



**CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016
City Council Chambers, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco, CA 92860**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Kevin Bash, Mayor, **Present**
Greg Newton, Mayor Pro Tem, **Present**
Robin Grundmeyer, Council Member, **Present**
Berwin Hanna, Council Member, **Present**
Ted Hoffman, Council Member, **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kevin Bash

INVOCATION: Pastor Rene Parish, Beacon Hill Assembly of God

City Manager Okoro requested to have item 7.A. pulled from the agenda. The item is being pulled off calendar and City Attorney Harper indicated that the item would be re-noticed prior to being re-agendized.

M/S HANNA/HOFFMAN to pull Item 7.A. from the agenda to a date uncertain. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

RECOGNITION: City Attorney John Harper – 25 Years of Service

Council Member Hanna presented a certificate of appreciation to City Attorney John Harper for his years of service to the City of Norco.

CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

1. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS ON REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Newton:

- Will be attending the Chino Basin Desalter Authority Board meeting April 7th.
- The Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority Board meeting will be on April 28th and invited all to attend a tour of the treatment plant on April 19th. The public may call (951) 571-7220 for more information about the tour.

Public Works Director Chad Blais gave a brief presentation on the plant expansion.

Council Member Hoffman:

- Attended a Local Agency Formation Commission meeting last week. Senator Roth and Assembly Member Melendez submitted a bill that would allow the neighboring cities of Eastvale, Wildomar, Menifee, and Jurupa Valley to recover critical funding.
- Attended the Western Riverside Council of Governments Regional meeting in Temecula.
- Participated in the Southern California Association of Governments district elections on April 4th.
- Attended the George Ingalls Veterans Memorial Committee meeting to finalize details of the George Ingalls Day event on Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial.
- Commented on the Rose Eldridge Day event on Saturday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Council Member Grundmeyer:

- Attended the Norco Schools Committee meeting. Received updates regarding Measure GG and improvements taking place at Norco High including the implementation of supply chain management courses.
- Attended the UNLOAD meeting last week. Sheriff's Department provided updates on drugs that kids in this area are exposed to.
- Attended an event hosted by the Corona-Norco Stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints regarding religious freedom.
- Toured the former Wyle Labs property this week.
- Attended the Eastvale State of the City Address this week.

Council Member Hanna:

- Attended a Riverside Transit Agency subcommittee meeting today. Discussion included the purchase of sixteen new utility vehicles.
- Reported that Vector Control is preparing for the upcoming warmer months and the West Nile Virus season.
- Attended a speech contest for high school students hosted by the Lions Club.
- Toured the former Wyle Labs property.

Mayor Bash:

- Toured the former Wyle Labs property.
- Visited Norco High School to see the changes taking place in the auto shop department.
- Attended a Measure GG meeting.
- Attended the job fair at Norco College.
- Attended the soccer and equestrian events at Silverlakes this past weekend.
- Attended the Western Riverside Council of Governments regional meeting in Temecula.

2. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS:

Council Member Hoffman requested to pull item 2.D. for discussion.

M/S HOFFMAN/HANNA to approve the remaining Consent Calendar items as presented. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

- A. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2016. **Approved the City Council regular meeting minutes.** (City Clerk)
- B. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only. **Approved.** (City Clerk)
- C. Approval of a Two-Year Extension of the Cooperative Agreement with County of Riverside to Provide Fire Protection, Fire Prevention, Rescue and Medical Emergency Services for the City of Norco. **Approved a two-year extension of the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside to provide fire protection, fire prevention, rescue and medical emergency services for the City of Norco.** (City Manager)
- D. Approval to Reallocate Funds from Two 20-Hour Part-Time Positions and Establish a Full-Time Position in the Public Works Department as an Administrative Compliance Coordinator. **Pulled for discussion.** (Public Works Director)

3. ITEM(S) PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2.D. Approval to Reallocate Funds from Two 20-Hour Part-Time Positions and Establish a Full-Time Position in the Public Works Department as an Administrative Compliance Coordinator. (Public Works Director)

Council Member Hoffman pulled the item to congratulate the City Manager and staff for creating this position and their innovative thinking.

M/S HOFFMAN/BASH to approve the Administrative Compliance Coordinator job specification and reallocate funding from two 20-hour part-time positions to fund a full-time position. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nathan Lanni resides on California Avenue and commented on his unsuccessful attempts to eliminate a home occupation neighboring his home. Mr. Lanni applauded the City's efforts to improve code compliance procedures but expressed his frustrations and requested that more be done. Mr. Lanni presented the Council with photos and audio of the home occupation next door. Mr. Lanni talked about the effects on his family and their reduced quality of life.

Randi Verin commented on an incident that took place on March 24th involving Animal Control and two citations she received for her dog being off leash. Ms. Verin claimed that Animal Control Officer Melvin Sparks was unprofessional. She expressed that the second citation is unwarranted and requested Council's assistance in resolving the matter. Mayor Bash referred Ms. Verin to Deputy City Manager Brian Petree.

Tony Mauro questioned whether or not the recycled water is on at Pikes Peak Park. Mr. Mauro also commented that his dog's foot was amputated and claimed it is due to contamination.

5. LEGISLATIVE MATTER:

- A. **Ordinance No. 1001, Second Reading.** A request to amend Chapter 9.90 revising sub-section B "Smoking" of the Norco Municipal Code to include language for E-Cigarettes. Code Change 2016-01. (City Clerk)

M/S BASH/HANNA to adopt Ordinance No. 1001 for second reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Video Recording of City Council Meetings. (City Clerk)

City Clerk Cheryl Link reported that at the November 18, 2015 Council meeting, staff was directed to research the feasibility of recording videos of the City Council meetings. Since that time, staff members have reviewed and evaluated several options. Ms. Link presented four options as described in the staff report: Option No. 1: webcam; Option No. 2: single preset camera; Option No. 3: up to two cameras; Option No. 4: webcasting.

In response to Council Member Grundmeyer, City Clerk Link indicated that the software that will be used to upload the videos to the website has the ability to track the number of views as well as other statistics. IT staff could track that information and report to the City Council on a monthly or quarterly basis.

There was some discussion about the use of IT staff for Options 3 and 4. It was reported that IT staff would be paid time-and-a-half to be present at the Council meetings.

In response to Council Member Hanna, City Clerk Link indicated that there would be no cost to air the videos on the City's government channel with Charter Communications.

Mayor Pro Tem Newton expressed his concern with Options 3 and 4 regarding the amount of staff time needed considering cost and limited staffing. The Council discussed beginning with Option 2, evaluating it over a period of time, and consider upgrading to another option if needed at a later time.

Mike Thompson thanked staff for presenting this item. Mr. Thompson discouraged Option 1 and suggested that Option 2 is a good start.

Lance Gregory thanked staff and the Council for acting on this subject. Mr. Gregory suggested Option 2. He also suggested that the City look into using college or high school IT interns.

M/S HANNA/GRUNDMEYER to approve the videotaping of City Council meetings using Option No. 2 as presented in the staff report. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

B. Sheriff's Department Annual Report Presentation for 2015 (Sheriff Lieutenant)

Lt. Briddick and Sgt. Del Valle reported on the 2015 Annual Report, which included a comparative overview of the Norco Sheriff's Office. The presentation also included statistical information on Part 1 crimes, based on the Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Lt. Briddick reported on a review of the response and performance of patrol operations, traffic enforcement and special enforcement team deputies.

Lt. Briddick presented information on Part 1 crimes reported from 2008-2015. The highest number of Part 1 crimes were reported in 2008. In 2015, there was a 3.8% decrease in Part 1 crimes. In 2015, deputies responded to 691 more calls for service than in 2014. Sgt. Del Valle reported on traffic and indicated that there was a 17.5% decrease in traffic collisions, 81 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence, 2,700 traffic citations issued (195% increase), and of those citations 1,070 were speeding violations.

Council Member Hanna stated that the Sheriff's Department is efficient and responsive. Council Member Grundmeyer expressed that she values the community outreach conducted by the department. Council Member Hoffman commented on the excellent

work done by the department. Mayor Pro Tem Newton stated that the department communicates well.

David Sandidge commented on the good experiences he has had with Sheriff's Department. Mr. Sandidge stated that he lives on Crestview Drive where there has been traffic issues for many years. He has contacted the Sheriff's Department regarding enforcement in that area and they have been very responsive. The number of speeders has decreased. Mr. Sandidge said, however, that in the past four to five months he has not seen enforcement. He presented the Council with photos of a recent traffic collision.

Tony Mauro said he lives on Crestview Drive and expressed that it is a dangerous street. Mr. Mauro said that he was hit by a car on Crestview Drive. Mr. Mauro also commented on the continued problem of mail theft.

M/S NEWTON/BASH to receive and file. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, HANNA, HOFFMAN, NEWTON

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Mayor Bash recessed the meeting at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:54 p.m.

7. PUBLIC NUISANCE HEARING:

- A. Fees and Costs of Abating a Public Nuisance at 3216 Corona Avenue.
(City Attorney)

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. APPEAL HEARING:

- A. **Conditional Use Permit 2014-33 (Core/Verizon Wireless):** An appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a request to allow the installation of an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility at 3659 Corona Avenue located within the A-1-20 (Agricultural Low-Density) Zone.
(Planning Director)

Planning Director Steve King reported that the request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2014-33 was approved by the Planning Commission on March 9, 2016, but that decision has been appealed to the City Council based on concerns of radio frequency (RF) emissions. It needs to be noted that telecommunication facilities are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission and that Section 704 of the Telecommunications Act prohibits a local government from regulating "the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of RF emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with FCC regulations concerning such emissions."

Mayor Bash opened the public hearing.

Cindy Kindred indicated that she has lived in Norco for over 40 years. Ms. Kindred expressed her concern for the future of Norco at the expense of the neighbors. She commented that there are other cell towers in the area, less than a mile from her home.

Valerie Burt, lives on Sage Brush, and concurred with Ms. Kindred. She opposes this project.

Joe Briggs expressed his concern about the radiation and opposes this project.

Dora Hernandez expressed her opposition to this project.

With no one else, wishing to speak, Mayor Bash closed the public hearing and returned the discussion back to Council.

The Council requested to hear from the Verizon representatives.

Maree Hoeger, representing Verizon, briefly commented on the progress of the project since it was first submitted over a year ago. Ms. Hoeger indicated that the redesigned project is in full accordance with the Norco Municipal Code. Ms. Hoeger also stated that there is a significant gap in coverage and this project provides more reliability to customers.

Paul Albritton, attorney representing Verizon, touched briefly on federal law that affects Council's decision. He indicated that the Council must have substantial evidence to deny the project and that the Council cannot deny based on RF emissions. He noted that Verizon must follow local ordinances, which it has done. Mr. Albritton recommended that the Council concur with the Planning Commission's approval.

Council Member Grundmeyer asked for an explanation of what constitutes a significant gap in service when there is a cell tower east to west down three blocks and another cell tower north to south down one block. As the demand increases, Ms. Grundmeyer asked if cell towers will be needed within less than one mile of each other. Mr. Albritton indicated that as capacity increases, multiple towers are needed. Some cities have towers within close proximity, based on the need for service, topography, etc. He said capacity demands are based on technology as it emerges.

Mayor Pro Tem Newton referenced Verizon drawing sheet A-1 where it notes "New 2' x 3' handhole in right-of-way by others." Mr. Newton also referenced the Conditions of Approval #27 which states "the Verizon access easement shall not extend into the public right-of-way, which includes the horse trail." Ms. Hoeger explained that the location of the handholes are determined by the utility company. Mr. Albritton indicated that Verizon will work with the relocation but ultimately the power company has control.

Mayor Pro Tem Newton referenced view #5 of the proposed building equipment enclosure. The Norco Municipal Code states that exterior equipment building should be

architecturally similar to the existing building. Director King stated that it is similar in that it has the same stucco material as the church. Mr. Newton also commented on the church's conditional use permit. The church was issued the permit on the basis that it would take into consideration the concerns of its neighbors. With some of the neighbors showing concern, Mr. Newton said it appears that the church is steering away from that premise.

Council Member Hoffman referenced Norco Municipal Code Section 18.13.08 that churches are allowed if they are used for places of religious worship. Mr. Hoffman expressed his concern that allowing a cell tower, the church is no longer just providing religious service; the church is now accepting money. City Attorney Harper indicated that nothing precludes a church from leasing a portion of its building for something that is compatible to the space.

Council Member Hanna expressed concern about the handhole in the horse trail. Mayor Bash stated he wants to be sure that the handhole is out of the horse trail and that the equipment building is architecturally similar to the existing building.

M/S NEWTON/BASH to deny Conditional Use Permit 2014-33 with the following findings: 1) the requested use will adversely affect the general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood thereof; and 2) the requested use will adversely affect the adjoining land uses. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: BASH, GRUNDMEYER, NEWTON

NOES: HANNA, HOFFMAN

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

9. CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Newton requested to have future City Council agenda packets posted on the website on the Thursdays prior to the meetings. City Clerk Link said that the change would be implemented immediately for City Council agenda packets as well as Commission agenda packets.

Mayor Bash commented that he noticed kids walking along River Road next to the old sewage treatment plant. He expressed his concern about this danger and asked if something can be done.

Director Petree invited the public to attend George Ingalls Day as well as Rose Eldridge Day, both events taking place on Saturday, April 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bash adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.