



ACTION MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
CORONA CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY OF CORONA/CORONA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/ CORONA UTILITY
AUTHORITY/CORONA HOUSING AUTHORITY
March 23, 2016

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Randy Fox, Dick Haley, Eugene Montanez, Jason Scott, Karen Spiegel
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Darrell Talbert, City Manager
Dean Derleth, City Attorney
Members of Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott called the Study Session to order at 3:36 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF "IN GOD WE TRUST" SIGN WITHIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Member Fox stated that he is in favor of having the mottos placed at the dais beneath the seal with a serif font in the bronze color.

Jean Gonzalez addressed the Council to express her desire for the logos to be placed in a position that is visible to the Council itself.

Ronald King addressed the Council to express his support for the motto to be centered below the seal at the dais.

Inja Lewis addressed the Council to express her support for the placement of the mottos with a serif font centered behind the dais.

Nick Manfred addressed the Council to thank them for placing the motto in the Council Chambers.

Rita Sandor addressed the Council to express her support for the mottos being placed at the sides of the Chambers behind the Treasurer and the City Clerk.

Kirk Bennett addressed the Council to support the serif font of the motto and to also suggest that we keep all of the mottos as they are currently placed as a mock-up.

Jeremy Mercer addressed the Council in support of having the mottos placed in the center of the dais beneath the seal with the serif font with his second choice being behind the dais.

Frank Zwayne addressed the Council to express his support of the mottos in the center of the Chambers.

Joe Morgan addressed the Council to state if the placement of the mottos is to guide the people of the room it should be placed where everyone can see it. He stated this is not about religion, it is about the motto and we should be mindful that we do not cross the two.

Josh Serrano addressed the Council to say there is such thing as tyranny of the majority. The minority also has a say and that is why there are elected officials. He feels placing the mottos on the sides of the Chambers is a good middle ground and the officials are here to serve everyone.

Virginia Coriddi addressed the Council in support of the mottos being placed in the Chambers.

Mike Rodriguez addressed the Council to express his support of the placement of the mottos, he prefers

them front and center either above or below the dais.

Don Fuller addressed the Council to express his support for placement of the mottos on the roof of the building so God can see it.

Mayor Scott stated he agrees that placing the mottos on the dais is not visible to the Council Members. Placement on the sides is visible to all, with backing behind it so that it can be legible above the lines on the wall.

MOTION was made by FOX, SECONDED by MONTANEZ to approve the placement of the mottos in the front and center of the dais in a serif font with the tonal bronze City logo in justified type.

**AYES: FOX, MONTANEZ
NOES: HALEY, SCOTT, SPIEGEL
ABSENT: NONE**

MOTION was made by HALEY, SECONDED by SPIEGEL to approve the placement of the mottos on the sides of the Chambers so it can be seen by everyone with a backing to make it prominently displayed, in a brown serif font, with “In God We Trust” behind the Treasurer and “E Pluribus Unum” behind the City Clerk.

**AYES: HALEY, MONTANEZ, SCOTT, SPIEGEL
NOES: FOX
ABSENT: NONE**

Mr. Jonathan Daly, General Manager, requested direction on the size of the font.

MOTION was made by HALEY, SECONDED by SCOTT to approve the mottos in an 8 inch font.

**AYES: FOX, HALEY, MONTANEZ, SCOTT
NOES: SPIEGEL
ABSENT: NONE**

Council discussion turned to the option of having the mottos together on both sides of the Chambers.

MOTION was made by FOX, SECONDED by SPIEGEL to approve the placement of the mottos on the sides of the Chambers so it can be seen by everyone with a backing to make it prominently displayed, in a brown serif 6 inch font, with both “In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum” behind the Treasurer and the City Clerk.

**AYES: FOX, SCOTT, SPIEGEL
NOES: HALEY, MONTANEZ
ABSENT: NONE**

The Council came to a consensus about the seal to stay the same color it currently is - the tonal brown/bronze.

3. DISCUSSION OF FACILITY NAMING POLICY

Library and Recreation Services Director David Montgomery-Scott provided a presentation on the City naming policy, which was originally discussed in October of 2015. The focus of the discussion is the naming of parks and large facilities, and the request is for direction as to expansion of the policy.

Council Member Montanez discussed the suggestion of removing naming rights from controversial companies, stating that is difficult to define.

Council Member Spiegel clarified that we are expanding the current policy to include naming rights for businesses that would like to invest, and discussed the pros and cons of a continuous investment.

Council Member Montanez stated if there is an investment into furnishings, there should be a differentiation as they are not permanent fixtures and will need to be replaced after a period of time.

Vice Mayor Haley does not want the naming policy to change in a way that makes it seem as if the town has been sold out; he does like the idea of elegant simplicity.

Council Member Fox is satisfied with the expanded naming policy as presented.

Mayor Scott is not in support of naming rights when it's for a stipulated period of time as it can be confusing to the public.

City Manager Darrell Talbert thanked the Council for their direction and stated they would amend the policy and bring it back to the full Council.

4. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICTING PROJECT WITH NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS CORPORATION

Justin Levitt of National Demographics Corporation (NDC) provided a presentation of the districting criteria based on federal laws and traditional redistricting principles. He provided three draft maps based on this criterion, and noted they were initial proposals that will be modified and amended based on feedback from the community. Mayor Scott wants a forum on a weekday evening and on a weekend.

Mr. Levitt provided the districting criteria based on federal laws and traditional redistricting principles. He provided three initial draft proposal maps.

Council Member Montanez says sample Map B looks gerrymandered; as Sierra del Oro and South Corona shouldn't be together. He prefers Map C.

Council Member Spiegel stated if the purpose is fairness for the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), all of the Latinos are in one area on all of the maps within the downtown circle area. She prefers Map A.

Vice Mayor Haley asked about the difference between the CVRA and the FVRA. Mr. Levitt explained the Federal law applies when you already have districts, whereas State law is for those cities that do not yet have districts.

Council Member Fox prefers Map A.

Eugene asked if the maps at the public meetings will be modifiable so the public will immediately know if the maps they suggest will be viable under the CVRA. Mr. Levitt stated that can be done, but it will be difficult.

Don Fuller addressed the Council regarding the community forums and where they will be held. Mr. Levitt stated they may be held throughout the cities.

Joe Morgan said Maps A and C look reasonable and agrees with Council Member Montanez. Mr. Morgan wants the Council to present it as a positive thing and to support it and not as a reluctant thing that is being done so that we don't get sued. He asked what would happen if Council Members are together in a district when the districts were and what the transition process would be. Mr. Levitt said that the decision will have to be made as to which districts are up for election at which cycle.

Virginia Coriddi addressed the Council to request the downtown/Circle area be kept intact. She is in support of Map A and B, even though she doesn't think Sierra del Oro will support Map B.

Josh Serrano expressed his support for Maps A and C. Regarding community forums, he asked if they are for people to give an opinion of these three maps, or if they are drawing their own. Or, is the purpose to inform the community why districts will affect them and also to choose a map.

Kirk Bennett addressed the Council with his ideas for districts. Mr. Levitt stated districts must be contiguous, and these kinds of submissions are what he is looking for at community forums.

Vice Mayor Haley said the CVRA is not stating that we need to elect more Hispanics, it is more of an idea that the people who live in the circle are not getting representation. As such, he is in favor of leaving the circle intact. Vice Mayor Haley supports the community meetings being held at the Corona Library downtown, one in the morning, one in the evening, and one on a Saturday.

Council Member Spiegel asked about the purpose of the CVRA. Justin said the Federal Voting Rights Act would not force the state of California to go to district based voting, so the CVRA was enacted. Federal law discusses intentionality, whereas the CVRA does not say intentional.

Council Member Montanez supports the circle downtown area staying intact. He stated the public who is in attendance have been there at all of the meetings, and asked them for input on the proposed maps so those can also be presented at the community meetings.

Jacqueline Casillas addressed the Council to ask about the modification of the maps and the process. She stated district 4 is an issue on Map B, and on Map C, districts 2 and 1 may have issues due to the area being divided along Promenade which groups the McKinley area with South Corona.

Mr. Levitt stated said any adjustment or changes will be labeled accordingly so there will be a full record of every map that was proposed.

Mayor Scott asked if Map B can have districts 4 and 5 redrawn to divide in an East/West direction to make it more like Map A.

Mr. Fuller addressed the Council regarding neighborhood commonalities such as general timelines of when they were built which gives them common concerns such as road maintenance, tree maintenance, etc. This may lead to similar needs in each district.

City Manager Darrell Talbert asked for direction on the community meetings. Consensus was given to hold four meetings on a Tuesday evening, Thursday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon at the Corona Public Library. Mr. Talbert asked the public in attendance that have been to all of these meetings to please spread the word to get as many people to attend these community meetings as possible.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Lisa Mobley, City Clerk