



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
DECEMBER 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Azevedo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kathy Azevedo, **Present**
Mayor Pro Tem Malcolm Miller, **Present**
Council Member Kevin Bash, **Present**
Council Member Berwin Hanna, **Present**
Council Member Harvey C. Sullivan, **Present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hanna

INVOCATION: Pastor Vernie Fletcher
Grace Fellowship Church

REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL/NORCO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD:

A. Election of Mayor/Chairman

M/S Azevedo/Sullivan to elect Malcolm Miller as Mayor/Chairman. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

B. Election of Mayor Pro Tem /Vice Chairman

M/S Sullivan/Bash to elect Berwin Hanna as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: Pat Overstreet, representing RURAL, presented a gift card in the amount of \$500 to Animal Control Superintendent Renee Power to be used for the "kitties" at the Norco Animal Shelter.

Kerry Pendergast, Chairman Elect of the Board of the Corona Chamber of Commerce, presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Lake Norconian Club Foundation Members present pertaining to the Pearl Harbor Event to be held on December 7, 2009.

Council Member Azevedo stated that Heisman Trophy "hopeful" nominee Toby Gerhart, "Norco's Workhorse", will possibly be in Norco on Saturday, December 5th and be recognized at the Parade of Lights and Winter Festival that night. She encouraged people to buy signs recognizing him and also to vote for him via text message for the AT&T/ESPN Player of the Week Award.

COUNCIL/STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Azevedo -- Mayor Miller presented Council Member Azevedo with a plaque from the City that she can "hang with pride" in recognition of her 2009 Mayoral term.

Fire Chief Frye -- Mayor Miller presented Chief Jack Frye with the City Tile plaque and commented on his contributions to the City and on his admirable character. "Go well my friend."

Battalion Chief Knueven presented Chief Jack Frye with a plaque and a retirement badge from the Norco Fire Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna thanked Chief Jack Frye for his contributions to the Norco Animal Rescue Team ("NART") and stated that through the efforts of Chief Frye, the NART training program was initiated.

REGULAR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Hanna/Azevedo to approve the CRA Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, HANNA, MILLER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: BASH, SULLIVAN

1. CRA CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. CRA Minutes, Regular Meeting of November 18, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the CRA Minutes** (City Clerk)

2. OTHER CRA MATTERS: No Other CRA Matters

ADJOURNMENT OF CRA: 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

M/S Sullivan/Hanna to approve the City Council Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: BASH, SULLIVAN ON 3.A.

3. CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- A. City Council Minutes, Regular Meeting of November 4, 2009. **Recommended Action: Approve the City Council Minutes** (City Clerk)
- B. Planning Commission Action Minutes, Regular Meeting of November 25, 2009. **Recommended Action: Receive and File** (Planning Manager)
- C. Procedural Step to Approve Ordinance after Reading of Title Only. **Recommended Action: Approval** (City Clerk)
- D. Resolution in Support of the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010. **Recommend Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2009-85.** (City Manager)
- E. Execution of a Cooperative Funding Agreement between the City of Norco and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) to Construct Norco MDP Lateral NB-3. **Recommended Action: Approve Project No. 2-0-00161 Funding Agreement between the City of Norco and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.** (Director of Public Works)

4. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. City-Initiated Proposal to Add Chapter 9.81 Entitled "Sale of Drug Paraphernalia" to the Norco Municipal Code to Protect and Promote the Health, Safety and General Welfare of the Youth and Other Residents of the City of Norco

This proposed Ordinance, which prohibits the sale of drug paraphernalia, will discourage the use of illegal drugs, reinforce the state and federal prohibition of selling drug paraphernalia and allow the use of the City's administrative process to prosecute violators instead of having to rely on state or federal prosecution.

Recommended Action: Adopt Ordinance No. ____ for first reading. (Lt. Cooper)

Sergeant Rowan presented the Council Item and stated that the UNLOAD Committee requests that this Ordinance be passed.

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

Council Member Azevedo urged support of this Ordinance and stated that through the awareness that was brought before the UNLOAD Committee of the availability of drug paraphernalia throughout the City, they moved forward in supporting this Ordinance.

Council Member Sullivan stated that this is a great Ordinance and it will give our law enforcement people an opportunity to get on top of this problem in our stores in Norco.

Mayor Miller stated that under Lt. Cooper's leadership, crime in the City of Norco is the lowest in 20 years and thanked the Sheriff Department staff for their efforts. He further thanked Lt. Cooper for his creative leadership. Mayor Miller noted that Norco spends 35% of its budget for the services of the Norco Sheriff Department compared to 45% spent in comparable cities.

M/S Bash/Hanna to Adopt Ordinance No. 914 for first reading. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: AZEVEDO, BASH, HANNA, MILLER, SULLIVAN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

Pat Overstreet. Ms. Overstreet reminded everyone to attend the December 5th Parade of Lights and Winter Festival. She further noted that there are over 50 entries in this year's parade. Ms. Overstreet also commented on the statement made regarding changing Norco's City government to a full-time Mayor and since RURAL was mentioned by name, she clarified that they are a civic accountability group and would provide an educational opportunity to hear and become familiar with the pros and cons regarding this. Ms. Overstreet stated that at this time, RURAL has no position on it.

Tom Willison. Mr. Willison stated he was not present Monday evening and understood that he was there in some form or another, as the Norco Horsemen's Association was represented that they were behind an elected Mayor. He noted that the NHA bylaws state that they are a non-political, non-profit organization and does nothing in regards to supporting or not supporting political actions. Mr. Willison stated the individual that spoke is not a member of the NHA, as far as he knows, and he believes that of the 1,100 members, some may serve on both sides of the question. He noted that this NHA discussion is not included in any minutes and will not be and is not something they are involved in. He finished with the comment "we call that big hat – no cattle."

Su Bacon. Ms. Bacon stated that following the recent election, we need to pull together and take responsibility to move forward with what is important to the City. She noted that we need to keep our small businesses alive by shopping local and provide tax incentives to bring businesses into Norco. Ms. Bacon stated that there will be a time for responsible debates, but the time is not now.

7. OTHER MATTERS - COUNCIL OR STAFF:

Council Member Azevedo:

✚ Encouraged everyone to attend the Parade of Lights and Winter Festival on December 5th and she set the scene for the inside ice skating rink at Nellie Weaver Hall, where there will be music playing and snow flurries coming down. She thanked Sparky for the lighting, and further noted for the record that if anyone sees Bob Hicks or Wanda Crowson, thank them for all of their efforts and financial support.

Council Member Sullivan:

✚ Spoke in defense of the person that Mr. Willison referred to and noted that he did not say that the NHA was behind that, but that he had talked with NHA members, Saddle Sore Riders, and several other groups. He noted that he was in attendance at the meeting and did not hear that any particular group was behind it.

Mayor Miller:

✚ Referred to the *Council Member Handbook* and asked that each Council Member re-familiarize themselves with the requirements so they can "walk the straight and narrow." He also referenced the ethics training for the Council Members that is required in 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanna:

✚ Thanked Public Works Director Thompson and Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director Petree for all of the work at Ingalls Park that is getting done in preparation for the next phase of construction.

8. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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