time?
2. In the Corning and Red Bluff papers press release, it stated that the Police Chief's position was different than this (City Manager's) because of the appointment by the City Manager of the Police Chief. He stated that it is his understanding, that the position is recommended by the City Manager, but it is the vote of the City Council that is a confirmation or denial of that position. When did the Police Chief position become appointed by the City Manager and not the Council?

Mayor Strack responded stating that the City Attorney would look into this question and report back. He further stated that the minutes at that time should reflect what occurred.

3. He then asked about the timing of this meeting. He stated he understands that the meeting was scheduled to accommodate those members of the Council who work. However he finds it very ironic that with this situation which could affect the City for the next two years, as the projected longevity of these two positions, the Police Chief and City Manager, that the meeting is scheduled for a time when members of the business community and potential applicants could not attend.
4. Will the job description for the Consultant position, if procedures are followed, will that position be flown or posted as a position for public applicants to be looked into as a potential Consultant, or will that position be tailored to satisfy a need to certain people?

Mayor Strack stated that Mr. Turner was correct in that the meeting was scheduled to allow for all members of the Council to be present at this meeting, unfortunately some members of the City Council do have jobs. He also stated that any decision will be open for discussion at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting so that public will have the opportunity to provide their input.

**D. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 11:05 a.m.**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Pursuant to California Government Code, Section 54957):**

Title: City Manager position to be filled if and when vacated by Stephen J. Kimbrough.

Title: Public Works Director position to be changed if current Director, John Brewer, is appointed as City Manager.

**E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 1:05 p.m.**

Mayor Strack reconvened the meeting and reported the following:

The Council in closed session discussed options available for replacing the City Manager as of the end of February. They directed the City Attorney to prepare a Staff Report for the Council's meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup> which will outline the different options available to the Council. These options are:

1. Hire a permanent, full-time replacement for Mr. Kimbrough.
2. Hire an interim City Manager whose primary role would be to assist in recruiting a permanent replacement for Mr. Kimbrough.
3. Move Public Works Director John Brewer into the position of City Manager/Public Works Director, and bring back Mr. Kimbrough as a Consultant on a contract basis to assist strictly in the area of budgeting of City finances.

At the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup> the Council will receive public input and discuss all of these options, and discuss their financial impact on the City. Council will make a decision at this meeting on which option to implement.

A copy of the closed session report as well as the Resolution and Ordinance relating to Mr. Turner's question on the initial employment of the Police Chief were presented to Mr. Turner.

Mayor Strack stated that there are no plans for any meetings to discuss this further prior to the February 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Julie Zeeb of the Red Bluff Daily News asked if there was a reason behind the possible combining of the City Manager and Public Works positions...is there a reason behind that; is the reason financial? Mayor Strack stated yes, and all three options will be discussed and how they relate to City finances.

**F. ADJOURN: 1:06 p.m.**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**