



**CITY OF CORNING  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

City Council Chambers, 794 Third Street, Corning, CA

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:12 p.m.**

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:** Dave Demo  
Jose “Chuy” Valerio  
Shelly Hargens  
Lisa Lomeli  
**Mayor:** Robert Snow

All members of the City Council were present.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**D. REGULAR AGENDA:**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9)  
Name of Case: Fountain v. City of Corning, Case No.24CI-000071

**E. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Snow reported that there were no reportable actions.**



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**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Council:** Dave Demo  
Jose “Chuy” Valerio  
Shelly Hargens  
Lisa Lomeli  
**Mayor:** Robert Snow

All members of the City Council were present.

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

**D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilwoman Shelly Hargens.**

**E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Proclamation: April 24, 2024 General Federation of Women’s Clubs “Federation Day” in the City of Corning. Present to accept the Proclamation was Betty Brown and members of the Corning Women’s Club.
2. Proclamation: Tehama County Peace Officers’ Memorial Day. Present to accept the Proclamation was Pat Hurton, retired CHP Sergeant.
3. Proclamation: May 2024 as Older Americans’ Month. Present to accept the Proclamation was Elaine Benwell, Elder Services Program Manager, Corning Healthcare District.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Danelle Eyestone of the Tehama County Association of Realtors spoke on the roles of the association.**

**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.**

4. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
5. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 City Council Regular meeting with any necessary corrections.**
6. **April 18, 2024 Claim Warrant in the amount of \$208,477.81.**
7. **April 18, 2024 Business License Report.**

Councilor Valerio moved to approve Consent Items 4-7; Councilor Hargens seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Hargens, Valerio, 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:**

8. **Public Hearing: Closeout of the 20-CDBG-CV2-3-0091-City of Corning COVID-19 Subsistence Payment Relief Program.**

City Manager Brant Mesker introduced this item. He stated the City had submitted an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development in response to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Coronavirus, Aie Relief, Economic Security Act (CDBG – CV2-3) requesting a funding allocation in the amount of \$200,000 which was approved. Utilizing \$174,000 of the funding allocation, the City was able to provide rent/mortgage and/or utility assistance to 78 households which benefited 14 residents and kept them safely/stably housed. Beneficiaries of the Subsistence Payment Relief Program were very low (30% LMI) and (50% LMI) low-income and moderate income (80% LMI) households in the City of Corning. Grant management costs were \$26,000.

City Manager Mesker announced that that the City has expended \$200,000 of the CDBG funding allocation to complete the Subsistence Payment relief Program. The City will not disencumber any funds as the Program expended the entire funding allocation. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to provide community members an opportunity to evaluate the performance of this program.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:55pm; with no comments received it was closed at 6:55pm.

Council Demo, having conducted the Public Hearing, moved to authorize Staff to complete the closeout process for the 20-CDBG-CV2-3-0091 City of Corning Covid-19 Subsistence Payment Relief Program. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Hargens, Valerio, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**J. REGULAR AGENDA:**

9. **Accept the Notice of Completion and authorize the release of retention funds in the amount of \$30,018.11 to Builder Solutions Inc. for the Olive View Elementary School Connectivity Project.**

Presented by Public Works Director Eli Stanley who stated that the project has been completed, inspected, and approved by Staff.

Councilor Hargens moved to accept the Notice of Completion, direct the Public Works Director to sign the Notice, authorize the City Clerk to record the Notice with the Tehama County Clerk and Recorder; and authorize the release of the Retention Funds to Building Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$30,018.11 35 days following the recording date. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Hargens, Valerio, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

10. **Approve Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$19,811.62 for Builder Solutions Inc. to add a driveway approach on Marin Street for equipment access to the West Street Elementary School campus for the West Street School Connectivity Project.**

Presented by Public Works Director Eli Stanley who stated that staff received a Change Order request from Builder Solutions, Inc. for a driveway approach needed on Marin Street to allow equipment access onto the West Street Elementary School Campus. If approved, the additional costs in an amount not to exceed \$19,811.62 would bring the total project costs for construction to \$658,049.39.

Following discussion, Councilor Demo moved to approve Contract Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$19,811.62 for Builders Solutions, Inc. to add a driveway approach on Marin St. for equipment access to the West Street Elementary School Campus for the West Street School Connectivity Project. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Hargens, Valerio, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**11. Approve proposed Management Unit Side Letter Agreement amending Section 1 Article 9 “Classification and Wages”, Section 9.3 of the Management Bargaining Unit Memorandum of Understanding to allow a 5% incentive increase in pay upon passing required tests and becoming a certified Building Official/Inspector.**

Presented by City Manager Brant Mesker who stated that the Side Letter is intended to amend the MOU adding language specifically relating to the Building Official receiving a 5% incentive as a result of obtaining Certified Building Official/Inspector Status by passing all required testing. In the current year it amounts to a \$2.11/hr. pay increase; in the 2024/25 fiscal year it would be a \$5,000 increase which can be budgeted appropriately.

Councilor Hargens moved to approve the City of Corning Management Union Side Letter Agreement regarding the five (5%) percent pay increase for Certified Building Official Status pay; Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Hargens, Valerio, and Lomeli. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

**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).

**Demo:** Reported on his attendance at the Tehama County Transportation Commission Meeting held yesterday reporting that they are working on a 1.7-mile path in Mineral. Councilor Demo thanked TRAX for being the designated driver and providing rides to over 200 Rodeo attendees. He also reported on his attendance at the Corning Senior Center Board Meeting.

**Valerio:** Announced the upcoming April 27<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Awards Night Dinner.

**Hargens:** No reports.

**Lomeli:** Reported on the 2x2x2 Meeting held here yesterday between City Council/Staff representatives and representatives from the Elementary and High School District.

**Snow:** Reported on the 2x2x2 Meeting and the Joint Planning/Council Meeting held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Brant Mesker announced the May 18<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Rolling Hills Casino’s “The Links” golf course; April 26<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce Snow Cone Event; and the April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am Children’s Memorial Flag Raising ceremony in front of City Hall in commemoration of all children touched by violence and abuse.

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:13pm**

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**Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk**