



**MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO**

**CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
AUGUST 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: Frye, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Oulman, Petree, Rowan and Thompson

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

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

Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Street Address or Parcel Number: APNs 125-090-029, 030, & 031

Negotiating Parties: Norco Redevelopment Agency and DCSR Auto Investors

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Street Address or Parcel Number: APNs 152-060-004-0; 152-060-011-6; 152-070-001-8; 152-070-002-9; & 152-070-011-7

Negotiating Parties: Norco Redevelopment Agency, Kosmont Companies and Belstarr Sports Management, LLC

Points Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Section 54956.9(b)(2)(A) – Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Number of Potential Cases: 1

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION: With no Closed Session Items to report, Mayor Azevedo reconvened the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member MacGregor

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher
Grace Fellowship Church

ANNOUNCEMENT/PRESENTATIONS:

- Mayor Azevedo made note of the City Council and Staff plaques set before them recognizing their support and assistance with the Silverlakes Equestrian & Sports Park project.
- Mayor Pro Tem Miller introduced Gene Langenberg who announced a fundraiser, supported by the Norco American Legion, for SPC Ryan Price from Nuevo, California. SPC Price was severely wounded on May 5, 2008 in Afghanistan and lost both legs and incurred other injuries. The fundraiser will be held on August 16th at 4:30 at the American Legion Post 328. Donations are accepted and any donations received in advance would be appreciated.
- Mayor Azevedo presented the Norco 9/10 “Blue Team” All-Stars Team and coaches with individual certificates; presented a plaque to Team Manager Dave Cummings for his 36 years of dedication to the community; and presented a proclamation to the entire Team and staff for their accomplishments throughout the season.
- Mayor Azevedo presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Andy Okoro, Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance. This is the sixth consecutive year that this award has been received by the City of Norco.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM:

- A. CRA Minutes, Regular Meeting of July 15, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes** (City Clerk)

2. JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CRA CONSENT ITEM:

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

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

- A. Resolution Designating Certain Areas of the City as a Recovery Zone.
Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-60, designating certain areas of the City as a Recovery Zone. (Interim City Manager/Executive Director)

OTHER CRA MATTERS: No Other CRA Matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:33 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hanna/Miller to approve the items as recommended on the City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes, Regular Meeting of July 19, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of July 29, 2009. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager)
- C. Designation of Voting Delegates for the 2009 League of California Cities Annual Conference. **Recommended Action: That the City Council designate Mayor Azevedo as Norco's voting delegate and designate Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Council Member Hall as Norco's alternates.** (City Clerk)
- D. Proposed Cancellation of September 16, 2009 City Council Meeting. **Recommended Action: Cancel the September 16, 2009 City Council meeting.** (City Clerk)

- E. Approval to Declare Various City Assets as Surplus Property. **Recommended Action: Declare Various City assets as surplus and authorize the Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance to dispose of surplus assets through auction, donation to charitable organizations or electronic recycling (e-cycle).** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - F. Approval of Administrative Clerk Series Class Specification and Salary Range. **Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-61, approving revisions to the Administrative Clerk Class Specification.** (Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)
 - G. Approval of a One Year Maintenance Services Contract Extension with Orange County Striping Service, Inc. to Provide Street Striping Services through June 30, 2010. **Recommended Action: Approve a one year contract extension with Orange County Striping Service, Inc. to provide street striping services through June 30, 2010.** (Director of Public Works)
 - H. Approval of a One Year Maintenance Services Contract Extension with Republic ITS, to Provide Traffic Signal Maintenance Service through June 30, 2010. **Recommended Action: Approve a one year contract extension with Republic ITS to provide traffic signal maintenance service through June 30, 2010.** (Director of Public Works)
 - I. Approval of a One Year Maintenance Services Contract Extension with National Plant Services, Inc. to Provide Sewer Collection System Maintenance through June 30, 2010. **Recommended Action: Approve a one year contract extension with National Plant Services, Inc. to provide sewer collection system maintenance through June 30, 2010.** (Director of Public Works)
4. CITY COUNCIL CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:
- A. Confirming Costs for Spring Weed Abatement
- The 2009 Spring Weed Abatement Report of Costs lists property owners whose vacant parcels were abated by the Fire Department's weed abatement contractor for the 2009 Spring Weed Abatement Program. After Council adopts the Resolution, property owners will be invoiced for payment of abatement.
- Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-____, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City.** (Fire Chief)

Fire Chief Frye presented the City Council Item.

Mayor Azevedo OPENED the public hearing, indicating that proper notification had been made and asking for the appearance of those wishing to speak. With no public comments, Mayor Azevedo CLOSED the public hearing.

M/S Hall/Miller to Adopt Resolution No. 2009-62, confirming the report of costs for abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation as a public nuisance and imposing special assessment liens on vacant parcels within the City. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. ITEMS PULLED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR: No Items pulled.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Don Bowker, 3201 Cutting Horse Rd. Mr. Bowker thanked Mayor Azevedo and Interim City Manager Groves for taking the time to tour the Ridge Ranch LMD areas. He also thanked Director Petree, Director Thompson and their staff for taking care of replacing the dead trees. Mr. Bowker stated that a half dozen trees that were replaced are already dead. He stated that it is time the City puts together an action plan to deal with this issue. He further stated that the City should not be responsible for tree replacement, but that the homeowner should be in charge. Mr. Bowker suggested that the weed abatement program should be extended to cover the public right-of-way areas, putting a lien on properties that do not comply.

In response, Interim City Manager Groves stated that staff is discussing a plan for communication with the property owners regarding this issue.

Vern Showalter, 2345 Corona. Mr. Showalter stated that the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission elected Glen Hedges to serve as its Chairman.

Richard Hallam, 4301 Temescal. Mr. Hallam stated concern over the unions that get involved with the City Council elections, even though many of the members do not reside in Norco. He stated that he believes this is a conflict of interest. Mr. Hallam noted a conversation he overheard directed at Mayor Pro Tem Miller, from a Union representative, threatening to ruin his career. He asked that the unions stay out of this election.

