



**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NORCO**  
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE  
JANUARY 21, 2009

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kathy Azevedo, **Present**  
Mayor Pro Tem Malcolm Miller, **Present**  
Council Member Frank Hall, **Present**  
Council Member Berwin Hanna, **Present**  
Council Member Richard L. MacGregor, **Present**

**Staff Present** -- Allred, Cooper, DeGrado, Frye, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Oulman, Petree and Thompson

City Attorney Harper -- **Present**

THE CITY COUNCIL/CRA RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION (SECTION 54954) TO CONSIDER MATTERS:

**Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator**

Street Addresses or Parcel Number: 3394 and 3370 Hamner Avenue and APN 129-220-013

Negotiating Parties: City Engineer Dominic Milano and Property Owner Dorothy DiFederico

Point Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Street Address or Parcel Number: 2100 Hamner Avenue

Negotiating Parties: City Manager Jeff Allred, Director of Fiscal & Support Services Andy Okoro, and Director of Economic Development Brian Oulman; and Norco Mitsubishi Business Operator Eric Cichocki

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hall

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher  
Grace Fellowship Church

PROCLAMATION: Riverside Community College Norco Campus  
*Riverside Community College  
Board President Virginia Blumenthal*

PRESENTATIONS: NART Horse Rescue  
**Video from the January 1, 2009 rescue was shown. The NART Team Members were recognized. NART Member Corinne Holder thanked the Council and Chief Frye for their support. She reiterated the necessity of training for the NART members. The rescue was dedicated in memory of Hal Clark.**

**Lt. Cooper introduced Captain Cynthia Mayman from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Captain Mayman is the Commander at the Jurupa Sheriff's Station.**

Miss Norco Court  
**(Postponed to the February 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting due to illness)**

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES: Norco High School Football Team  
*Coach Todd Gerhart*  
**Coach Gerhart received the certificate and introduced Athletic Director Nick Beronich**

Norco High School Band  
*Director Brian Gallagher*  
**(Postponed to the February 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting due to illness)**

RECOGNITION PLAQUES: Kevin Bash  
*Parks and Recreation Commission*

Matthew Potter  
*Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission*

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

**M/S Hall/Hanna to approve the items listed on the CRA Consent Calendar as recommended. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE**

- A. CRA Minutes, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2008. **Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Approval of First-Time Homebuyer Case 2009-01 Loan in the Amount of \$38,100. **Recommended Action: Approval** (Housing Manager)

2. CRA CONTINUED CRA PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Amendment No. One to the 2006 Owner Participation Agreement with Mitchel L. Frahm, DBA Frahm Dodge  
  
**Recommended Action: Continue the Public Hearing to February 4, 2009.**  
(Director of Economic Development)

**M/S Miller/Hanna to Continue the Public Hearing to February 4, 2009. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

3. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

**M/S Hall/Miller to approve the item listed on the Joint CRA/City Council Consent Calendar as recommended. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

- A. Fiscal Year 2009 Second Quarter Budget Performance Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Director, Fiscal & Support Services)

4. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Mid-Year Budget Amendments to Fiscal Year 2008-09 Annual Operating Budget

The recommended amendments will result in a net decrease of \$250,000 to General Fund revenues and a \$512,630 net decrease to General Fund expenditures. The significant expenditure decreases are due to aggressive staffing and compensation reductions implemented throughout the organization. With these recommended net favorable adjustments of \$263,000 and the \$363,000 savings realized at the end of FY 2007-08, the City's General Fund balance is now projected to be \$6.2 million at the end of the current fiscal year instead of \$5.5

million that was estimated when the budget was adopted. This will help cushion the now revised \$1,251,535 deficit in the current year General Fund Budget. Norco Redevelopment Agency operating expenditures will increase by \$1,519,363 due to adverse actions taken by the State, while revenues are estimated to remain unchanged.

**Recommended Action:** 1) That the Agency Board Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2009-\_\_\_\_, approving various mid-year amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 annual Operating Budget and authorizing changes in appropriations and revenues thereto; and 2) That the Council Adopt Resolution No. 2009-\_\_\_\_, approving various mid-year amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 annual Operating Budget and authorizing changes in appropriations and revenues thereto. (Director of Fiscal & Support Services)

**Director Okoro presented the joint item.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Miller** inquired about the Prop 42 Funds and wondered if we can expect real money or an IOU! Director Okoro said we expect "real money." Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked about the savings projected, and assumed that they were realized at the end of the year. Director Okoro stated that some time in April, or there about, we will do a fourth quarter budget actual performance report where the estimates are revised as necessary and if we need to make adjustments, they will be recommended to the Council/Agency Board at that time. Director Okoro also stated that If a staff position is eliminated, that savings is actual. Mayor Pro Tem Miller stated that when the promises made on the Battalion Chief's agreement are stated as "over time", they will need to be monitored more closely. Director Okoro replied that as long as that agreement is maintained, those savings will be realized. Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked Director Okoro for the excellent report.

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.**

**Public Comments:**

**Vern Showalter, 2345 Corona**, wished everyone a Happy New Year. He inquired if the \$12 million designated for streets needs to be spent in this budget year. The City Manager stated that this is CIP money and can be carried over. Director Thompson stated that Proposition money needs to be spent in 2 years. The item discussed is Proposition money and needs to be spent in 2 years.

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.**

**Council Member Hall** pointed out that when Director Okoro referenced the RDA AB 1389 money expenditure, he was not sure that the message was clear, but this mistake was made by the County Auditor and not the City.

**Council Member Hanna** thanked Director Okoro and staff for what they did to create these savings.

**Council Member MacGregor** stated that staff did an excellent job. Again, the State has taken our money to cover their shortfall. He understands that Moreno Valley is suing the State and we should track that and consider joining that lawsuit. He stated that it is time that local government starts rebelling for making up for the States shortfalls. The City Manager stated that the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) is a plaintiff in that lawsuit and the Norco Redevelopment Agency is a member of the CRA.

**Council Member Hall** stated that the League of California Cities is also working on that same law suit. The CRA will be taking the lead. If there is a reason for the rest of us to join in, they will let us know.

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo** said “we will join in!”

**M/S Miller/MacGregor to Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2009-01, approving various mid-year amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 annual Operating Budget and authorizing changes in appropriations and revenues thereto; and Adopt Resolution No. 2009-01, approving various mid-year amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-09 annual Operating Budget and authorizing changes in appropriations and revenues thereto. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**B. Mid-Year Adjustments to the Capital Improvement Program Budget**

*The five year CIP Budget for FY 2009-2013 was approved by the City Council on June 18, 2008. As a result of additional information that has become available since the budget was adopted, an additional \$60,000 is needed from Redevelopment Agency bond proceeds to complete work at Pike Peaks Park.*

**Recommended Action: That the Agency Board Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2009-\_\_\_\_, amending the Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal years 2009-2013 and authorizing the appropriation therefrom. (Director of Fiscal & Support Services)**

**Director Okoro presented the joint item.**

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.**

**Council Member Hanna** stated he understands the problem at Pikes Peak Park and asked if this French Drain would solve the problem. Director Petree indicated that the firm of Kleinfelder said this would take care of the issue and that the City is not causing the problem. Kleinfelder and the City Engineer designed a French Drain that would solve the issue.

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo** inquired if a median could be considered or traffic calming striping on North Street because of the speeding traffic. She asked Director Thompson if this would be a good idea to slow down traffic. Director Thompson said that staff supports this and would look at the design and see what they can come up with. Mayor Azevedo asked if we need to ask for additional money. Director Thompson said we would not and thinks we have an appropriate amount. Mayor Azevedo asked how much this would cost. Director Thompson said he could provide her with that figure at a later time.

**Public Comments:**

**Linda Dixon, 3200 Rocking RM Lane**, asked about the traffic calming. She does not want the City to lose sight of the southwest part of Norco. Asked that they please look their way. She asked Director Thompson if following the efforts concentrated at Second Street and Parkridge, will the City move around the corner? Ms. Dixon stated that the problem on Parkridge is not so much the trucks, but the cut-through traffic. During certain hours of the day it is impossible to get on the street.

**Mayor/Chairman Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.**

**M/S Hall/MacGregor to Adopt CRA Resolution No. 2009-02, amending the Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal years 2009-2013 and authorizing the appropriation therefrom. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

5. OTHER CRA MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 8:17 p.m.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Mayor Azevedo pulled Item Nos. 6.D. and 6.G. and discussed under Agenda Item No. 10.**

**M/S Miller/MacGregor to approve the amended City Council Consent Calendar Items as recommended. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

6. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes, Regular Meeting of December 17, 2008.  
City Council Minutes, Special Meeting of January 7, 2009.  
**Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes.** (City Clerk)
- B. Project Status Update for Wyle Laboratories Norco Facilities Site. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (City Manager)
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only. **Recommended Action: Approval** (City Clerk)
- D. Action Minutes for Planning Commission Meeting of January 14, 2008.  
**Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager) **Item pulled by Mayor Azevedo.**
- E. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2008.  
**Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Director of Fiscal & Support Services)
- F. Report on Fiscal Year 2008 Audited Financial Report. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Director of Fiscal & Support Services)
- G. Rivertrails Riding Stables Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P).  
**Recommended Action: Approval** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services) **Item pulled by Mayor Azevedo.**
- H. City Assets Declared as Surplus Property. **Recommended Action: Declare the City assets as surplus property.** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)
- I. Authorization to Purchase Mobile Data Computers for Engines and Command Staff Vehicles. **Recommended Action: Authorize the purchase of Mobile Data Computers and associated equipment in the amount of \$41,439.16.** (Fire Chief)
- J. Amendment to Agreement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for Law Enforcement Services. **Recommended Action: Authorize the Mayor to sign the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services.** (Lt. Cooper)
- K. Authorization to submit a grant request to the California Office of Traffic Safety.  
**Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-02.** (Lt. Cooper)

7. CONTINUED CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. City-Initiated Proposal to Amend the Norco Zoning Code by Amending Chapters 18.12 and 18.13, and Any Related Cross-References in Other Chapters as needed Regarding the Size of Accessory Buildings Allowed in the Agricultural Zones (Zone Code Amendment 2008-09)

*On November 19, 2008 the City Council adopted an Ordinance to change the method of calculating building coverage on A-1 zone properties from the size of the "lot" to the size of the "flat pad" area. An objective of that Ordinance was to ensure that animal-keeping is maintained as a primary function of A-1 properties. This proposed zone code amendment is a follow-up measure to provide further protections for the animal-keeping nature of Norco's residential neighborhoods. The proposed zone code amendment provides that the maximum size of an accessory structure will be controlled by the size of the primary residence on a property so that the residential structure and neighborhood do not become overwhelmed by excessively large accessory buildings.*

**Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ for first reading.** (Planning Manager)

**Planning Manager King presented the Council item. A PowerPoint presentation was provided for information purposes. One correction was stated that "the maximum size of an accessory building could not exceed the building Footprint of the residence."**

**Council Member Macgregor** stated that he has problems with this ordinance. 16 feet does not allow for clearance. His barn is same square footage as his house. He does not want to go through expensive CUP process.

**Clarification made by Planning Manager King -- accessory structure maximum is 25 feet and minimum is 16 feet**

**City Manager Allred** stated that staff would recommend this be held over to next meeting.

**Council Member Hanna** stated that he thinks that the restrictions on the secondary building should go with the size of the property. Some structures around town do not allow room for animal-keeping.

**Planning Manager King** stated that staff would make corrections in accordance with Council direction.

**Mayor Pro Tem Miller** stated he understands the intent, but as Council Member Hanna and Council Member MacGregor stated, the size of the lot needs to be taken into account

**Council Member Hall** recommends this go back to Planning Commission to work out these details and then bring back an ordinance that addresses these points. He stated that what we are talking about is an example located on Norco drive where a residential building is being overwhelmed by a warehouse looking building; they will not have any animal-keeping property left after this building is complete.

**Mayor Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.**

**Public Comments:**

**Dave Henderson, 3010 Corona Ave.,** stated that there are a couple of other things he wanted to point out, what if someone has a 1,200 sq. foot house and they want to put a covered riding arena on their property? A better way is not to limit the size of the structure. This only addresses a portion of our properties. Mr. Henderson would recommend that the Council look at coverage.

**Patricia Overstreet, 1231 Corona Ave.,** encourages and supports something to keep the big buildings from "gobbling up" Horsetown USA.

**Vern Showalter, 2345 Corona, Ave.,** stated that the City should not dictate how to build and that he read on the ordinance that they could tell residents what type of architecture should be used on the building.

**Roy Hungerford, 3201 Cutting Horse,** stated that this seems very complicated. Can the City create a PAKA area instead? He also stated that swimming pools take up a great deal of land and that views should be stricken from the ordinance as well.

**Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.**

**M/S Hall/Miller to refer this item back to Planning Commission to address the various items addressed. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**8. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Amendments to Comprehensive Fee Resolution**

*On October 1, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2008-84 updating the fees for general City services. In that Resolution, the Planning Division included one fee for "Sign Review", which was the fee for a sign that requires its own structure (i.e., a monument sign or pole sign). This amendment includes proposed "Sign Review" fees in three categories: Sign Review (monument and pole signs), Sign Review (wall signs) and Sign Review (temporary special event signs). The*

*proposed Resolution also adjusts fees collected for the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department to reflect a Consumer Price Index adjustment of 3.1%.*

**Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-\_\_\_, amending Resolution No. 2008-84 to update and adjust fees for general City services.** (Planning Manager and Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

**Planning Manager King presented the Planning Division fee amendments proposed. Director Petree presented the Parks, Recreation & Community Services fee amendments as adjusted by 3.1%, which is a CPI increase.**

**Mayor Azevedo** asked what the fee is if you are an existing business and want to put a sign on an existing pole? Planning Manager King stated no fee is charged for the existing pole, nor do they need City approval.

**Mayor Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.**

**Public Comments: No Public comments.**

**Council Member Hanna** stated he is concerned that fees charged for the arena are not understood by the applicants. Director Petree stated that the fees are all reviewed with applicants.

**Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.**

**M/S MacGregor/Hall to Adopt Resolution No. 2009-03, amending Resolution No. 2008-84 to update and adjust fees for general City services. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

- B. Approval of Community Development Block Grant Funding Priorities for the Riverside County 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan

*The County of Riverside is in the process of preparing its 2009-2014 Consolidated Plan (Plan). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the plan be prepared as a condition of receiving Community Development Block Grant and other federal funding. The Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) is preparing the Plan and is seeking assistance from participating cities. The EDA has requested participating communities to hold public meetings and hearings, and through a comprehensive survey.*

**Recommended Action: Receive Council approval to submit surveys and findings to Riverside County Economic Development Agency. (Housing Manager)**

**Housing Manager DeGrado presented this item and explained the necessity of this item coming to the Council. The Council-approved survey will be submitted to the County of Riverside and used as a tool for the County to spend federal funding.**

**Mayor Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak.**

**Public Comments: No public comments**

**Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.**

**M/S Hall/Miller to approve the submittal of the surveys and findings to Riverside County Economic Development Agency. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE**

**9. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

**A. Restructuring of the Economic Development Advisory Council**

*Staff is recommending that the Council restructure the Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) to include a reduction of the number of its members from a minimum of fifteen to a seven-member EDAC, including two Council Members, and elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve a one-year term and preside over the meetings.*

**Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-\_\_\_\_, approving the restructure of the Economic Development Advisory Council. (Economic Development Director)**

**Director Oulman presented the Council item.**

**Mayor Azevedo** stated she has a concern with this item; the next Agenda item appoints only one member to the EDAC and would like to consider the membership to be at 8 instead of 7.

**Mayor Pro Tem Miller** questioned the quorum requirement and did not see much difference in the number required if there were 7 or 8 members.

**Council Member Hall** stated he understands the problem with attendance at the EDAC meetings; the difference between 7 and 8 is almost a wash.

**Council Member Hanna** would like to see the number reduced from 15, but 7 or 8 members does not make any difference to him.

**Council Member MacGregor** stated that there are two interested persons and does not have a problem going along with 8. In this area of economic development, there should be as many people as possible involved.

**M/S Azevedo/MacGregor to Adopt Resolution No. 2009-04, approving the restructure of the Economic Development Advisory Council with 8 members serving on the EDAC. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**B. Appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Council**

*The Economic Development Advisory Council (EDAC) serves in a solely advisory capacity at the pleasure of the City Council for purposes of advising the City Council on economic development matters. Two applications have been received from Jeff Compton and Pamela Smith to serve on the EDAC. There is currently one seat available on the EDAC and the Council is recommended to appoint one applicant to serve on the EDAC.*

**Recommended Action: That the Council make one appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Council. (City Clerk)**

**Because of the approval of an 8-member EDAC, both applicants were considered for appointment.**

**M/S Richard/Miller to appoint Jeff Compton and Pamela Smith to the Economic Development Advisory Council. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

10. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 6.D. Action Minutes for Planning Commission Meeting of January 14, 2008.  
**Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager)

Item 8.B. from the January 14, 2009 Planning Commission Action Agenda:

*A Request for Approval to allow the Ancillary Sale of Liquor for Off-Site Consumption at a Convenience Store Proposed at 2743 Hamner Avenue Suite 105, located within the C-G (Commercial General) Zone. Resolution No. 2008-38; Conditional Use Permit 2008-12 (Farhoomand) Recommendation: Approval. (Planning Manager King) Continued from December 10, 2008. **Action: Denied the project, 4-1 (Newton) because the City already has an over-concentration of businesses that sell alcohol as determined by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Commission Member Newton voted no against the denial.***

**Mayor Azevedo appealed Item 8.B. on the Action Minutes as she believes this project may have merit (filed with the City Clerk on January 20, 2009). This item will be brought to the City Council for discussion and consideration at the February 4, 2009 meeting. This item did not require a motion.**

- 6.G. Rivertrails Riding Stables Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P).  
**Recommended Action: Approval** (Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services)

**Mayor Azevedo** stated she has concerns with the time constraints in this item and would like to see more time given to the proposers and possibly push back the date to the last Thursday in March.

**M/S Azevedo/Hanna to approve the RFP/Q with a change that the date the proposals are due is the last Thursday in March, or March 26, 2009. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:**

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

**Tom Ballard, 1157 Sixth Street,** stated he has six stores in total in the City of Norco and wants the Council to know that Sixth Street is being "chopped up". He has people coming from a distance so he can make their products. If it keeps going like this, he will leave and it will be hard to get people in town that can do what he is doing. He stated that it is hard for people on Sixth Street to make a living.

**Pat Overstreet, 1231 Corona Ave.,** stated she had a shock today – trees were chopped more than 50% on Hamner Avenue in front of Social Services building and on El Paso. Somehow, the City needs to prevent trees from being destroyed so badly.

**Vern Showalter, 2345 Corona, Ave.,** stated that Parmenter Park is getting to be a sore subject. Both walking gates are locked up and cannot enter through them and the grass is almost dead.

12. OTHER MATTERS – CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF:

A. Western Art Show

Director Petree stated that because of the downturn in the economy and the lack of responses from artists and sponsorships, the Western Art show is proposed to be cancelled or postponed to a later date and is seeking Council direction.

M/S Hall/Miller to skip this year because of the current economic conditions but discuss the show with non-profit organizations to sponsor or co-sponsor this event for the following year. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: AZEVEDO, HALL, HANNA, MACGREGOR & MILLER**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**

- B. **Mayor Pro Tem Miller.** Presented information (PowerPoint presentation and handouts) on the proposed Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Project.
- C. **Council Member Hall.** Reported that the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority will be sending revised documents to member cities to add the two new cities of Menifee and Wildomar. In addition, Supervisor and Chairman Bob Buster asked him to join the Executive Committee. Considerable amounts of time have been spent on discussing a merger with another habitat preservation group (the K-Rat Group) and the problems relative to that. There are concerns with the potential liability.
- D. **Council Member Hanna.** Reported that he attended the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District meeting last Thursday. The new President is George Read, who represents the County of Riverside. The Manager of the district, Major Dhillon, is going to India and Italy in a couple of months. The government sends him over there to compare notes.

- E. **Mayor Azevedo.** Reported that she will be presenting the opening message at the UNITY awards tomorrow at the Fender Museum because of her participation in UNLOAD. Allen Villalobos, Executive Director of the Corona-Norco United Way, is joining the UNLOAD Committee with funding to offer. Mayor Azevedo has concerns with the Wyle property and will be meeting with the DTSC tomorrow. She will be giving an update at the next meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m. in memory of Dennis Stanfield, former President of the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District Board.

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BRENDA K. JACOBS  
CITY CLERK