



**CITY OF CORNING
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET**

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A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Council:

**Dave Demo
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Shelly Hargens
Jose "Chuy" Valerio
Robert Snow**

Mayor:

All members of the City Council were present.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

D. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code § 54956.9.
One Case: City of Corning v. Trent Construction, et al., Case No.: CV24394.**

E. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: 6:30 p.m. Mayor Snow stated that there is no reportable action.



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C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilor Burnett.

E. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. **Presentation: Educational Presentation on the dangers of flavored tobacco by the California Health Collaborative with STATUS (Standing Tall Against Teens using Substances) Youth. Presented by Esther Craig, Dolores Vasquez, Petra Torres, Joanna Rodrigues, and Yuliana Moreno. They asked that this issue be placed on an upcoming City Council Meeting for discussion and possible action.**

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- 2. Presentation: City of Corning 2020 Fire Department Presentation by Fire Chief Tom Tomlinson.** Chief Tomlinson presented a list the Fire Department Vehicles, number of calls/responses, and total number of volunteer hours responding to these calls as well as the number of hours spent in training. He stated the cost for the Volunteer Firefighters safety clothing and he and one of the Volunteers provided a demonstration of some of the safety equipment utilized. Chief Tomlinson further explained that the Volunteer Department also, under a Mutual Aid Agreement, respond to assist CALFIRE, and neighboring jurisdictions when needed.

He announced that the Fire Dispatch is Center is open 24/7 and responds to calls for the City of Corning, the City of Orland, Artois, Capay, Butte City, Bayliss, Glenn Codora, and Ord Bend.

- City Manager Kristina Miller announced that the City's new website will be going live starting tomorrow afternoon.
- Tony Cardenas asked if the Council/Commission meetings are available online for people to follow; he was informed no, current City technology does not allow both in person and via zoom.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Diana Ramirez from Waste Management announced that their will be a delay in service from Waste Management in response to Memorial Day, collections will be off by one day. She also stated that there will be no interruption of service on July 4th.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

3. **Waive reading, except by title, of any Ordinance under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage, per Government Code Section 36934.**
4. **Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting with any necessary corrections.**
5. **May 19, 2021 Claim Warrant in the amount of \$146,639.09.**
6. **May 2021 Business License Report.**

Councilor Valerio moved to approve Consent Items 3-6; Councilor Burnett seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. 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: None.

J. REGULAR AGENDA:

7. **Authorize purchase & installation of new audible ADA Compliant Push Buttons at the four signalized intersections on Solano Street at a total combined cost of \$28,155.08, and direct Staff to budget for these costs as part of the 2021/2022 FY Budget utilizing Street Funds or General Funds.**

Presented by Public Works Consultant Robin Kampmann. Following discussion, Councilor Burnett moved to authorize Staff to purchase and install new audible ADA compliant push buttons at the four signalized intersections on Solano Street at a total combined cost of \$28155.08, and to fund this from the City's General Fund 001-9112-3000. Councilor Demo seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None.** Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

8. **Adopt Resolution No. 05-25-2021-01 temporarily suspending the Business License Fee requirements for businesses operating solely at City approved events and approve list of events.**

Presented by City Manager Kristina Miller who explained the City had been approached by members of the City's Chamber of Commerce requesting a waiver of Business License Fees for Chamber sponsored events.

Councilor Demo/ moved to approve Resolution No. 05-25-2021-01 Suspending the Business License Fee requirements for Businesses operating solely at City approved events, approve the Fee and License exemption for all Corning Chamber of Commerce Organized Events and City Sponsored Events, and direct Staff to evaluate whether a permanent exemption for City-sponsored events is warranted, and provide a report to the City Council. Councilor Valerio seconded the motion. **Ayes: Snow, Demo, Burnett, Valerio, and Hargens. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.** By a consensus of the City Council a permanent Ordinance will be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Direction to Staff regarding Murals and Design Guidelines in Commercial Zones.

Presented by City Manager Kristina Miller.

Mayor Snow stated he had no problem with the color of Miners Inn, would he have chosen it, probably not, but he doesn't have to look at it if he does not want to. He also stated he has no problem with the Murals; it looks better than looking at buildings that need painting. He stated he feels people should be more concerned with the dilapidation of buildings.

Councilor Demo stated that he doesn't care for the color of the Miners Inn. As for the Murals, he has no problem with them as long as they are not distasteful.

Councilor Hargens stated that she likes the murals, and as a business owner, she would not like someone telling her what color she could paint her building. However, she would not like to have someone in a residential area paint a building lime green near her.

Brian Inns stated his concern is only if something was painted that would distract drivers. Stephen Kimbrough stated his support of the murals.

The mural designer stated that the murals are important to the Tribe and hopes they will inspire community change and inspire the youth in the Community. He also spoke to the history that the murals display.

Julie Johnson stated that she is very excited by the murals, she thinks they are great. Jerry Lequia asked about something to encourage business owners and homeowners to spruce up their properties. City Manager Miller responded stating that the City has developed a new streamlined Code Enforcement Ordinance. She also announced some of the ideas in the works to also assist with this and stated that the City still has a façade 50/50 match grant for interested businesses; to date no one has taken advantage of this.

Tony Cardenas thanked the Council for their actions and decisions. He spoke about the enthusiasm in response to the murals. He suggested possibly creating an art committee to help make decisions and bring together artists for this so that possibly the Council would not have to utilize their time to review this.

An audience member stated that he was down where one of the murals were being painted; and the painters were surprised by the positive comments made by those that stopped and talked to them. He suggested having faith in our businesses and not waste time and money creating an Ordinance at this time.

Ross Turner stated that in years past there was a committee to review such items as murals. He stated that such a committee could possibly expedite the review/approval process.

Councilor Demo stated he would like to direct Staff to not take any action at this time; Councilor Burnett stated her agreement. Mayor Snow asked if there was anything in case law that would address this regarding vulgar items painted on buildings etc.; City Attorney Bogener responded stating that there was. Councilor Valerio asked if the City could open up some walls for a mural.

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: Attended the Tehama County Transportation Commission (TCTC) meeting yesterday.

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Burnett: Attended an event at the Rolling Hills Clinic.

Hargens: Nothing.

Valerio: Announced the Farmers Market will start on June 10th and reported on the Chamber of Commerce Diner stating the recipient of the Business of the Year award was Rosie Flores of Farmers Insurance.

Snow: Stated he also attended the Chamber Dinner.

City Manager Miller reported on her attendance at the Groundwater Committee as the City's representative. She stated that for more information and dates of the meetings you can email her. Councilor Demo asked if there was any talk about limiting the installation of orchards; Ms. Miller stated you can contact her if you have any questions about this.

N. ADJOURNMENT!: 8:00 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk