



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADJOURNED MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
JUNE 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 -- Cooper, Frye, Jacobs, Okoro, Paakkonen, Petree and Thompson

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

Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator

Negotiating Parties: Interim City Manager Groves, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro and Human Resources Analyst Paakkonen

Employee Organizations: Norco Firefighters Association
Norco Battalion Chiefs Association

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: With no Closed Session Items to report, Mayor Azevedo reconvened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Miller

1. JOINT CRA/CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Approving and Adopting the City and the Norco Redevelopment Agency Operating Budgets Including Related Personnel Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

On May 6, and June 3, 2009, City Council/Agency Board and staff held workshops to discuss the City and Norco Redevelopment Agency Operating Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Staff is recommending that the City Council/Agency Board open a public hearing to receive public input on the Proposed Budget and to approve the budgets at the end of the public hearing. Staff also recommends that the City Council approve the deletion of the position of Public Works/LMD Inspection Supervisor from Middle Management once the current incumbent retires; and the creation of the positions of Lead Worker/Inspector I and Inspector II.

Agenda Items 1.A. & 3.A.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009- ____ approving and adopting the City Operating Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and authorizing appropriations therefrom; and CRA Resolution No. 2009- ____, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2008-2010 and authorizing appropriations therefrom. (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Interim City Manager Groves and Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro presented a brief overview of the proposed FY 2010 Budget. The total Operating Budget totals \$49,805,656, which is a \$3.4 million decrease over the last fiscal year budget. The total estimated General Fund budget shortfall of \$1,562,755 will be drawn from existing reserves to balance the budget. The emergency reserves are estimated at \$3.6 million, which is 15.8% of the total General Fund expenditures. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Okoro stated that 75% of sales tax comes in on a monthly basis and 25% comes in twice a year (January and May of each year). Also in response to Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Okoro noted that all changes to revenues are in the General Fund and reflect a net gain of \$438,120 from the preliminary budget. Okoro stated that the changes in expenditures are reflected in "Salaries and Benefits" resulting from the layoff of one Battalion Chief and concessions agreed upon with the Norco Firefighters Association. Okoro further noted that the elimination of one Motor Officer will result in the reduction to motor vehicle fines revenues.

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

Vern Showalter, 2345 Corona. Mr. Showalter asked about the Fire Department tradeoff with the City of Corona and if we reduce fireman, will that contract be valid. Fire Chief Frye stated that because we are not laying off any Firefighters, the agreement will go before the Corona City Council in July.

Harvey Sullivan, 4561 Hillside. Mr. Sullivan welcomed the new Interim City Manager and believes she can give the City stability. He also thanked the Council for taking this action tonight as it benefits the whole City. He further noted that the reserves should be used in this way. Mr. Sullivan encouraged the Council to tighten its belts and to look at the Economic Development Department for revenues.

Mayor/Chairman Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing and thanked Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Okoro for the amazing job he has done.

M/S Hall/Miller to Adopt Resolution No. 2009-50 approving and adopting the City Operating Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and authorizing appropriations therefrom; and CRA Resolution No. 2009-15, approving and adopting the Norco Redevelopment Agency Budget and related personnel adjustments for Fiscal Year 2008-2010 and authorizing appropriations therefrom. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS: No Public Comments.

3. OTHER MATTERS - COUNCIL OR STAFF: No Other Matters.

4. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council/Norco Redevelopment Agency, Mayor Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

BRENDA K. JACOBS
CITY CLERK

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