

**MINUTES  
CORCORAN CITY COUNCIL,  
JOINT POWERS FINANCE AUTHORITY,  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR CORCORAN RDA  
& HOUSING AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 2014**

The regular session of the Corcoran City Council was called to order by Mayor Wadsworth, in the City Council Chambers, 1015 Chittenden Avenue, Corcoran, CA at 6:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Mark Cartwright, Raymond Lerma, Sidonio Palmerin, Jerry Robertson (arrived at 6:01 pm), and Jim Wadsworth

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Mike Farley, Steve Kroeker, Kindon Meik, Soledad Ruiz-Nuñez, and Reuben Shortnacy

Press present: Jeanette Todd, "The Corcoran Journal"

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was presented by Palmerin.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Wadsworth.

**1. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Charles McDougal, 1005 Claire Avenue, expressed concern regarding shooting at 1621 Hana and loss of renters because of the occurrence. Informed council of contacting the police department regarding the shooting, also voiced concern about his property. Mayor requested Council follow up on this matter.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Following Council discussion a **motion** was made by Palmerin and seconded by Lerma to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Members: Cartwright, Lerma, Palmerin, Robertson, and Wadsworth

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**2-A.** Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting on September 2, 2014.

**2-B.** Authorization to read ordinances and resolutions by title only.

**3. APPROPRIATIONS**

Following Council discussion a **motion** was made by Cartwright and seconded by Robertson to approve the Warrant Register dated September 15, 2014. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Members: Cartwright, Lerma, Palmerin, Robertson, and Wadsworth

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**4-A.** On behalf of the Council, Mayor Wadsworth presented Centennial Proclamation recognizing The Corcoran Community Foundation. The City Council also recognized individuals who assisted in organizing the Centennial Celebration.

**4-B.** On behalf of the Council, Mayor Wadsworth presented Resolution No. 2753 recognizing Joyce Venegas for 34 years of service to the City of Corcoran.

4-C. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Wadsworth presented Resolution No. 2754 recognizing Barbara Hanshew for 31 years of service to the City of Corcoran.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5-C. The public hearing to obtain comments and receive testimony regarding enacting restrictions on medical marijuana dispensaries, mobile dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives, and cultivation was declared open at 6:42 p.m. Meik presented the staff report. There was no written testimony. Oral testimony was heard from Steve Mendez, 1071 Norboe Avenue, who expressed his opposition to the ordinance feeling it is too restrictive. Requested allowance and access for those who are in compliance since the nearest dispensary is in Bakersfield. Michael Green of Fresno also stated opposition to ordinance with there being limited legal dispensaries in the Central Valley and urged caution to a total ban. He indicated that the City of Porterville is looking at an ordinance that would permit regulated growing. Lloyd Coffia, 1611 Letts Avenue, voiced opposition to the ordinance. He acknowledged there is a problem with large grows, but supports small cultivation. Jeremy Caudle, 1611 Lets Avenue, spoke in opposition to ordinance and conveyed hope for controlled regulation and if a ban on cultivation should occur would like to see an allowance for dispensaries. The hearing was declared closed at 7:26 p.m. Council discussed the proposed ordinance and the comments presented by the attendees. Councilman Lerma and Mayor Wadsworth expressed interest in tabling the item to obtain information on ordinances in other cities regarding medical marijuana cultivation. Following further discussion, a **motion** was made by Palmerin and seconded by Cartwright to accept and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 621 enacting restriction on medical marijuana dispensaries, mobile dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives, and cultivation. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Members: Cartwright, Palmerin, and Robertson

**NOES:** Members: Lerma and Wadsworth

**ABSENT:** None

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** –

6-A. Following Council discussion council consensus was to table the funding request made by the Kings County Commission on Aging to a future meeting.

6-B. Art Nolen, representing Veterans Outreach, gave a report and presentation as well as answered questions regarding the Veterans Saluting Veterans event. Following Council discussion a motion was made by Robertson and seconded by Lerma to approve the funding request made by the Veterans Outreach in the amount of \$200.00 as well as direction to look into taking scrap metal dependent on provisions stipulated to contractor. Decision based on finding there is a benefit to the community. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Members: Cartwright, Lerma, Palmerin, Robertson, and Wadsworth

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

7. **STAFF REPORTS** – None

8. **MATTERS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

8-A. Council received information items.

1. Council was informed about the Water Conservation Efforts.

- o Well 7, next to Sweet Water Canal, near a dairy, is dry and efforts will be made to repair the well.
- o Well 8 and Well 3 have not passed water quality tests for total coliform.

2. Council was informed about CalTrans' timeline for the Highway 43 Roundabout project.

8-B. There were no Staff referral items.

8-C. Committee reports.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:28 p.m. Council recessed to closed session pursuant to:

9-A. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:  
Conference with legal counsel – **ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)).

**Initiation of litigation** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)).

Number of potential cases is:   1  .

9-B. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:  
Conference with legal counsel – Deciding whether or not basis exists for closed-session for anticipated litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(3)).

9-C. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:  
Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)).

Parties, case/claim no.   KCSC Case No. 13-C-0289  

Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:45 p.m. and Mayor Wadsworth reported that direction was provided to negotiator on items 9-A to 9-C. The following action was reported.

Following Council discussion a **motion** was made by Lerma and seconded by Cartwright with direction to City Manager on Item 9-A. Motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** Members: Cartwright, Lerma, Palmerin, Robertson, and Wadsworth

**NOES:** None

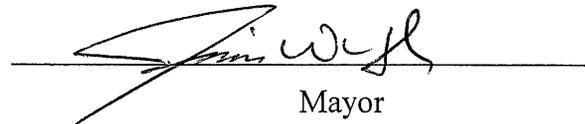
**ABSENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**8:46 P.M.**



Acting City Clerk



Mayor

**APPROVED DATE:** October 6, 2014