



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

**Council: Dave Demo
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Mayor: Robert Snow**

All members of the City Council were present.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 54957.6:

**Agency Negotiator: Greg Einhorn, Labor Relations Consultant
Bargaining Units: Management and Public Safety.**

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURUSANT TO SECTION 54956.9:

Name of Case: Kenneth Ahl v. City of Corning, Case No. 22C1211

E. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Snow reported that the Council met in Closed Session on two items. They provided Staff direction on Item one (1); and there was no reportable action on Item two (2).



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

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilor Hargens.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Safety Bargaining Unit Representative/Police Officer Eduardo Curiel: Addressed the Council regarding challenges facing this Agency in regard to retention, staffing, pay, and benefits stating that the Department has generally been paid 15-20% higher than surrounding jurisdictions.

Public Works Consultant/City Engineer Robin Kampmann: Presented an update on five (5) current City Projects which are:

- **Electronic Sign to be installed at the Transportation Center:** Sign has been delivered to the Corporation Yard. Staff have reached out to the Contractor that is under contract with the sign company to completed the installation. We anticipate an estimated installation date later this week.

- **Clark Park Parking Lot Paving Project:** As previously discussed, the Clark Park Parking Lot was separated from the Jennings Heights Road Maintenance Project due to the different type of work needed for the rehabilitation of the Parking Lot. Staff are working on determining the best and most cost-effective treatment for the Parking Lot.
- **Fence installation at Northside Park basketball courts:** With the recent holidays and storms, Staff has ad limited time to complete this project. As the weather improves, this project is a priority for Staff to complete.
- **Installation of Lights at the Community Park Basketball Courts:** Staff is having a difficult time locating light poles and lights that we can purchase without a long lead time. As soon as lights and the light poles are delivered installation will start.
- **City Plaza Demolition Project:** Due to the recent storms, PG&E has rescheduled their disconnection of the gas service on the site to late February. Staff has been working with the demolition Contractor and with this delay, it has been determined that the abatement Contractor will complete that work starting next Monday and then the demolition of the buildings will occur once PG&E is done with their work.

Karen Burnett: Thanked the City's Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent storms.

City Manager Miller: Also thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent storms.

Mayor Snow: Thanked the Public Works Department, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department, as well as local citizens assisting with addressing the damages and associated cleanup during the recent storms.

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 request 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 January 10, 2023 City Council Closed Session and Regular Agenda meeting with any with any necessary corrections:**
3. **January 18, 2023 Claim Warrant in the amount of \$690,147.93.**
4. **January 18, 2023 Business License Report.**
5. **Authorize payment of invoice #24227 in the amount of \$18,019.94 to R.E.Y. Engineers for the West Street School ATP Connectivity Project Engineering and Environmental Services.**
6. **Authorize payment of invoice #24228 in the amount of \$16,300 to R.E.Y. Engineers for the Olive View School ATP Connectivity Project Engineering and Environmental Services.**

Councilor Valerio moved to approve Consent Items 1-6; Councilor Demo seconded the motion.

Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

7. **Adopt Resolution 01-24-2023-03 approving an amendment to the Standard Agreement for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG- CV2 and CV3**

Presented by City Manager Kristina Miller who explained the need for the Resolution. .

Councilor Demo moved to approve Submission of Amendment to the 2020 CDBG Program Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) NOFA Dated December 18, 2020 allowing the City's COVID-19 Subsistence Payment Relief Program to provide 40 qualifying households with \$2,000 in utility assistance and up to 3-months' rental/mortgage assistance not to exceed \$6,000. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

8. **Ratify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the City of Corning Dispatcher's Bargaining Unit.**

This item was pulled from this Agenda and will be presented at a future meeting.

9. **Ratify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the City of Corning Management Bargaining Unit.**

This item was presented by City Manager Kristina Miller who stated that the proposed MOU is for a 3-year period and presented the other terms of the MOU.

Councilor Hargens moved to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the City of Corning Management Bargaining Unit for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

10. Adopt Resolution 01-24-2023-01 accepting a portion of the California Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Overage.

Presented by Police Chief Jeremiah Fears.

Councilor Snow moved to adopt Resolution 01-24-2023-01, thereby accepting the funds offered through the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) Front-Line Law Enforcement Allocation Grant Overage Monies in the amount of approximately \$20,000 to be spent toward the purchase of SWAT Training and SWAT Equipment. Councilor Demo seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

11. Adopt Resolution 01-24-2023-02 accepting the \$100,000 2022/23 California Citizens Options for Public Safety Grant.

Presented by Police Chief Jeremiah Fears.

Councilor Demo moved to adopt Resolution 01-24-2023-023 hereby accepting the funds offered through the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Front-Line Law Enforcement Allocation Grant and approve the use of these monies to continue funding a portion of one Police Officer's position. Councilor Hargens seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

12. Approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Contract 5-year term extension with Inframark.

Presented by Public Works Consultant/City Engineer Robin Kampmann and City Manager Kristina Miller. Mrs. Kampmann stated that there was an error in the amount listed under the Financial section of the Staff Report which stated that the City shall pay the Operator the compensation of \$1,812,196, the correct amount is \$956,098 (\$79,674.84 per month).

Councilor Demo moved to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Contract Extension with Inframark for a five-year term upon Contract approval by the City Manager and City Attorney. Councilor Hargens seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

13. Approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$64,591 for PSOMAS to complete Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Solano Street Improvement Project.

Presented by Public Works Consultant/City Engineer Robin Kampmann.

Mayor Snow stated his concerns regarding the delays going back and forth on billing. Councilor Lomeli stated she didn't understand how the project could go over budget by so much; the circumstances resulting in Change Orders associated with the cost increases/overages was explained by the PSOMAS Representative that was present. He stated that they would not be coming back for an additional amendment to cover additional costs, PSOMAS would absorb those costs. Councilor Hargens then moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$64,591 for PSOMAS to complete construction management and inspection services for the Solano Street Improvement Project. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

14. Approve installation of two new Pickleball practice walls at the Northside Park Courts and authorize appropriation of \$1,200 from General Fund Reserves for this installation.

Presented by Public Works Consultant/City Engineer Robin Kampmann. City Manager Miller stated that she was approached following the posting of the Agenda by the Pickleball Group and they have offered to donate the cost of materials for the construction of the practice walls.

Councilor Demo moved to approve the installation of two new Pickleball Practice Walls at the Northside Park Courts. Councilor Snow seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

15. Approve ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation pursuant to Corning Municipal Code Section 2.52.060 and Government Code Section 8630 following the recent severe storms.

Presented by City Attorney Collin Bogener who explained the process and stated some of the specific damages incurred by the City. He stated that the Mayor issue the Proclamation on January 20, 2023. The issuance of this Proclamation will enable the City to do some of the repair work without the necessity of going through the lengthy process with Fish & Game in regard to the creek beds and will allow the City to apply for emergency funding.

Councilor Demo moved to approve the ratification of Local Emergency pursuant to Corning municipal Code Section 2.52.60 and Government Code Section 8630 following the recent severe storms. Councilor Hargens seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Valerio, Hargens, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.** City Manager Miller then read the Emergency Proclamation.

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

L. COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND INFORMATION: City Clerk Lisa Linnet stated that the City received a Thank You card that will be presented at the next meeting.

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).

Demo: Thanked all City Departments and the public for assistance during the recent storms stating that it was a great community effort. He announced that he would be attending the Tehama County Transportation Commission Meeting next week.

Valerio: Announced that the Corning Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner is Saturday, January 28th; he stated that they actually sold out this year.

Hargens: Reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Mayor and Councilmembers 3-day Conference, it was very informative.

Lomeli: Stated that she also attended the 3-day Conference with Councilor Hargens. She brought back information for the other members of the City Council and stated she also found it to be very informative.

Snow: Thanked Staff and the public for assistance during the recent storms.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk



Item No.: G-3b

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