



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

The City of Corning welcomes you to our meetings, which are regularly scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Your participation and interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

Darlene Dickison

Dave Linnet

Tony Cardenas

Willie Smith

Mayor:

Gary Strack

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 COMMENTS: Mayor Strack announced that the City Manager John Brewer and City Engineer Ed Anderson would first present the PowerPoint Presentation and then Council will accept questions.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 1. Presentation and discussion of the Solano Street Transportation Enhancement Project which encompasses Solano Street between Third and Hoag Streets.**

Following the PowerPoint Presentation, the following questions/statements were accepted:

Mr. Nash of Nash's Olive Oil: Confirmed that the location where the saw cutting will take place would be a foot away from the structure of the building. Mr. Brewer stated the City would have to obtain property owner's permission. Mr. Nash stated his opinion that we need to do something at the City's entrance to draw people into the downtown.

Shirley Davies: Stated her agreement with Mr. Nash that we need signage highlighting our downtown to entice visitors to this area and support businesses located there. She also stated she is in favor of the three lane configuration installation on Solano Street.

Dave Demo: Announced that he is not in favor of the 3-lane configuration, stating his concern that it would adversely affect emergency vehicle traffic. He also doesn't feel that we need to tear up downtown Corning at a cost of \$2.2 million, if it isn't broke, don't fix it. Mr. Demo stated his belief that the 6th Street Traffic Signal needs to be moved to West Street for the safety of the children.

Ross Turner: Stated he saw no CEQA reference to St. Elizabeth's Ambulance Service or Corning Rural Fire Department in regards to traffic issues. He also stated he doesn't think that intersection bulbs would serve any purpose.

Susan Price: Wondered what thoughts the Police Chief had regarding the three lane configuration and whether it will slow traffic.

Melodie Poisson: Thanked City Staff for the work put into this project and voiced her concern regarding installation of bike lanes in the downtown explaining that it is a main thoroughfare for Semi Truck traffic, etc. She suggested bike lanes on side streets rather than Solano Street.

Lenny Barbo: Stated his agreement with Melodie Poisson in reference to the bike lanes. He also stated that he would like to see the amber lights in the crosswalks, such as those recently installed in Los Molinos.

Lisa Rodriguez: Stated that the sidewalks on Solano Street are in terrible repair and have caused injuries especially to elderly. She also stated her agreement that the three lane configuration would slow traffic and the bike lanes would encourage foot traffic and green activity to the downtown. Ms. Rodriguez encouraged diagonal parking.

City Engineer Ed Anderson: Explained that Caltrans suggested the installation of the bike lane, however they will not hold us to it.

Mr. Nash: Stated that by 2020 it will be a Federal general requirement to add bike lanes that will also accommodate ADA.

Steve Kimbrough: Stated that although he hates bike lanes he agreed with Mr. Nash, it will be mandatory in the future. He stated that he agrees with keeping the existing light poles and hopes that the City does keep the extension of Martini Plaza.

Mr. Brewer stated that Caltrans suggested the bike lane and that the City was informed that the addition of this might increase our chance of obtaining the grant.

Paulyne White stated that Hometown Revitalization agrees it is time to change the trees and suggested installation of planters in some areas and announced that Hometown Revitalization is willing to help in any way they can. Ms. White further stated that she and Yvonne Boles distributed flyers to 46 downtown businesses, of those, she spoke with roughly 18 individuals and only one took issue with the three lane configuration. This individual later changed their mind in favor of it. Yvonne Boles spoke on memorial bricks, etc.

Mayor Strack concluded that having the input received tonight, the only issue that might require additional discussion by the Council is the three lane configuration on Solano Street.

Shirley Davies publically thanked Lisa Rodriguez for her enthusiastic support in the beautification of our downtown and stated if Hometown Revitalization and the Pay It Forward Group continue to work together we can accomplish so much.

Lisa Rodriguez suggested wiring existing light poles with a sound system for downtown events.

Councilman Linnet stated his belief that Los Molinos doesn't have as much cross traffic as Corning and suggested four-way stops at West St., Third St. and First Street in lieu of Traffic Signals.

E. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Strack announced a five minute recess before reconvening regular Council meeting.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk