



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
AUGUST 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: Anglin, Cooper, Frye, Groves, Jacobs, King, Okoro, Oulman and Thompson

City Attorney Harper – **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Azevedo

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher
Grace Fellowship Church

PRESENTATIONS: State of the Edison Utility – Norco
Louis Davis, Region Manager Local Public Affairs

Mr. Louis Davis, Region Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Edison (SCE), presented the “State of the Edison Utility System” in the City of Norco and the region. SCE will be investing \$20 billion during the next five years for grid enhancements and advanced technologies that will improve service reliability and reduce dependency on foreign oil. Grid improvements include installing new poles and wires, constructing new substations, and installing more than five million new technologically advanced meters. Mr. Davis stated, in response to Mayor Pro Tem Miller, that Edison should meet its renewable energy target in 2010 and they are working diligently to meet that target. He also stated that it is important to sign contracts with organizations that are valid and can meet their deliverables. Mr. Davis stated that last year’s franchise payment to the City of Norco was in the amount of \$273,365.85. SCE is doing facility sighting for a new substation in the City of Norco and is partnering with the City on energy efficiency. Energy rates are forecasted to go up and those increases will vary according to customer type and usage. The baseline allocation for the winter months will start on October 1 and will be lower than the summer allocation. SCE is working with customers during this downturn in the economy by offering rebates, including the CARE and FERA Programs, as well as local government energy partnerships. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Mr. Davis stated that the future technologically-advanced meters are important to Edison and will help to reduce the work force required, as data entry will be done from the vehicles. The advanced broadband meters will communicate with the homeowner’s electronics and will help with energy efficiency and usage. In response to Mayor Azevedo, energy audits are available to local businesses.

Agenda Item 1.A. & 4.A.

Update on the Wyle Property
Joseph Aldern, Kleinfelder
Rafat Abbasi, DTSC

The update on the Wyle property will be presented at a future meeting due to an unforeseen circumstance.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Miller/Hall to approve the items as recommended, with corrections made to the CRA Minutes, 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 ITEMS:

- A. CRA Minutes, Regular Meeting of August 5, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Approval of First-Time Homebuyer Case 2009-02 in the Amount of \$34,650. **Recommended Action: Approval** (Housing Manager)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No Other CRA Matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:23 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hall/Hanna to approve the items as recommended, with the corrections made to the City Council Minutes, 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 August 5, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of August 12, 2009. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager)

4. CITY COUNCIL ITEM FOR ACTION:

- A. Agreement to Transfer Potable and Recycled Water between the City of Norco and the City of Corona

The City of Norco and the City of Corona have mutually agreed to construct the necessary facilities to transfer potable and recycled water between agencies for beneficial use. The purpose of the proposed agreement is to establish certain basic terms to govern cooperation, participation, responsibilities and implementation to execute the transfer of water between municipal agencies, thereby enhancing the reliability and management of local water resources.

Recommended Action: Approve a Potable and Recycled Water Transfer Agreement between the City of Norco and the City of Corona and authorize the City Manager to execute future amendments or extensions to the agreement as needed. (Director of Public Works)

City Manager Groves presented the Council item. She noted that the change has been made to the title of the Agreement to read "Agreement Regarding Recycled Water Transfers Between the City of Norco and City of Corona." She noted that this Agreement does not commit either agency to purchase water, but puts the mechanism in place for those purposes.

Council Member Hanna asked if the City is about ready to tie into the line. Director Thompson noted that we think it will start happening pretty quickly.

Council Member Hall asked if there is a target date when water will be flowing in a portion of the system. Director Thompson stated that we have flowed water for the last two weeks from the California Rehabilitation Center well fields at the southeast corner of River and Bluff to make sure it works, and it does work. The water flowed into Lake Norconian and pumped all the way to Ingalls Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if the City will sell the water to the golf course. Director Thompson stated that the City will put in the infrastructure to provide "Corona's recycled water" to the golf course. In response to Council Member Hall, Director Thompson stated that we will charge the golf course for that water and no rates have been set at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted some minor modifications to the Agreement. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Director Thompson stated that Norco requires higher chlorine levels than Corona.

Mayor Azevedo inquired if there was an end date to the Agreement. Director Thompson stated that we do not want to tie in each agency, but will look at costs on an annual basis. He further noted that in the future, each agency will provide the infrastructure required for its own jurisdiction and we hope this can expand in the future.

Robert Snyder, 645 Silver Spur Way. Mr. Snyder asked about the high nitrates in the water that Corona receives from La Sierra. Director Thompson responded that Corona is looking at recycled water as their Agreement with La Sierra is sunsetting and pumping water over the hill is expensive. Corona will continue to keep their agreement with La Sierra, but will add this Agreement with Norco.

M/S Hall/MacGregor to approve the Potable and Recycled Water Transfer Agreement between the City of Norco and the City of Corona and authorize the City Manager to execute future amendments or extensions to the agreement as needed. 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:

Bill Wirtz, 4072 Temescal. Mr. Wirtz passed out to the Council and highlighted the Norco Regional Conservancy's vision for the former Wyle site and the Norco hills.

Pat Overstreet, 1231 Corona. Ms. Overstreet spoke representing the Friends of the Norco Hills and the Norco Regional Conservancy. She stated that they understand that the upper basin is suitable for use and are aware of the costs for the cleanup of the Wyle site. She further noted that Professor Wirtz has advanced some good ideas regarding what could be done and accomplished on the site. Ms. Overstreet stated that they are aware that the property is zoned manufacturing and would like to see M1 and M2 redefined. Ms. Overstreet stated "for the record" that Norco residents want to see the property as open space and do not want any houses built on that property. If any manufacturing is located on the property, they would like to see it beautifully landscaped. Ms. Overstreet stated that they are all in favor of anything that will bring in tax dollars.

John Ayala, 4141 Midland Rd., Riverside, California. Mr. Ayala spoke as the Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which has a local Post called George A. Ingalls Memorial Post 12021. Mr. Ayala asked if the City can help the local Post find a home in Norco. He referred to the building called Ingalls Hall and located on the grounds of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, which they are interested in acquiring. Mr. Ayala stated that Post 12021 has 198 members and works with the community to offer assistance with local programs and provides grant money to high school students. Mr. Ayala will meet with City Manager Groves at a later date to discuss this request.

7. OTHER MATTERS - COUNCIL OR STAFF:

- A. Report on Use of Fire Station Facility. (City Manager)
City Manager Groves noted that the annual pancake breakfast put on by the Norco Firefighters Association (NFA) will be held at Station 22 in October. She stated that, as the City Manager, she is accountable for the use of City facilities. She spoke with the NFA President and he stated that one hundred percent of the proceeds will be, and have been in the past, used for benevolent projects. City Manager Groves added that this event serves as an opportunity to educate the community regarding fire services in the City. She stated that the Council will be reviewing some use policies for City facilities at a future date. City Manager Groves stated that the pancake breakfast will move forward at Station 22 unless there is any other direction or concerns from the Council.
- B. **Mayor Pro Tem Miller** stated that he liked the new trail signs but noticed one sign that was misspelled and asked Director Thompson to look into that.
- C. **Council Member Hanna** stated that he met with the Mayor, the City Manager, Mike Francis and Doug Wozny to review the celebration of the National Day of the American Cowboy. He believes that this is an important event and that the City should capitalize on this as much as we can, as we are Horsetown USA. Council Member Hanna noted that the City had a good event this year, but next year we could incorporate some cowboy poetry and maybe we could get a group to bring back the Western Art Show as part of the weekend. He stated that on Saturday, we could kick off the day at 10 a.m. with an "old west" cattle drive on Sixth Street and follow it up with an authentic chuck wagon.
- D. **Mayor Azevedo** stated that there are some new teachers at Norco High School that are starting the Friday Night Live program. She also stated that there will be another Concert in the Park on Thursday night and that Mayor Pro Tem Miller will be the "opening act." She noted that she hopes to see everyone at the Rodeo this weekend. Mayor Azevedo reminded everyone that the City Council will be dark the second meeting in September, as the Council will be in San Jose at the annual League of California Cities Conference.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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