

TEMESCAL VALLEY ANNEXATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NUMBER 3 – TRILOGY

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Questions posed from the public:

1. How many public employees will be added, and what is the retirement plan structure?

Police and Fire personnel would be added. The retirement program is the state run CalPERS system.

2. What happens when the existing CFD's end in 2013 and 2025?

The CFD's pay for debt service on construction bonds for physical improvements associated with a development project area, and when the debt service is paid off, the assessments cease. This is different from assessment districts that pay for on-going maintenance of areas such as public landscaping.

3. The Police Department hand-out says there will be 14 new officers but only two assigned to the zone. Where will the rest be?

It takes 14 officers to staff three shifts, 24 hours, seven days a week.

4. Does the protest vote occur only in the affected area, or does it involve voters in the incorporated city?

The vote only applies to registered voters in the affected area of Temescal Valley.

5. What is the population of the annexation area compared to Corona, and do Corona residents pay the \$48 per year EMS fee?

The annexation area has a population of about 15,000 with another 10,000 that could be added through build-out. Corona's population is just over 153,000.

The EMS subscription fee is also applicable to Corona residents. The \$48.00 annual fee is voluntary. Those that participate in the EMS subscription do not pay the \$350.00 EMS fee.

6. Is the city's budget in a surplus or deficit for next year, and what is the unfunded pension liability that will have to be paid?

The city's budget is 100 percent balanced for fiscal year 2012-2013; the city is evaluating a potential \$5 million deficit in the out years and strategizing approaches for maintaining a balanced budget at that time.

7. What is the number one reason why the city wants to annex the Temescal Valley, and what is the direct city benefit?

The development that occurs in the Temescal Valley has direct effect on the city itself because of its close proximity, and the city sees an opportunity to maximize potential employment opportunities and retention of important companies in the area through strategic land use planning.

8. How can Corona be in such good shape when other cities are having problems, and have there been any lay-offs of sworn police officers?

The city has taken proactive measures to keep spending within the city's fiscal means. Although there were no lay-offs of sworn public safety personnel, other work force reductions have been made to keep the city fiscally sound.

9. Will Corona purchase another police helicopter, and will it cost to call in an emergency?

During past challenges of balancing the budget, the Police Department made the choice to reduce equipment as opposed to sworn officers; therefore, the helicopter that the city used to own was sold; however, the city maintains cooperative working relationships with Riverside County Sheriff, Riverside Police and other agencies whereby their airships fly over Corona as needed.

No lay-offs have occurred with fire personnel; balanced budgeting came as a result of retirements and attrition. There is no cost to call 9-1-1. The subscription program being spoken of relates to the costs of the Fire Department paramedic responses to life-threatening emergencies. The voluntary subscription program of \$4.00 per month (\$48.00 per year) works like an insurance policy that would pay for the \$350 cost for an emergency call that would otherwise be applicable to non-subscribers. No costs would apply to the annexation area for the first two years after annexation in order to phase-in the subscription program for the new area.

10. What about the article in the paper that the Fire Department was dissolved and Cal Fire is now serving the area?

That was the City of Norco not the City of Corona.

11. Are there Police Department staff that are non-sworn that lay-offs could affect?

In past situations to balance the budget, non-sworn workforce reductions involving civilian staff have occurred.

12. If the area is annexed would that limit the hospital selection for emergency transport?

The hospital selection depends upon the condition of the patient and/or instructions received from physicians. For example, trauma patients are transported by AMR to Inland Valley Medical Center in Riverside. Non-critical transports go where the patient has pre-arranged emergency service through their providers or per their physician's instructions. AMR (ambulance company) is responsible for the transport patients, not the Fire Department.

13. If the area is annexed are you going to add 14 new officers for this area?

Yes. New officers will be hired, and a mix of new and seasoned officers will be assigned to the newly annexed area.

14. Will the police patrol inside gated areas?

Although the patrols do not include private gated areas, officers do respond to emergencies and crime reports in private gated areas. The Police Department is proud of its consistent emergency response time of five minutes, and because of the proximity of the station on Bedford Canyon Road, it expects to maintain that response time or better to emergencies in the annexation area.

15. Would investigators serve the annexation areas for crime investigations?

The 18 detectives on staff respond to all investigation calls citywide which would include the newly annexed area.

16. Would recycled water be available to the annexation area?

The annexation area is served by Lee Lake Water District and would continue to be. The provision of recycled water would depend on Lee Lake's ability to do so.

17. What would happen to the volunteer patrol program with the Sheriff's Department?

The city values the relationship with volunteers and maintains a volunteer staff of 15 at this time and welcome the opportunity to work with the volunteer patrols now assisting the Sheriff's Department.

18. Would the city honor the background checks of the volunteers done under the county?

The city would look at how those checks were done, how recent they are, and make a determination based on that information.

19. Is there a fee for alarm service?

There is a permit fee for alarms and fees for false alarms that re-set every year.

20. If the city wants to control its destiny in terms of land uses, how is that development process influenced?

The city welcomes community input to the development process by requiring developers to conduct public outreach to residents. Public hearing notices are also mailed to property owners within a 500 foot radius of the project site, and project sites are posted with notices all inviting input into the process.