



**CITY OF CORNING
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012
7:30 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

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

Mayor:

All members of the Council were present except Councilor Parkins.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilman John Leach.

Persons of no religious persuasion will not be expected in any manner to stand or to participate other than to remain quiet out of respect for those who do choose to participate.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS: None.

F. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ross Turner thanked the Council and Staff for their work with the County on north Marguerite Avenue in front of the Airport. He stated his concerns regarding the culvert which goes under Marguerite Avenue and dead ends on the east side of the street on County property, the water will continue to sit on both sides of the street undermining our improvements. City Manager Brewer stated that the area Mr. Turner mentions drains to the west across the airport property to a small ephemeral drain that runs parallel to the runway. He further stated that the City is adding an additional culvert pipe underneath Marguerite Avenue that will double the drainage size there that will connect with the existing system that goes under the Hangars and across the Airport.

G. 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.

- 1. Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
- 2. Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the following City Council Meetings with any necessary corrections:
 - a) May 22, 2012 Special Closed Session and City Council Meeting; and**
 - b) June 12, 2012 City Council Meeting.****
- 3. June 20, 2012 Claim Warrant - \$200,388.28.**
- 4. June 20, 2012 Business License Report.**
- 5. Adopt Resolution No. 06-26-2012-02 Establishing an Appropriations Limit for the City of Corning Fiscal Year 2012-2013 at \$10,864,523.**
- 6. Approve Agreement with Curiel Family Orchards for Maintenance and Harvesting of Olive Trees in Woodson Park and authorize the City Manager to Sign the Agreement.**

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7. Adopt Resolution 06-26-2012-03 setting the fees for City Candidate's Statement of Qualifications for the November 2012 Statewide Elections.

Mayor Strack confirmed that Item 5, the Appropriations Limit was in reference to the Gann Limit. Councilor Linnet requested to pull Consent Item 6 for further discussion.

Councilor Leach moved to approve Consent Items 1-5 and 7. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent: Parkins. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Parkins absent.**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

6. Approve Agreement with Curiel Family Orchards for Maintenance and Harvesting of Olive Trees in Woodson Park and authorize the City Manager to Sign the Agreement.

Councilor Linnet asked that they not prune the trees as much as in past to allow for some shade in the Park and asked if City Manager/Public Works Director John Brewer could speak to the Curiel's about this; Mr. Brewer stated he would.

With no other comments, Councilor Linnet moved to approve the Agreement with Curiel Family Orchards to maintain the olive trees and harvest the olives from the estimated 76 olive trees in Woodson Park and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. Councilor Dickison seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed/Abstain: None. Absent: Parkins. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Parkins absent.**

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

8. Adopt Resolution No. 06-26-2012-01 and Approve the 2012-2013 Program of Service and Annual Budget.

Mayor Strack introduced by title and City Manager Brewer stated that this is the final document. He stated that Councilor Dickison called in and noted some mistakes within the body of the Resolution, namely on page four, the copies Council has are the corrected copies. He stated that the changes requested by Council, namely the addition of the \$2,000 expenditure for the Solano Street strip signs on Interstate 5. The changes discussed at the last meeting have been incorporated and staff has provided new budget sheets for the Council. Mr. Brewer informed the Council that Budget Consultant Stephen Kimbrough was present in the audience to address any questions they might have.

Ross Turner: Stated that most Cities are now negotiating for employees to pay for retirement PERS costs. He is aware that new employees will be paying a share, however when the City proceeds into future labor negotiations, he encourages the Council seek existing employee contributions to PERS. He also stated that the in future he would like to see the benefits listed within the budget as was requested at the previous meeting, emphasizing that this is public information.

Councilor Dickison moved to adopt Resolution 06-26-2012-01 setting the appropriation and expenditure limits for all City funds to implement the 2012-2013 Program of Service and Annual Budget. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent: Parkins. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Parkins absent.**

9. Study Matter: Solano Street Median Turn Lane – East of Railroad Tracks.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title. City Manager/Public Works Director John Brewer stated that this is presented as a study matter to gauge if there is the interest on the part of the City Council to make this change in the way traffic flows on Solano Street from the Railroad to past Pear Street. The proposal is, once we've completed the paving, to install a median left turn lane. He stated the advantage that provides is particularly for vehicles making left turns in the

morning towards the High School. This would get them out of the travel lane and into a separate lane allowing traffic to continue to flow.

Mr. Brewer stated that this issue was visited about a year or so ago and wasn't acted on due to a cross street "grade" issue near Prune Street. He stated that what is presented tonight and shown on the drawings is about 1800 linear feet of a turn lane that goes from just east of the Railroad tracks up to the block between Pear and Prune Streets.

Councilor Dickison asked if Mr. Brewer had any idea of the added cost to the Solano Street project; Mr. Brewer stated he didn't at this time.

Councilor Linnet stated he would like to see a four-way stop at 1st and Solano to slow traffic rather than a median turn lane. Mayor Strack asked if legally a Stop Sign could be used to control the flow of traffic and he confirmed that the Third St.-Hwy. 99W/Solano Street is the next intersection scheduled for a traffic signal. He also stated that there is no other proposed traffic signals listed in the City's plans for traffic mitigation fees, this would need to be changed. Mr. Brewer stated that typically you don't like to have four-way stop signs on arterial streets and a four-way stop is usually a precursor to a traffic signalization. Mr. Brewer stated that it would be interesting to get the City Engineers input on a four-way stop sign intersection at that location.

By consensus of the Council, this will be brought back as a Resolution at a future meeting.

10. Authorize Public Works Director to solicit Bids for 2012 Repaving and Waterline Installation Project.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager/Public Works Director Brewer outlined the locations for the proposed repaving project and the waterline installation project on Blackburn Avenue in front of the High School.

Councilor Dickison moved to authorize Staff to solicit Bids for the 2012 Repaving and Waterline Extension Project. Councilor Leach seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent: Parkins. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Parkins absent.**

11. Industrial Wastewater Compliance Monitoring Contract Extension with Southwest Water Company.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Manager/Public Works Director John Brewer briefed the Council on the existing contract and outlined the needs and terms stated in the proposed contract extension. Mr. Brewer stated that Mitch Ampy of Southwest Water Company was present should the Council have any questions related to the Contract.

Councilor Leach moved to approve the Service Agreement with Southwest Water Company to provide industrial wastewater compliance monitoring services for the City of Corning and authorize the City Manager to sign the Service Agreement on behalf of the City. Councilor Linnet seconded the motion. **Ayes: Strack, Leach, Dickison and Linnet. Opposed: None. Absent: Parkins. Abstain: None. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with Parkins absent.**

12. Discussion and Formulation of Policy regarding Invocation at City Council Meetings.

Mayor Strack introduced this item by title and City Attorney stated that he researched this in the past and not much has changed. His advice to the Council is to prepare a written policy that limits the invocation presentation to the Council or Staff. Following some discussion, Council requested that the City Attorney prepare a Policy for presentation and action at the next meeting.

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

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

M. REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS: City Councilmembers will report on attendance at conferences/meetings reimbursed at City expense (Requirement of Assembly Bill 1234).

Parkins: Not present.

Leach: Reported on his attendance at the Community Action meeting in Red Bluff last Thursday stating that it was a long meeting but good discussion and turn out.

Dickison: Nothing for the City, however Jenessa is working hard at the Museum and making a lot of progress.

Linnet: The pay it forward group has also been working with Jenessa Geer Lowden.

Strack: Stated that he enjoyed his trip to Mexico, however we are very fortunate here in the States.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:02 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk